

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 9th August 2026
10th Sunday after Trinity



Welcomers: Sandra Evans, Heather Whitehead and Grace Fagan
Next week: Fiona Murphy and Jackie Jones

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

8.30am - Holy Communion Service

This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will preside and Fiona Murphy, from our Ministry Team, will preach at our 10.00am Parish Communion Service.

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

HYMNS

- 310 Lord for the years
73 Brother, sister let me
serve you
372 O Jesus I have
promised
In Christ alone

Prayer for the week

**Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be
persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to
lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before
you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Prayer remembering Mary Sumner

Faithful and loving God, who called Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life: give us the gift of your Holy Spirit, that through word, prayer and deed your family may be strengthened and your people served; 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:

"Prayer and dogged work will win the day " – *Mary Sumner*

"Mothering is not limited to biological mothers alone. The loving craft of mothering has immeasurable value across the world and sits at the very heart of MU aims and objectives".
– *Church Times*

"Stepping out in faith is stepping out of your comfort zone and trusting that God will catch you if you fall."
– *unknown*



Please join us **this evening at 6.30pm for Evensong.**

The first reading is from Ephesians 3: 14-21 (NIV UK)

A prayer for the Ephesians

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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

Dates for your calendars:

Rose Queen Bingo Night - Friday 11th September

Our Rose Queen Amelia's first fundraising event will be a
Bingo Night supporting her chosen charity,
Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

Doors open at 6.00pm, First game to start at 6.30pm. Raffle
Tickets: Adults £4, Children £2 – will be available soon
from the Parish Office.



Back to School Service - Sunday 13th September

A service to bless the start of a new year of learning
and new beginnings. Pastry breakfast from 9.45am.

Service starts at 10.00am.

Donations of 'school cake' would be appreciated!

All are welcome.



Jazz Concert - Friday 2nd October, 7.30pm-9.30pm

Sue Donovan has organised a Jazz evening with the
Panama Jazz Band to fundraise for Mary's Meals.

Tickets £10 - available soon from the Parish Office.

Cash only Bar and Raffle.

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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 14
Glory to you, O Lord 22-33 (NIV UK)

Jesus walks on the water

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'

²⁸ 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.'

²⁹ 'Come,' he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?'

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 10th August



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom



1.30pm Sit Fit

Tuesday 11th August

9.30am Church Cleaning Team



10.30am Happy Reading Group

Wednesday 12th August

10.00am Connect Café



10.30am Holy Communion



Thursday 13th August

1.30pm Sit Fit



2.00pm Choir Practice



7.30pm Dru Yoga



Friday 14th August

10.30am Tai Chi



Boulders & Rocks Youth Group

Starting from September on the **3rd Friday of every month**
at the Centre: Drop off 6.30pm, Pick Up 8.00pm. £2.00 per session

This group is ideal for children and young people aged 5 to 16.

Please speak to Christie, Children & Families Worker, for more information.



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 have 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 Funerals

Monday 10 th August	12 noon	Dorothy Price	Landican Centre
Wednesday 12 th August	12.30pm	Marion Kendrick	Christ Church

Anniversaries:

Joan Williams, Glenda Murray, Joe Clarke,
Gertrude Eleanor Fernley, Arthur Toplis, Rob Parker, Cyril Dodd,
Jean Elizabeth Holroyd, Mary Halliday, Reginald Brian Stringer, Sarah Lindley,
Francis Henry Jones, Pat McGreevy, Eric Richard Jones,
Christopher Edge, Irene McKeown, Maureen Lloyd.

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,
Paddy Walsh, Gill & Terry Walters, Jane & Malcolm Wheatley, Linda & Ron White.

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