

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 8th March 2026
3rd Sunday of Lent



Welcomers: Hannah & John McCulloch & Rhona Snelson
Next week: Jill & Graham Loach, Grace Fagan & Heather Whitehead

Welcome to Christ Church! We are all one in the Spirit!
This morning our All Age Worship Service at 10.00am will be led by
members of our Ministry Team.

HYMNS

Come now is the time to worship
Peace like a river
I heard the voice of Jesus say
In Christ alone

Prayer for the week

**Eternal God, give us insight to
discern your will for us, to give up
what harms us, and to seek the
perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**



We will be serving bacon baps and a vegetarian alternative from 9.45am
before the service.

Thoughts for the week:

“You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in
You.”
- *St. Augustine*

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I
see it, but because by it I see everything else.”
- *C.S. Lewis*

“There is no pit so deep that God’s love is not deeper still.” - *Corrie ten Boom*



Please join us this evening at 6.30pm
for Sung Evensong.



**Lent Course:
Women of Holy Week**
Fiona Murphy will be
continuing this course on **Tuesday 10th
March** & Tuesday 24th March,
1.30pm-2.45pm in the
Troughton Room.



The next Mothers' Union
meeting is on
Thursday 12th March
at 11.00am when Tony Hughes will
be talking about Birkenhead Priory.
All are welcome.
MU - 'Join us, Join in.'



**Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee Morning - Saturday 4th April, 10.00am-
12 noon.** We'd love to have a cake stall and a raffle and need volunteers
to organise these. Could you help? Donations of Easter Eggs for prizes
gratefully received in the office and cakes on the day.
If you would like to help, please speak to Libby or Christie.

The first reading is from Romans 5: 1-11 (CEV)

What it means to be acceptable to God

⁵ By faith we have been made acceptable to God. And now, thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ, we have peace¹ with God. ² Christ has also introduced us to God's gift of undeserved grace on which we now take our stand. So we are happy, as we look forward to sharing in the glory of God. ³ But that's not all! We gladly suffer, because we know that suffering helps us to endure. ⁴ And endurance builds character, which gives us a hope ⁵ that will never disappoint us. All of this happens because God has given us the Holy Spirit, who fills our hearts with his love.

⁶ Christ died for us at a time when we were helpless and sinful. ⁷ No one is really willing to die for an honest person, though someone might be willing to die for a truly good person. ⁸ But God showed how much he loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful.

⁹ But there is more! Now that God has accepted us because Christ sacrificed his life's blood, we will also be kept safe from God's anger.

¹⁰ Even when we were God's enemies, he made peace with us, because his Son died for us. Yet something even greater than friendship is ours. Now that we are at peace with God, we will be saved by the life of his Son. ¹¹ And in addition to everything else, we are happy because God sent our Lord Jesus Christ to make peace with us.

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 9th March



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



Tuesday 10th March



9.30am 'Classy Cleaners' in Church
10.30am Welsh Café
10.30am Happy Reading Group



Wednesday 11th March



9.30am Baby Group
10.00am Connect Café
10.30am Holy Communion



Thursday 12th March



3.30pm Lego Club
7.30pm PCC Meeting
10.30am Line Dancing
11.00am Mothers' Union
12.30pm Prayers for Peace



1.30pm Sit Fit
2.00pm Choir Practice
2.00pm Bereavement Journey
7.30pm Dru Yoga



Friday 13th March

10.30am Tai Chi



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 4: 5-26

Glory to you, O Lord.

(NIVUK)

⁵ So Jesus came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹ 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?' ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?'

¹³ Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' ¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.'

¹⁷ 'I have no husband,' she replied. Jesus said to her, 'You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.' ¹⁹ 'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.'

²¹ 'Woman,' Jesus replied, 'believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.'

²⁵ The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.'

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, 'I, the one speaking to you – I am he.'

The disciples rejoin Jesus

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

APCM: Our annual meeting will be on Sunday 26th April,
following the main service.

Please send reports for the various groups to the Parish Office ASAP.

If you have not yet completed an Electoral Roll form, please consider doing
so - copies are at the back of church.



Summer Fair Meeting - Tracy Evans has kindly offered to run this year's Summer Fair which will take place on Saturday 27th June. If you would like to help in any way, for example running a stall, please come along to the first meeting on **Thursday 19th 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 - 1st- 4th May: Final payment is due **by 22nd March** please, along with your choice of outings.



Date for the calendar:

Christian Aid Coffee Morning - Saturday 16th May
10.00am - 12 noon.

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

Forthcoming Funerals:

Monday 23 rd March	11.30am	Cosimo Odierni	Landican South
Monday 23 rd March	2.00pm	Arthur Leonard Davies	Christ Church

Anniversaries: Graham Mercer, Ken Allen, Leonard Reginald Clinch, Nevil Wade, Nicole Forster, Reginald Chalkley, David Ellis, Jeffrey Ian Biggs, Thomas Wood, Margaret Metcalfe, Madeline Harford, Kathleen Whittaker, Margaret Howard, Olive Vera Ogden, Oriel Parnell.

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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