

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 30th August 2026
13th Sunday after Trinity



Welcomers: Terry Cunningham and Helen Young
Next week: Ny & Dave Gibson and Geraldine Taylor

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

8.30am - Holy Communion Service

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

This morning we welcome Hugo Robinson, a talented young Organist.

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

After this service at 12 noon, we welcome Lauren and Kayden, their families and friends as they bring Poppy Maria Kallan for baptism and Elle and Ben, their families and friends, as they bring Rosie May Casford Cooper for baptism.

HYMNS

- 302 Let us with a
gladsome mind
- 273 Jesus, name above
all names
- 560 Will you come and
follow me
- 303 Lift high the Cross

Prayer for the week

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Thoughts for the week:

"Faith is in your heart. Faith is beautiful. Faith is strong and empowering and hard to articulate. It's in freedom and connection with others. You can't pin it down. It's not in a church." - *Bear Grylls (Adventurer, television presenter)*

"Christ says, 'Give me All. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want You'"

- *C.S. Lewis (British writer and lay theologian)*

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."

- *Jim Elliot (American missionary and martyr)*

"There are no crown-wearers in heaven who were not cross-bearers here below".

- *Charles Spurgeon (19th-century Baptist preacher)*

"Prayer is not a formal affair; it's more a come-as-you-are".

- *Dolly Parton (singer, actor, philanthropist)*

The first reading is from Romans 12: 9-21 (NIV UK)

Love in Action

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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



Jean Lippiatt will kindly be selling home-made pies and cakes in the Kings Hall following the 10.00am service **this morning**. Please bring suitable containers to take your purchases home.



**Don't Eat Sunday
Alone - next
Sunday 6th Sept
at 12.30pm**

Broadway Steak & Wine

Praise & Play & Rocks

Sunday 6th Sept. at 4.00pm

A fun event with Bible stories and activities for children, their siblings and parents/carers.

Theme: David and Goliath



The next Mothers' Union meeting is on **Tuesday 8th September at 10.30am**. There will be general MU updates and new member enrolment. There will also be a raffle - any contributions gratefully received.



Wanted: A Choir for Christmas

Rehearsals will be on alternate Tuesday evenings, **starting 8th September**.

Connect Café: Going forward meeting—**Wednesday 9th September** at 12 noon.



Rose Queen Bingo Night - Friday 11th September

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

Doors open at 6.00pm, First game to start at 6.30pm. Raffle.

Tickets: Adults £4, Children £2 —**now available** from 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 welcome.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 16:
Glory to you, O Lord 21-28 (NIV UK)

Jesus Predicts His Death

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. ²⁸ "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Tuesday 1st September



10.30am Singing Café



1.30pm Sit Fit

Wednesday 2nd September



9.30am Baby Group



10.00am Connect Café

10.30am Holy Communion

1.00pm Knit & Natter



Thursday 3rd September



12.30pm Befrienders' Lunch

1.30pm W.I.

2.00pm Choir Practice

7.30pm Dru Yoga



Friday 4th September

10.30am Tai Chi (Peer-led class)



There will be a walk on **Friday 4th September**, to River Park from Port Sunlight Village which will take you up to the summit of River Park, along the Mersey Path with a refreshment stop at the cafe, before returning past the lake and back to the village. The distance will be approximately 3.8 miles. We will meet at the Community Centre at **10.00 am** to share lifts to Port Sunlight. All are welcome - please let Ann Bell know as soon as possible if you would like to join us (annbellbeb@gmail.com)

Plant a Bulb Day — Saturday 12th September

Join The Green Team to help plant Spring-flowering bulbs, any time from 10.00am-1.00pm. All are welcome.



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.

Ideal for children and young people aged 5 to 16. Please speak to Christie, Children & Families Worker, for more information.



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 - **now available** 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.



Confirmation can be an important part of a lifetime journey of faith as a follower of Jesus Christ. If this is something you would like to consider, please talk with Rev Eunice who will arrange relevant classes in preparation for the visit of Bishop Julie on **Sunday 17th January 2027**.

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. Amen.

Anniversaries: Keith Arthur Evans, Benjamin Jones, Christopher Hamilton, Carey Anne Marsden, Brenda Dodd, Dorothy (Dot) Emmas, Audrey Clare, Brian Stewart, Bill Holcroft, Richard Gateland, Diana Heckle, William Buchanan.

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, George Nelson, 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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