

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 19th July 2026
7th Sunday after Trinity



Welcomers: Ny & Dave Gibson and Geraldine Taylor
Next week: Mike Thorne, Margaret Williamson and Jean Coventry

Welcome to Christ Church! We are all one in the Spirit!
8.30am - Holy Communion Service

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

In addition to Sunday Club, there will be a creche in the Troughton Room for those aged 1-4 years.

After this service, we welcome Liam and Lizzie, their families and friends, as they bring Eleanor Rose English for baptism at 12 noon.

HYMNS

- 46 At the name of Jesus
- 111 Do not be afraid
- 335 Meekness and majesty
- 270 Jesus is Lord

Prayer for the week

**Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard
seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

“Set out on the road together with the numberless people of God, all pilgrims travelling to the Father’s house. Go on your way singing, a song of hope on your lips and your heart burning within you. Now we have the alleluias of the journey, soon there will be the alleluias of consummation, of the great sabbath with God. Now you are being sown in the darkness of the earth; when that day comes, you will bloom in the light and warmth of God’s eternity.” - *Fr. Dr. H van der Looy*.

“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.” - *Romans 8. 38-9*

The first reading is from Isaiah 44: 6-8 (NIVUK)

The LORD, not idols

⁶ 'This is what the LORD says –

Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty:

I am the first and I am the last;

apart from me there is no God.

⁷ Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and lay out before me

what has happened since I established my ancient people,

and what is yet to come –

yes, let them foretell what will come.

⁸ Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?

You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?

No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.'

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 20th July



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom



1.30pm Sit Fit

Tuesday 21st July

10.30am Singing Café



12.30pm 4Cs Carers' Group

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Wednesday 22nd July



9.30am Baby Group



10.00am Connect Café



10.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd July



12.30pm Prayers for Peace



1.30pm Sit Fit

2.00pm Choir Practice



7.30pm Dru Yoga



Friday 24th July

10.30am Tai Chi

4Cs

The next meeting of the **4Cs Carers' Group** will be on
Tuesday 21st July at 12.30pm.

This is our final meeting before the summer break.

We shall be having afternoon tea with sandwiches, strawberries, scones,
jam and cream etc. There will be some entertainment!



We pray for Darren Caplin and Jessica Smith as they prepare
for their wedding here on **Thursday 23rd July.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:
Glory to you, O Lord 24-30, 36-43 (NIVUK)

The parable of the weeds

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ 'The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?"

²⁸ "An enemy did this," he replied. 'The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?" ²⁹ "No," he answered, "because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

The parable of the weeds explained

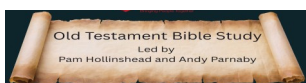
³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.'

³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.

³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ 'As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

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



The next Old Testament Bible Study is on
Monday 20th July from 7.00pm-8.30pm
in the Troughton Room, led by
Pam Hollinshead and Andy Parnaby. All are welcome.

The PCC is pleased to announce that Pamela Rutter has been appointed as our **Parish Safeguarding Officer** (PSO). Pamela will now be following the Diocesan Induction training for new PSOs and will be establishing her support team.

Food collections: If you are able to help with the collection of surplus food from our local Co-op once or twice a week to bring to the Centre for community use, please contact the Parish Office.

Our Rose Queen, Amelia's, first fundraising event will be
a Bingo Night on Friday 11th September - further details to follow.

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.

Send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community. Amen



DATE FOR YOUR CALENDARS: Jazz Concert - Friday 2nd October
in aid of Mary's Meals — further details to follow.



A Choir for Christmas

It would be great to have a choir for Christmas!

At this stage we just want to explore interest. Wendy would be willing to hold rehearsals on alternate Tuesday evenings from September.

If you would like to take part, please sign the sheet at the back of church.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary, Victoria and family following the death of Rev. Richard Hambly who faithfully and humbly served within the URC and was a great friend of CCHB.

We are invited to join them for a service of thanksgiving on
Tuesday 28th July at 12.30 pm at Christ Church Port Sunlight,
followed by light refreshments at CCHB Community Centre.

Anniversaries: John Bradshaw, Canon Roy Ridley, William Lungley, Geoff Radley, Win Leybourne, David Collins, Joanna Hickson, Peter Dobbing, Keith Stone, Eunice Pass, Rose Hughes, Kevin Rees, Kitty Albiston, Bruce Andrew Marsden.

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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