

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 15th March 2026

4th Sunday of Lent/

Mothers' Sunday



Welcomers: Jill & Graham Loach, Grace Fagan & Heather Whitehead
Next week: Fiona Murphy & Jackie Jones

Welcome to Christ Church! We are all one in the Spirit!
This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will lead and preach
at our 10.00am Parish Communion Service.

HYMNS

- 137 For the beauty of the earth
516 Through all the changing scenes of life
311 Lord Jesus Christ
73 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Prayer for the week

**God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

"Mothers, for the prayers you've prayed, the sacrifices you've made, and the love you've given so freely—we honour you." - *Kenneth M. Copeland*

"A mother's sacrifices are silent, but they echo through generations." *Anon.*

"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! God "
Isaiah 49:15-16

"There is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still." *Corrie ten Boom*



Lent Course: Women of Holy Week

Fiona Murphy will be completing this course on
Tuesday 24th March, 1.30pm-2.45pm in the Troughton Room.



Easter Coffee Morning and Egg Hunt

Saturday 4th April, 10.00am-12 noon.

£2 per person to include refreshments. We would be grateful for donations of Easter Eggs - please leave at the Office and donations of cakes on the day.

If you would like to help, please speak to Libby or Christie.

The first reading is from 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 (New Living Translation)

God Offers Comfort to All

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. ⁴ He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

⁵ For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. ⁶ Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer. ⁷ We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us.

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

Is God calling you to something new?

CALLED TO SERVE: Thursday 19th March, 6.45pm -

St. Mark's Church, New Ferry CH62 1DG: A chance to explore and find out more about the opportunities for different types of ministry and service.

Bible Reading Notes

Please contact Gaynor Galway for an application form and prices .

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 16th March



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom 

9.30am Toddler Group

1.30pm Sit Fit

Tuesday 17th March

4Cs

10.30am Singing Café 

12.30pm 4Cs Carers' Group

Wednesday 18th March



9.30am Baby Group 

10.00am Connect Café

10.30am Holy Communion

1.00pm Knit & Natter & Sewing Group

Thursday 19th March



10.30am Line Dancing 

12.30pm Prayers for Peace

1.30pm Sit Fit

2.00pm Choir Practice

7.30pm Dru Yoga 

Friday 20th March

10.30am Tai Chi 

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2: 33-35
Glory to you, O Lord. (NIVUK)

³³ The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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

4Cs

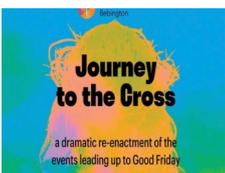
The next meeting of the **4Cs Carers' Group** will be on **Tuesday 17th March at 12.30pm** when Brenda Brewer will be talking about Commonwealth War Graves.
All are welcome.



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, please come along to the first meeting in the Troughton Room 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.



Jean Lippiatt will kindly be selling home-made pies and cakes in the Kings Hall following the 10.00am service on **Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday**.
Please bring suitable containers to take your purchases home.



We are invited to join with St. Andrews's Church for their **Journey to the Cross** on **Good Friday morning** in Mayer Hall.

Please see Eunice for more details.

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.



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

There will be Cake, Raffle, Bring and Buy sale and a home produce sale. If you can help we are asking for Raffle prizes, and nearer the time home-made jams, chutneys, bread, scones and cookies, (wrapped in bags ready to sell). Also Plants, cuttings and garden produce. If you can offer anything please speak to Jill Loach, Helen Byrne or the Office. Thank you.

EASTER SERVICES

- **Maundy Thursday**
 - 6.00pm Bring & Share meal with foot washing and communion, followed by Gethsemane watch.
- **Good Friday**
 - 10.30am Journey to the Cross
 - 2.00pm Hour at the Cross (CCHB)
- **Easter Saturday**
 - Coffee Morning, crafts and egg hunt
- **Easter Sunday**
 - 6.15am Sunrise service
 - 8.30am Holy Communion
 - 10.00am Family Communion

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:

Thursday 19 th March	11.20am	Lin Murphy	Blacon
Monday 23 rd March	11.30am	Cosimo Odierni	Landican South
Monday 23 rd March	3.00pm	Arthur Leonard Davies	Landican Centre

Anniversaries: Marguerite Constance Hellaby, Margaret Edge, Sheila Jones, Jenny Rome, Stephen Brennan, Roy Bentley, John Molloy, Alfred Manley, Edie Ritchie, Gilbert Price, Freddy Rehill, Philip Norbury, Olive Mary Williams, Mary O'Neill, Jeane Bamforth, Vera Sefton, Tracey Ann Jones, Eric James Patten, John Newland.

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, Jeffrey Robinson, 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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