

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 12TH April 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter



Welcomers: Ny & Dave Gibson & Geraldine Taylor

Next week: Mike Thorne, Rhona Snelson, Margaret Williamson & Jean Coventry

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

8.30am - Holy Communion Service

This morning our All Age Worship Service at 10.00am will be led by members of our Ministry Team.

HYMNS

See what a morning

Sing out an Easter song

Breathe on me breath of God

Above all blessings, above
all things

Prayer for the week

**Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked,
no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice
and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

“HOPE- Hold On, Pain Ends.”

- *Anon.*

“There is no love without hope, no hope without love and neither love nor hope without faith. “

- *St Augustine*

“The greatest gift of Easter is hope; Christian Hope which makes us have confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph and his goodness and love, which nothing can shake. “

- *Cardinal Basil Hume*



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



We would love more voices in our choir 😊 — do consider joining.

Wendy leads a joyful practice on **Thursdays at 2.00pm.**

The first reading is from Acts 2: 14-32 (CEV)

¹⁴ Peter stood with the eleven apostles and spoke in a loud and clear voice to the crowd:

‘God proved he sent Jesus to you by having him work miracles, wonders, and signs. All of you know this. ²³ God had already planned and decided that Jesus would be handed over to you. So you took him and had evil men put him to death on a cross. ²⁴ But God set him free from death and raised him to life. Death could not hold him in its power. ²⁵ What King David said are really the words of Jesus,

“I always see the Lord near me, and I will not be afraid with him at my right side.

²⁷ The Lord won't leave me in the grave.

I am his holy one, and he won't let my body decay.

²⁸ He has shown me the path to life, and he makes me glad by being near me.”

³² All of us can tell you that God has raised Jesus to life!

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 13th April



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom 

9.30am Toddler Group

1.30pm Sit Fit

Tuesday 14th April



9.30am ‘Classy Cleaners’ in the Vestry



10.30am Welsh Café 

10.30am Happy Reading

Wednesday 15th April



9.30am Baby Group 

10.30am Connect Café

10.30am Holy Communion

1.00pm Knit & Natter and the Sewing Group 

Thursday 16th April



10.30am Line Dancing 

12.30pm Prayers for Peace

1.30pm Sit Fit

2.00pm Choir Practice 

7.30pm Dru Yoga 

Friday 17th April

10.30am Tai Chi 

7.00pm Boulders

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20: 19-end
Glory to you, O Lord. (CEV)

¹⁹ The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders, and on the evening of that same Sunday they locked themselves in a room. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group. He greeted them ²⁰ and showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they became very happy.

²¹ After Jesus had greeted them again, he said, "I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven. But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven."

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ Although Thomas the Twin was one of the twelve disciples, he wasn't with the others when Jesus appeared to them. ²⁵ So they told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But Thomas said, "First, I must see the nail scars in his hands and touch them with my finger. I must put my hand where the spear went into his side. I won't believe unless I do this!"

²⁶ A week later the disciples were together again. This time, Thomas was with them. Jesus came in while the doors were still locked and stood in the middle of the group. He greeted his disciples ²⁷ and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands! Put your hand into my side. Stop doubting and have faith!"

²⁸ Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus said, "Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me? The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!"

³⁰ Jesus worked many other miracles for his disciples, and not all of them are written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you will put your faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God. If you have faith in him, you will have true life.

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



Summer Fair Meeting - Thursday 16th April at 6.30pm

We are still looking for volunteers to support this event, especially to cover stalls. If you would like to help in any way, please come along to this meeting. If you are unable to attend but would like to help, please contact Tracy Evans or leave a message at the Parish Office.

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.



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.



The next Bereavement Journey will be an evening course, starting on **Thursday 4th June** from 7.00pm-9.00pm. If you, or someone you know would like to join, please contact Eunice for more information.



If you feel able to support the work of Wirral Foodbank, they are currently requesting tinned fruit, tinned potatoes, tinned custard and shampoo. 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:

Monday 27th April 11.00am Valerie Mary Dooley Landican

Anniversaries:

Bernard Ryan, Arthur Cook, Joyce Johnson, Muriel Hannah Garland, James Henry Williams, Jean Henrikson, Archie Dalziel, Elsie M. Jones, Adeline Wavell Martin, Dorothy Mona Penketh, Irene Swann, Elsie Roberts, Mary Blything.

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