

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 15th February 2026

1st Sunday before Lent



Welcomers: Terry Cunningham & Helen Young

Next week: Ny & Dave Gibson and Geraldine Taylor

Welcome to Christ Church! We are all one in the Spirit!
This morning we welcome Revd. Alan Ward who will
lead and preach at our 10.00am Parish Communion Service.

HYMNS

- 26 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
53 Be still for the
presence of the Lord
380 O Lord my God
317 Lord, the light of your
love is shining

Prayer for the week

**Almighty Father, whose Son was
revealed in Majesty before he
suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to
suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

“... however great Moses and Elijah might be, there stood one before them far greater than they. They were but servants; he was the King’s Son; they were but stars, he was the Sun. They were but witnesses, they were the truth.” (JC Ryle)

“It’s impossible to meet God without abandon, without exposing your soul.”
(Bono)

“May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ ...”
(Apostle Paul)



Women’s World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March at 2.00pm

This year’s service is at St John’s with St Luke’s Church, New Ferry
(near Aldi). An ecumenical opportunity to share in prayer to support
justice, peace and unity worldwide.

Please come along.

The first reading from 2 Peter 1: 16-21 (NIVUK)

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 16th February



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom



1.30pm Sit Fit

Tuesday 17th February

4Cs

10.30am Singing Café



12.30pm 4Cs Carers' Group

Wednesday 18th February

9.30am Baby Group



10.00am Connect Café



10.30am Holy Communion

1.30pm Knit & Natter and the Sewing Group

Thursday 19th February



12.30pm Prayers for Peace

1.30pm Sit Fit

2.00pm Choir Practice

2.00pm Bereavement Journey



7.30pm Dru Yoga



Friday 20th February

10.30am Tai Chi

7.00pm Boulders' Group

4Cs

The next meeting of the **4Cs Carers' Group** will be on **Tuesday 17th February at 12.30pm** when Ian Carr will be talking about his working life at Vauxhall Motors.

All are welcome.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 17: 1-9
Glory to you, O Lord. (NIVUK)

The Transfiguration

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴ Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters - one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Pancake Family Fun Event Tuesday 17th February, 3-5pm

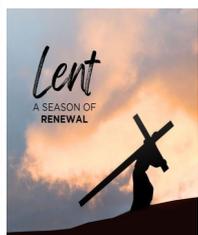
Families are invited to drop in for pancakes, games and crafts to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.



This year we celebrate the 150th anniversary year of Mothers' Union. On **Wednesday 18th February (Ash Wednesday)** from **11.30am - 3.30pm** in the Community

Centre, our MU branch will be serving a lunch of soup and scones (savoury & sweet). Please join us to help us mark the wonderful worldwide work of the MU.

Please note Connect Coffee will be running as normal that day.



Lent Course: Women of Holy Week

Fiona Murphy will be leading this course of 4 sessions on: Tuesday 24th February, Monday 2nd March, Tuesday 10th March & Tuesday 24th March, 1.30pm-2.45pm in the Troughton Room. Please add your name to the sign up sheet, if you would like to join the sessions.

The Lent booklets are now available and are at the back of church. If you would like to take one, please make a small donation, which can be left in the wall safe.

Rose Queen Quiz Night with Andrew & John Potter

Saturday 21st February, 6.30pm

Tickets £6, plus voluntary donation for puddings

Tea, coffee and puddings at half time.

Bring your own wine & beer. Raffle & prizes.

Tickets available from Joanne Turner or the Parish Office.

We would be grateful for any donations of prizes for the raffle, which can be left at the Parish Office. Thank you.



Good Friday (3rd April) Journey to the Cross: 10.30am Mayer Park

We are invited to join with St Andrew's to re-enact the events of Holy Week.

Volunteers are needed to participate in the drama and stewarding.

It's a great opportunity to get involved.

Please see Eunice for further information.

Gracious God, We bring before you the life of our church, Your church. We ask for your guidance as we look to the future, help us grow in faith, in fellowship and in service. We praise you for all who have served this church over the years, who have nurtured and encouraged our faith, who have been part of our continuing life and witness. You have called us into the body of Christ. Loving God, as we journey together through this period of interregnum, we thank you for your everlasting faithfulness to us. At this time of uncertainty and change we ask that you send us your Holy Spirit, to fill us with your vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer. Guide with your heavenly wisdom the one whom You have chosen to be our leader in this parish, that the one whom we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people: ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Funeral last week: Heather Thomason

Anniversaries:

Christopher Wort, Eric Williams, Wilfred Wallace Chapman,
Bill Taylor, Dee Wallington, John Agnew, Bill Thomas, Janet Silcock,
Robert Lindley, Avril Jones, Jean Crawford, Joan Harris, Hilary Jones,
Norma Richley, Ron Davies, Gordon Francis Shone.

Prayer List: Finlay Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Thelma Brooks,
Barbara Champion, Seth Cheesbrough, Kevin Coccooran, Eloise Cook,
Debbie Edwards, John Henry & Edna Edwards, Gaynor Galway, Bridget Hamilton,
David Hamilton, Pam Hollinshead, Kitty & Louise Jones, Ted Jones, Steve Joyner,
Finley Kay, Deborah Lawrence, Jim Lloyd, Holly Martin, Fiona Murphy, Lin Murphy,
Grahame Owen, Andy Parnaby, Rita Quine, Anne Samuels, Yvonne & Terry
Slerman, Audrey Smith, Barbara & Steve Smith, Theresa Smith, Autumn Philippa
Tavui, Natasha Taylor, Roisin Terris, Amelia & Sue Trenbirth, Paddy Walsh,
Gill & Terry Walters, Jane & Malcolm Wheatley, Linda & Ron White.

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