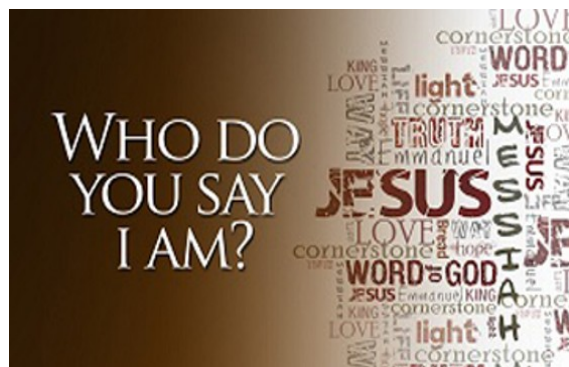


Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 23rd August 2026

12th Sunday after Trinity



Welcomers: Ny & Dave Gibson 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 lead and Colette Millington, from our Ministry Team, will preach at our 10.00am Service of the Word.

We welcome Lucy and David, their daughter Evelyn, their families and friends, as they bring their younger daughter, Beatrice, for baptism during the service.

There will be a short Communion service at 11.45am.

HYMNS

26 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

God made me

570 You are the King of
glory

473 The Church's one
foundation

Prayer for the week

**God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

"A man whose life has been transformed by Christ cannot help but have his worldview show through."
- C S Lewis

"God loves each of us if there were only one of us."
- Saint Augustine

"Jesus saved my life from the beginning when I was born, I didn't know it yet. Through the tough moments in my life, I realised we are nothing without Jesus, so I want to glorify his name."
- Gabriel Jesus



Jean Lippiatt will kindly be selling home-made pies and cakes in the Kings Hall following the 10.00am service next **Sunday, 30th August**. Please bring suitable containers to take your purchases home.

The first reading is from Romans 12: 1-8 (NIV UK)

A Living Sacrifice

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God— this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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



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 season of learning and new beginnings. Pastry breakfast from 9.45am. Service 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. Bar and raffle.

Tickets £10 - available soon from the Parish Office.

Emergency First Aid at Work course—Saturday 10th October, 9.00-3.30pm

This course, held at the Centre, covers the DFEE and OFSTED requirements for Emergency First Aid at Work. On completion delegates receive an Emergency First Aid at Work qualification valid for 3 years accredited by the FAIB. Special rate for Small Businesses. Further information from the Parish Office.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 16:
Glory to you, O Lord 13-20 (NIV UK)

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 24th August



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom



1.30pm Sit Fit

Tuesday 25th August

10.30am Happy Reading Group



Wednesday 26th August

10.00am Connect Café



10.30am Holy Communion



Thursday 27th August

10.30am Line Dancing (Peer-led class)



1.30pm Sit Fit

2.00pm Choir Practice

7.30pm Dru Yoga



Friday 28th August

10.30am Tai Chi

Our next **Bereavement Journey** will be starting on **Thursday 8th October** from **2.00pm-4.00pm.**

If you, or someone you know, would like to join, please contact Eunice for information.

Thornleigh Weekend 2027

This has been booked from Friday 21st to Monday 24th May.

Booking forms will be available in October.



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.

As we re-advertise this role, please continue praying:-

Gracious God, We bring before you the life of our church, Your church. We ask for your guidance as we look to the future, help us grow in faith, in fellowship and in service. We praise you for all who have served this church over the years, who have nurtured and encouraged our faith, who have been part of our continuing life and witness. You have called us into the body of Christ.

Loving God, as we journey together through this period of interregnum, we thank you for your everlasting faithfulness to us. At this time of uncertainty and change we ask that you send us your Holy Spirit, to fill us with your vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer.

Guide with your heavenly wisdom the one whom You have chosen to be our leader in this parish, that the one whom we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people: ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anniversaries: Edwin Coker, Fred Caton, Vera Hughes, Danny Smith,
Enid Toplis, Mary Jean Morgan, Harry Moore, Sheila Cook, Dorothy Dorney,
Doreen Kirkwood.

Prayer List:

Finlay Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Thelma Brooks, Brian,
Barbara & John Champion, Seth Cheesbrough, Eloise Cook, Gill Colley,
Steve Dennett, Debbie Edwards, John Henry & Edna Edwards, Elijah,
Gerry Ffrench, Gaynor Galway, Bridget Hamilton, Pam Hollinshead,
Kitty & Louise Jones, Rosemary 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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