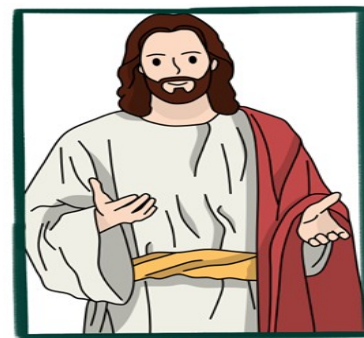


# Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 22<sup>ND</sup> March 2026

5th Sunday of Lent/Passiontide begins



**I AM THE  
RESURRECTION  
AND THE LIFE**

Welcomers: Fiona Murphy & Jackie Jones

Next week: Barbara & Roy Mayers and Diane Shaw

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

This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will lead and Ian Millington, from our Ministry Team, will preach at our 10.00am Service of the Word.

There will be a short Communion service at 11.45am.

## **HYMNS**

426 Praise to the Holiest

125 Father we adore you

15 All my hope on God is  
founded

494 The spirit lives to set us  
free

## Prayer for the week

**Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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:

“The passage of time has not altered the capacity of the Redeemer to change men’s lives. As he said to the dead Lazarus, so he says to you and me: ‘Come forth.’ Come forth from the despair of doubt. Come forth from the sorrow of sin. Come forth from the death of disbelief. Come forth to a newness of life. Come forth “ . *- Thomas S. Monson*

“The dust of Lazarus was dear to Jesus; He would not leave it in the rocky tomb. So is the dust of every Lazarus dear in His sight. He will not lose so much as one of them. Wherever they lie, it matters not – beneath the deep blue sea, or on some distant battlefield, or consumed in flame and smoke – the Lord Jesus will yet collect their scattered dust, and make them like His own glorious body. “ *- Robert Murray McCheyne*



## **Tonight at 6.30pm**

‘Free to be’: ‘Stillness in the Forest’,  
A reflective service in the Troughton Room.

## **Experience Easter - Thank you!**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at our schools event last week. Over 400 children, teachers and parents have "Experienced Easter" in church. It has been a joyful week full of storytelling, song and drama. Thank you everyone.

The first reading is from Romans 8: 6-11 (NIVUK)

<sup>6</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

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



### Lent Course: Women of Holy Week

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



Jean Lippiatt will kindly be selling home-made pies and cakes in the Kings Hall following the 10.00am service next **Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday.**

Please bring suitable containers to take your purchases home.

### Regular Activities at Christ Church

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**



**9.00am** Morning Prayer on Zoom 

**9.30am** Toddler Group

**1.30pm** Sit Fit

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.30am** Happy Reading Group 

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**9.30am** Baby Group 



**10.00am** Connect Café with Oasis

**10.30am** Holy Communion

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**



**10.30am** Line Dancing 

**12.30pm** Prayers for Peace

**1.30pm** Sit Fit

**2.00pm** Choir Practice



**7.30pm** Dru Yoga 

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**



**10.30am** Tai Chi 

**12 noon** Lunch Club

This is an extract from this Sunday's Gospel reading which is from  
John 11: 1-45 (NIV- UK)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 11: 38-45  
**Glory to you, O Lord.** (NIVUK)

<sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> 'Take away the stone,' he said.

'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.'

<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?'

<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.'

<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face.

Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'

<sup>45</sup> Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

**Maundy Thursday - Bring & Share Meal - 6.00pm**

If you would like to join us, please sign the sheet at the back of Church and add whether you are bringing a sweet or savoury plate.

**Easter Saturday - Confirmation Service at Chester Cathedral, 8.00pm**

It would be lovely if as many of us as possible could support Ian Carr at this service when he will be confirmed.



**Easter Coffee Morning and Egg Hunt**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**APCM: Our annual meeting will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Date for your calendars:**

Our Rose Queen, Erin's, final fundraising event will be an  
an **Afternoon Tea on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May.**

- **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



**Christian Aid Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May - 10.00am-12 noon.**

There will be Cake, Raffle, Bring and Buy sale and a home produce sale. Also Plants, cuttings and garden produce. If you can offer anything please speak to Jill Loach, Helen Byrne or the Office. Thank you.

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 Funeral/Thanksgiving Services:**

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	11.30am	Cosimo Odierni	Landican South
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	3.00pm	Arthur Leonard Davies	Landican Centre
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00pm	Peter McElroy	Christ Church

**Funeral last week: Lin Murphy**

**Anniversaries:** Gordon Youd, Elliot Wild, Ruth Callaghan, Sylvia Haswell Reginald Duncan, Florence Tomkins, John Elwyn Legge, Jane Louise Heley, Maureen Hemmings, Myra Rowan, George Jones, Roy Faulkner.

**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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