

# Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 19<sup>TH</sup> April 2026  
3rd Sunday of Easter



**Welcomers:** Mike Thorne, Rhona Snelson, Margaret Williamson & Jean Coventry  
**Next week:** Jill & Graham Loach and Hannah & John McCulloch

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

8.30am - Holy Communion Service

This morning we welcome Peter Froggatt, Diocesan Director of Outreach, who will preside and preach at our 10.00am Parish Communion Service.

## **HYMNS**

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| 393 | O worship the king              |
| 409 | Open our eyes                   |
| 480 | The head which once was crowned |
| 172 | God is working his purpose out  |

## Prayer for the week

**Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with  
boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen  
life and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen**

## Thoughts for the week:

“Scripture is like a pair of spectacles which dispels the darkness and gives us a clear view of God.”  
- *John Calvin*

“The birth death and resurrection of Jesus means that one day everything sad will come untrue.”  
- *JRR Tolkien*

“Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair.” - *GK Chesterton*

**APCM: Our annual meeting will be next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April,**  
following the 10.00am Service.

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



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

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



Pam Hollinshead is considering starting a fortnightly (10.30am-12 noon) exploratory study group into the Old Testament, starting with Genesis.

If this is something you would like to be part of, please contact Pam.

The first reading is from Acts 2: 14, 36-41 (NIV UK)

Peter addresses the crowd

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

<sup>36</sup> ‘Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.’

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.’

<sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

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

**Regular Activities at Christ Church**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom



9.30am Toddler Group

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

10.30am Singing Café



**4Cs**

12.30pm 4Cs Carers' Group



Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

9.30am Baby Group



10.30am Connect Café with Oasis

10.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

10.30am Line Dancing



12.30pm Prayers for Peace



1.30pm Sit Fit



2.00pm Choir Practice

7.30pm Dru Yoga



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

10.30am Tai Chi



**4Cs**

The next meeting of the **4Cs Carers' Group** will be on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 12.30pm.**

The speaker will from the 'Wirral Falls Prevention Service'.

**Community Screening - Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> May**

6.30pm, Heswall Hall - Free admission 'The People's Emergency Briefing' - What's happening with Climate and Nature and what does it mean for us in the UK. Please speak to Pam Hollinshead or Jill Loach for information/transport.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24: 13-35  
**Glory to you, O Lord.** (NIV UK)

On the road to Emmaus

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognising him. <sup>17</sup> He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

<sup>19</sup> 'What things?' he asked. 'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.' <sup>25</sup> He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

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



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



**3 ways to give:** The Christian Aid envelopes were delivered at Easter. If you would like to donate this way, please complete the Gift Aid slip to add 25% if you are a UK tax payer. There is also a supply of envelopes at the back of church. If you would prefer to give online, please use the QR code, located next to the envelopes, in church.

Christian Aid Week is **10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May**: Please support our events.

**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.



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



### Summer Fair - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June

We are still looking for volunteers for this event, especially to set up/tidy away stalls. We also need donations for the raffle, tombola and new or nearly new items for the 'fancy goods' stall.

There will be a board in Reception soon showing where help is needed, but meantime please speak to Tracy Evans or leave a message at the Parish Office if you can help. 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 27 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am	Valerie Mary Dooley	Landican
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**Anniversaries:** Maud Elsby, Harold Taylor, Matthew Siddorn, David Gleave, Helena Light, Valerie Lesley Hunter. Marjorie Thornton, Raymond Lofthouse Dennis Miller, John Morgan, Joyce Entwistle, Harold Saunders, Thomas Tierney, Jessie Hillhouse, Dorothy Margaret McBurnie, John Evans, Beryl Trenbirth.

**Prayer List:** Finlay Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Thelma Brooks, Barbara & John 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, Phoebe Walmsley, Paddy Walsh, Gill & Terry Walters, Jane & Malcolm Wheatley, Linda & Ron White.

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