

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 5th July 2026
5th Sunday after Trinity



Welcomers: Barbara & Roy Mayers and Diane Shaw
Next week: Terry Cunningham & Helen Young

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

8.30am - Holy Communion Service

This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will preside and preach at our
10.00am Parish Communion Service

HYMNS

- 427 Praise to the Lord the Almighty
231 I heard the voice of Jesus say
321 Love Divine, all loves excelling
313 Lord of all hopefulness

Prayer for the week

**Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the
gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

Thoughts for the week:

“Only the man who follows the command of Jesus single-mindedly, and unresistingly lets his yoke rest upon him, finds his burden easy, and under its gentle pressure receives the power to persevere in the right way. The command of Jesus is hard, unutterably hard, for those who try to resist it. But for those who willingly submit, the yoke is easy, and the burden is light.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“The yoke you wear determines the burden you bear. “ - Edwin Louis Cole



Today at 4.00pm:

A fun event with Bible stories and playful activities for children, their siblings and parents / carers. Theme: “Moses and the 10 commandments”.

Today at 4.00pm: We now run a group called 'Rocks' in the same space as Praise and Play for primary school aged children. It follows the same scheme of learning, but with hands on, engaging activities and age appropriate teaching.

The first reading is from Romans 7: 15-25a (NIV UK)

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ So I find this law at work: although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 6th July



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom



9.30am Toddler Group

1.30pm Sit Fit

Tuesday 7th July

10.30am Singing Café



Wednesday 8th July



9.30am Baby Group

10.00am Connect Café

10.30am Holy Communion



3.30pm Lego Club

Thursday 9th July



10.30am Line Dancing



12.30pm Prayers for Peace

1.30pm Sit Fit

2.00pm Choir Practice

7.00pm Bereavement Journey



7.30pm Dru Yoga



Friday 10th July

10.30am Tai Chi



'The Green Team' will be leading a **Garden work party** on **Saturday 11th July, 10.00am-1.00pm**. Refreshments provided. Please join us if you can.

The Green Team continue to meet each Wednesday, 1.30pm-2.45pm.



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 11:
Glory to you, O Lord 16-19, 25-30 (NIV UK)

¹⁶ 'To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the market-places and calling out to others:

¹⁷ "We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon." ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners." But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.'

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ 'All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

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

**Don't Eat Sunday Lunch Alone -
Today at 12.30pm**

Broadway Steak & Wine

If you have not joined us before and would like to come along,
please see Eunice.



The next **Mothers' Union** meeting is on **Thursday 9th July**,
when we will be going on our Summer outing to the
Hoylake Lifeboat Station, followed by Popsy's for lunch.
Please meet at the Centre **by 10.15am** to share lifts to Hoylake.



**Outdoor Service
and Parish Picnic
- Sunday 12th July**

The picnic will follow our service in
the garden and everyone is welcome to stay
for this.

Please bring your own picnic and a
blanket or chair.

There will also be some lawn games to
take part in.

Church Cleaning Team

Our team meets on the
2nd Tuesday of the month from
9.00am-10.30am and would
welcome new members to help
with various cleaning tasks.

Please speak to Diane Shaw or the
Parish Office if you can spare some
time to help.





If you would like to share a memory of David, there is a book of condolences at the back of church.



If you feel able to support the work of Wirral Foodbank, they are currently requesting:-
Lentils (500g), Tinned Meat, Squash, Soya Milk, Tinned Vegetables.
(They have plenty of baked beans!)
Thank you.

Family Fun Day

Saturday 1st August 2pm to 4pm

Adults £2.00 - Children £3.00
Under 3's free

Hotdogs & Refreshments

Crafts & Garden Games

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 Service:

Friday 10th July

12.30pm Edward Geoffrey Newns

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Funeral service last week: Penny Ruth Golby

Anniversaries:

Jane Jones, Sian Kadiri, Vic Phillips, Dorothy Johnson, David Booth,
Sharon Williams, Joseph Spoor, , Doreen Jones, Cath Williams,
Mary Elizabeth Garland.

Prayer List: Finlay Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Thelma Brooks, Brian, Cathy, Barbara & John Champion, Seth Cheesbrough, Eloise Cook, Steve Dennett, Debbie Edwards, John Henry & Edna Edwards, Elijah, Gerry Ffrench, Gaynor Galway, Bridget Hamilton, Pam Hollinshead, Kitty & Louise Jones, Ted Jones, Steve Joyner, Finley Kay, 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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