

# Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026  
2nd Sunday of Lent



Welcomers: Mike Thorne, Rhona Snelson, Margaret Williamson & Jean Coventry  
Next week: Jill & Graham Loach and Hannah & John McCulloch

**Welcome to Christ Church!** We are all one in the Spirit!

This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will lead and Colette Millington, from our Ministry Team, will preach at our 10.00am Parish Communion Service.

## **HYMNS**

- 522 To God be the Glory  
69 Breathe on me, breath of God  
321 Love divine all loves excelling  
62 Blessed Assurance

## Prayer for the week

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of  
Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

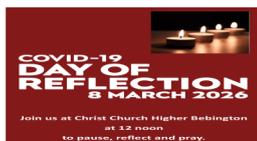
**Amen**

## Thoughts for the week:

"Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you." - Corrie Ten Boom

"Will God ever ask you to do something you are not able to do? The answer is yes--all the time! It must be that way, for God's glory and kingdom. If we function according to our ability alone, we get the glory; if we function according to the power of the Spirit within us, God gets the glory. He wants to reveal Himself to a watching world." - Henry Blackaby

"I wish to begin again on a daily basis. To be born again every day is something that I try to do. And I'm deadly serious about that." - Bono



There will be a short Covid 19 Act of Remembrance  
on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March** at 12 noon.



Don't Eat Sunday Lunch  
Alone - **Today at**  
**12.30pm**  
Broadway Steak & Wine



**Today at 4.00pm:** A fun  
event with Bible stories and  
playful activities for  
children, their siblings and parents/carers.  
Theme: Adam & Eve

The first reading from Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 (NIVUK)

Abraham Justified by Faith

4 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? 2 If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. 3 What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

4 Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. 5 However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

3 It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. 14 For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, 15 because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. 17 As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

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

**Regular Activities at Christ Church**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom   
 9.30am Toddler Group  
 1.30pm Sit Fit

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**



10.30am Singing Café

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**



9.30am Baby Group   
 10.00am Connect Café and Cake sale



10.30am Holy Communion  
 1.00pm Knit & Natter & the Sewing Group

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**



10.30am Line Dancing   
 12.30pm Prayers for Peace



12.30pm Befrienders’ Lunch  
 1.30pm W.I.

2.00pm Choir Practice  
 2.00pm Bereavement Journey 

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

7.30pm Dru Yoga 

10.30am Tai Chi 



**Experience Easter: 16-20 March**

The next Planning meeting is on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**  
**at 12.15pm** in the Troughton Room.

Please see Libby or Eunice if you would like to take part.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 3: 1-17  
**Glory to you, O Lord.** (NIVUK)

Jesus teaches Nicodemus

<sup>3</sup> Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” <sup>4</sup> “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

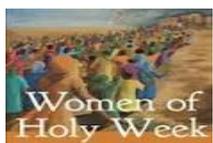
<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”<sup>9</sup> “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup> “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven - the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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



**Lent Course: Women of Holy Week**

Fiona Murphy will be continuing this course on:

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March & Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30pm-2.45pm in the Troughton Room.**



Lizzie Roach will be leading a 3.75 mile walk from the top of Meols Parade to Hoylake and back with a refreshment stop at Popsy’s Café on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. We will meet at the Community Centre at **10.00 am** to share lifts to Meols. All are welcome - please let Lizzie Roach know as soon as possible if you would like to join us (frenchiekev@gmail.com)



### Co-op Academy Cake Sale - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Students from the SEN Base will be selling cakes to raise funds for an end of year trip to Chester Zoo. For many of these students it will be the 1st time they' ll have had the opportunity to visit a zoo, so they'd really love all the support we can give them.



I Will Give You Rest: Come

**World Day of Prayer** is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This year's service is prepared by Nigeria.

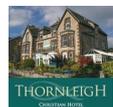


Join with others at St John the Evangelist, New Ferry - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm



**Summer Fair Meeting** - Tracy Evans has kindly offered to run this year's Summer Fair which will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to help in any way,

for example running a stall, please come along to the first meeting on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm**. If you are unable to attend but would like to be involved, please leave a message at the Parish Office.



**Thornleigh Weekend** - 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> May: Final payment is due **by 22<sup>nd</sup> March** please, along with your choice of outings.

### Bible Reading Notes 2026

Have you ever considered reading the Bible daily by yourself, but would like some help? If so, you may like to consider purchasing (starting in May) a set of daily notes. Please see Gaynor Galway for an application form and prices (even if you already purchase these notes) as soon as possible.

As our vacancy for a new incumbent is re-advertised, so our prayer is:-  
**God our Father, help us to put our trust in you to send your chosen person to lead us on to where you would have us to be. Amen**

**Anniversaries:** Elaine Johnson, Mona Hall, Charles Dillon, Edna Chiocchi, Annie Alexandra Hughes, Kirsty Mitchell, Joyce Rathbone, Joyce Wilkins, Jean Lowe, Gordon Edwards, Sheila Roberts, Arthur Jones, Nancy Elizabeth Porter, Queenie Bowen.

**Prayer List:** Finlay Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Thelma Brooks, Barbara Champion, Seth Cheesbrough, Eloise Cook, Val Dooley, Debbie Edwards, John Henry & Edna Edwards, Gerry Ffrench, Gaynor Galway, Bridget Hamilton, David Hamilton, Pam Hollinshead, Kitty & Louise Jones, Ted Jones, Steve Joyner, Finley Kay, Deborah Lawrence, Jim Lloyd, Holly Martin, 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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