

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 2nd August 2026

9th Sunday after Trinity



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

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

8.30am - Holy Communion Service

This morning Revd. Alan Ward will preside and preach at our
at our 10.00am Parish Communion Service

Children's activities are available at the back of church.

HYMNS

- 467 Tell out my soul, the
greatness of the Lord
- 53 Be still for the
presence of the Lord
- 106 Dear Lord and Father
of mankind
- 188 Guide me O thou
great Redeemer

Prayer for the week

**Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your
grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of
the Spirit in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

"Miracles, in fact, are a retelling in small letters of the very same story that is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see."

(CS Lewis)

"The Jews believed that the messianic age would see the return of the bread from heaven ... food in the desert is highly allusive in the Bible."

(Michael Green)

"Biblical arithmetic: 5,000 divided by (5+2) = pathetic; 5,000 divided by (5+2) + 1 Jesus = 12 more than enough!"

(unknown)



Today at 4pm: Praise & Play & Rocks
A fun event with Bible stories and
activities for children, their siblings and parents/carers.
Theme: David The Shepherd King



The first reading is from Isaiah 55: 1-5 (NIV UK)

'Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.

³ Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples.

⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendour.'

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



**Don't Eat Sunday
Lunch Alone -**

Today at 12.30pm
Broadway Steak & Wine

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.

Due to extensive groundworks in the **Churchyard** and to ensure safety, the churchyard will be closed to the public during working hours, commencing Monday 3rd August.

If conditions allow access will be open outside work hours.

Work is expected to finish by Saturday 8th August

Apologies for the inconvenience.



Mothers' Union

We are going to celebrate Mary Sumner Day with members of our branch taking part in the morning service next **Sunday, 9th August.**

To ensure that everything goes smoothly, we are holding a short rehearsal for everyone involved immediately following today's 10.00am service

Please meet at the back of church.



Thank you for all the cards, kind words of condolence and support we have received following Richard's death. The service for him on Tuesday was a celebration of his life; thank you to those who were able to attend.

Best wishes, Mary Hambly & family.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord (14: 13-21) (NIV UK)

Jesus feeds the five thousand

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed those who were ill.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.'

¹⁶ Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.'

¹⁷ 'We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,' they answered.

¹⁸ 'Bring them here to me,' he said. ¹⁹ And he told the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 3rd August



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom



1.30pm Sit Fit

Tuesday 4th August

10.30am Singing Café



Wednesday 5th August

10.00am Connect Café



10.30am Holy Communion



1.00pm Knit & Natter

Thursday 6th August

10.30am Line Dancing (Peer-led class)



2.00pm Choir Practice



7.30pm Dru Yoga



Friday 7th August

10.30am Tai Chi



There will be a circular walk from Derby Pool car park to Moreton via Leasowe Bay on **Friday 7th August**. The distance is 4 miles in total with a refreshment stop halfway at the Green Hut. We will meet at the Community Centre at 10am to share lifts.

Please let Lizzie Roach know frenchiekev@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

'The Green Team' will be leading a Garden work party on **Saturday 8th August, 10.00am-1.00pm**. Refreshments provided. Please join us if you can.

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

- **Friday 11th September** - Our Rose Queen Amelia's first fund-raising event will be a **Bingo Night** supporting her chosen charity, Alder Hey Children's Hospital.
- **Friday 2nd October** - **Jazz Concert** in aid of Mary's Meals.

More details for both events to follow.



Wanted: A Choir for Christmas

Would you like to come and sing?

We have had an encouraging response so far to our appeal, but we still need more men to create a perfect harmony!

Rehearsals will be on alternate Tuesday evenings, starting 8th September — please see Wendy or Eunice for more information.

We are sad to share the news of Marion Kendrick's death. She was a prayerful lady who always thanked God for each new day and for all who cared for her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family, especially daughters Lesley and Susan. **Marion's funeral service will be held here on Wednesday 12 August at 12:30pm.**

We have also heard of the death of Lisa Houghton, who worshipped with us for several years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lisa's family and friends.

Lisa's funeral will be held at St Barnabas, Bromborough on Monday 10 August at 10.45 am.

Forthcoming Funeral

Monday 10 th August	12 noon	Dorothy Price	Landican Centre
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Anniversaries: Lynn Bowden, Gary Biggs, Jay Short, Thelma Cannell, Bridget McFadden, Raymond McNally, Barbara Hawney, Horace Thelwell, David Thomas Morgan, Brenda White, Karen Lewis, Eileen Ellis, Roy Andrew Courtney, Phyllis Grice, Ann Mann, Ann Gardiner, Harold Edwards, John Cave, Eleanor Jones, Eric Jones, Frank Pleavin, Oriel Eccles, Jean Furlong.

Prayer List: Finlay Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Thelma Brooks, Brian, 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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