

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 29TH March 2026

Palm Sunday



Welcomers: Barbara & Roy Mayers and Diane Shaw

Next week: Terry Cunningham & Helen Young

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

This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will preside and Helen Byrne, Lay Reader, will preach at our 10.00am Parish Communion Service.

HYMNS

- 153 Give me joy in my heart
- 329 Make way! Make way!
- 11 All glory laud and honour
- 549 When I survey the wondrous cross

Prayer for the week

**True and Humble king, hailed by the crowds as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found besides you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.
Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

“To believe in resurrection is to believe that death is not all powerful, that beyond despair there is hope.”
- Paula Gooder

“Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- Romans 8. 38-9



Jean Lippiatt will kindly be selling home-made pies and cakes in the Kings Hall following the 10.00am service this morning. Please bring suitable containers to take your purchases home.

Easter Sunrise Service - Easter Sunday at 6.15am

Please join us for this service and afterwards for a simple, but delicious, non-cooked breakfast. If you would like to stay for breakfast, please sign the sheet at the back of church.



Easter Sunday at 4.00pm: Easter Egg Hunt, Crafts, Bible stories, energetic fun and playful activities for children, parents/carers.

Everyone is invited to stay afterwards for cakes and tea!

The first reading is from Philippians 2: 5-11 (NIVUK)

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus, who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.


And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 30th March

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom 



1.30pm Sit Fit

Tuesday 31st March

10.00am Indoor Bowls 

Wednesday 1st April

9.30am Baby Group 



10.00am Connect Café



10.30am Holy Communion

1.00pm Knit & Natter and the Sewing Group

Thursday 2nd April

12.30pm Befrienders' Lunch 

(Maundy Thursday)

12.30pm Prayers for Peace



1.30pm W.I. 

2.00pm Choir Practice

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.



If you would like to help decorate the church with flowers for Easter, please bring them along on **Easter Saturday morning**.

Vases and water will be available from **10am -12 noon**.

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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 21: 1-11
Glory to you, O Lord. (NIVUK)

The Royal Welcome

21 1-3 When they neared Jerusalem, having arrived at Bethphage on Mount Olives, Jesus sent two disciples with these instructions: "Go over to the village across from you. You'll find a donkey tethered there, her colt with her. Untie her and bring them to me. If anyone asks what you're doing, say, 'The Master needs them!' He will send them with you."

4-5 This is the full story of what was sketched earlier by the prophet:

Tell Zion's daughter,

"Look, your king's on his way poised and ready, mounted
On a donkey, on a colt, foal of a pack animal."

6-9 The disciples went and did exactly what Jesus told them to do. They led the donkey and colt out, laid some of their clothes on them, and Jesus mounted. Nearly all the people in the crowd threw their garments down on the road, giving him a royal welcome. Others cut branches from the trees and threw them down as a welcome mat. Crowds went ahead and crowds followed, all of them calling out, "Hosanna to David's son!" "Blessed is he who comes in God's name!" "Hosanna in highest heaven!"

10 As he made his entrance into Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken. Unnerved, people were asking, "What's going on here? Who is this?"

11 The parade crowd answered, "This is the prophet Jesus, the one from Nazareth in Galilee."

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



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.

Easter Sunday Lunch: If you would like to join us for lunch at Broadway, please let Eunice know by Thursday.

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.

- **Maundy Thursday**
 - 6.00pm Bring & Share meal with foot washing and communion, followed by Gethsemane watch.
- **Good Friday**
 - 10.30am Journey to the Cross - Mayer Park
 - 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 Communion and Sunday Club



Date for your calendars:
Our Rose Queen, Erin's, final fundraising event will be an **Afternoon Tea on Saturday 9th May.**



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. 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

Funeral/Thanksgiving Services last week:

Cosimo Odierni, Arthur Leonard Davies, Peter McElroy.

Anniversaries: Brenda Blackburn, Paul Goulden, Sarah Sally Gouldson, Dorothy Bentley, Elsie Marion Ritchie, Beryl Nelson, Donald Anderson, Rita Cann, Ada Hill, Donald Hamilton, Jean Eley, Robert McKee, Mary Taylor, Sheila Whitehead, Geoffrey Heaps, Audrey Cattermole, Ellen Coker, Nora Powell, Sam Smith.

Prayer List: Finlay Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Thelma Brooks, Barbara Champion, Seth Cheesbrough, Eloise Cook, Steve Dennett, 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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