

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 16th August 2026
11th Sunday after Trinity



When God appears silent

Welcomers: Fiona Murphy and Jackie Jones
Next week: Barbara & Roy Mayers and Diane Shaw

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.**

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

HYMNS

- 17 All people that on
earth do dwell
- 244 In Christ there is no
east or west
- 30 And can it be
- The Lord's my
shepherd

Prayer for the week

**God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your
kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

"Nothing paralyses our lives like the attitude that things can never change. We need to remind ourselves that God can change things. Outlook determines outcome. If we see only the problems, we will be defeated; but if we see the possibilities in the problems, we can have victory." - *Warren W. Wiersbe*

"Perseverance in prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance but rather laying hold of God's willingness. Our sovereign God has purposed to sometimes require persevering prayer as the means to accomplish His will." - *Bill Thrasher*

"Storm the throne of grace and persevere therein, and mercy will come down." - *John Wesley*

"The great fault of the children of God is, they do not continue in prayer; they do not go on praying; they do not persevere. If they desire anything for God's glory, they should pray until they get it." - *George Müller*

The first reading is from Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 (NIV UK)

This is what the Lord says:

‘Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

⁶ And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord
to minister to him,
to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant –

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.’

⁸ The Sovereign Lord declares –
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:

‘I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered.’

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 – 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.

Bar and Raffle.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 15
Glory to you, O Lord 21-28 (NIV UK)

The faith of a Canaanite woman

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.
²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.'
²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, 'Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.'
²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.'
²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. 'Lord, help me!' she said.
²⁶ He replied, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'
²⁷ 'Yes it is, Lord,' she said. 'Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'
²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 17th August



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom



1.30pm Sit Fit

Tuesday 18th August

10.30am Singing Café



Wednesday 19th August

10.00am Connect Café



10.30am Holy Communion

1.00pm Knit & Natter



Thursday 20th August



1.30pm Sit Fit



2.00pm Choir Practice

7.30pm Dru Yoga



Friday 21st August

10.30am Tai Chi

Fantasy Premier League 2026-27



It's that time of the year again! With the Premier League season almost upon us you can now join the CCHB league for another season.

League Name: Christ Church HB FPL

Joining code: ync13r

Let the fun begin! Looking forward to seeing all your team names and to some friendly rivalry.

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.

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.

Funeral services last week:

Dorothy Price, Marion Kendrick

Anniversaries:

Ada Elizabeth Primrose Simmons, Constance Wilson Charles, Ian Pass, John Reginald Whitehead, Eileen Whitehead, Eileen Varley, Brian Hayden Chase, Margaret Nelson, Edward Abbott, Nora Evans, Lilian Buckley, Cora Evans, Ivor Frederick Hughes, Jack Theobald, Frank Byrne, George Robinson, George Robert Thwaites, Audrey Sheila Davies, Sid Bellis, Gordon Higgin.

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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