

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 26TH April 2026
4th Sunday of Easter



Welcomers: Jill & Graham Loach and Hannah & John McCulloch
Next week: Grace Fagan and Heather Whitehead

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

8.30am - Holy Communion Service

This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will preside and Ian Millington will preach at our 10.00am Parish Communion Service. Our APCM will take place after this service and will be followed by coffee in the Centre.

HYMNS

186 Great is thy faithfulness

The Lord's my
shepherd

270 Jesus is Lord

522 To God be the glory

Prayer for the week

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's
sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered
into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

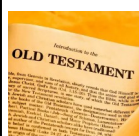
Thoughts for the week:

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess." - *Martin Luther*

"God writes with a pen that never blots, speaks with a tongue that never slips, acts with a hand that never fails." - *C.H. Spurgeon*

"The more fractured we are, the greater we become spectacles to the world. The more we are united in love, the more the world sees Christ."

- *Curtis Thomas*



Pam Hollinshead is considering starting a fortnightly (10.30am-12 noon) exploratory study group into the Old Testament, beginning with Genesis. If this is something you would like to be part of, please contact Pam.



Celtic Evening Prayer
Tonight at 6.30pm

Please come and enjoy time with God.

The first reading is from Romans 12: 1-8 (NIV UK)

A Living Sacrifice

¹² Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 27th April



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom



9.30am Toddler Group

1.30pm Sit Fit

Tuesday 28th April

10.30am Happy Reading Group



Wednesday 29th April

9.30am Baby Group



10.30am Connect Café

10.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 30th April

10.30am Line Dancing



12.30pm Prayers for Peace

1.30pm Sit Fit

2.00pm Choir Practice



7.30pm Dru Yoga



Friday 1st May

10.30am Tai Chi



Community Screening - Wed. 6th 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 John 10: 1-10
Glory to you, O Lord. (NIV UK)

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

¹⁰ “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger’s voice.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

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



Our Rose Queen, Erin's, final fundraising event will be an **Afternoon Tea on Saturday 9th May, 1.30pm-3.00pm**
A selection of sandwiches, homemade cakes, scones with jam and fresh cream, tea and coffee.

Tickets: £8 per person from the Parish Office (booking essential - please advise any dietary requirements when booking).



Christian Aid Week is 10th-16th May:

Please support our events:

Christian Aid Sunday - 10th May— 10.00am Service

Wednesday 13th May - 'Hunger' Lunch' - 12 noon, following Connect Coffee.

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

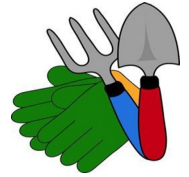
There will be Cake, Raffle, Bring and Buy sale and a home produce sale. Also Plants, cuttings and garden produce. If you can offer bottles or chocolates and sweets, or men's toiletries for the raffle, new and items in good condition (exc. books) for the bring and buy, please speak to Jill Loach, Helen Byrne, Sandra Evans or leave a message at the Office. Thank you.

If you would like to donate via the Christian Aid envelopes, there is a supply at the back of church. Please complete the Gift Aid slip to add if you are a UK tax payer. If you would prefer to give online, please use the QR code at the back of church.



Sunday 3rd May at 4.00pm: A fun event with Bible stories and playful activities for children, their siblings and parents/carers. Theme: "Abraham and God's promise"

Pam Hollinshead and 'The Green Team' will be leading work party on **Saturday 9th May 10.00am-12 noon** in the gardens. Please join us if you can.



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 information.



Summer Fair - Saturday 27th 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 is a board in Reception showing where help is needed, or you can leave a message at the Parish 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:

Monday 27th April 11.00am Valerie Mary Dooley Landican

Anniversaries: William M. Bosworth, Leslie Hamilton, Elizabeth Whittaker Annie Frances Meadowcroft, E.Ashton Hebron, Robert Gillis, Clive Palmer, Cyril Adams, James Curtis, Cath Reece, Eric Thomason, Valerie Needham-Crofton, Anthony Fawcett, David Dunsford Boyce, Sheila Holcroft, Elsie Roche, Beryl Preston.

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, Jenny Nixon, 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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