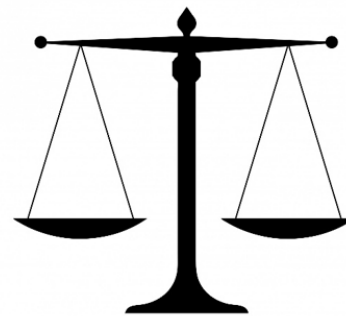


Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 20th September 2026

16th Sunday after Trinity



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

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

8.30am - Holy Communion Service

This morning we welcome Revd. Debbi Stott who will preside and preach at our 8.30am & 10.00am Parish Communion Services.

In addition to Sunday Club, there will be a creche in the Troughton Room for those aged 1-4 years.

HYMNS

422 Praise, my soul the King
of heaven

15 All my hope on God is
founded

242 Immortal, invisible, God
only wise

In Christ Alone

Prayer for the week

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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:

"The grace of God is not a commodity to be distributed according to human calculations of merit. God does not give us what we deserve; God gives us what He is."
— *Thomas Merton*

"To live is Christ. That means every moment of our life, every breath we draw, every action we perform, should be filled with the presence of Christ and directed to His glory."
— *St. John Chrysostom*

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Rose Queen, Amelia's, Bingo Night last Friday when £731 was raised for her chosen charity, Alder Hey Children's Hospital and our Community Centre.

The next Old Testament Bible Study is on
Monday 21st Sept from 7.00pm - 8.30pm in the
Storeton Room, led by
Pam Hollinshead and Andy Parnaby.
All are welcome.



A Choir for Christmas
Next rehearsal will be on
**Tuesday 22nd September at
7.30pm.**
It's not too late to join in!

The first reading is from Philippians 1: 21-30 (NIV UK)

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Life worthy of the gospel

²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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

The next '**Twirly**' trip will be on
Tuesday 22nd September to
Chester Grosvenor Garden Centre (bus and
train). Please see Jackie Jones for details.

The Lunch Club will be
re-starting on **Friday 25th Sept.**
at 12 noon — £7 per head
- please book at the Parish Office.

God of All the World

Saturday 26th September, Chester Cathedral from 12 noon to 4 pm

An exciting programme of events, activities and displays has been arranged
by Chester Cathedral and Partnerships in World Mission.



Andrew & John's Quiz Night—Saturday 26th September
Raising funds for Downs Syndrome GB Futsal (5 a side Football)
Team and Christ Church Community Centre
Doors open 6.30pm — Quiz starts 7.00pm
Come with your own team or join one when you arrive.
Cost: £6 — pay on the door.
Tea, Coffee and Puddings available, bring any other drinks!



Experience Christmas - 16th-20th November: Our exciting event for local schools
Our first Planning Meeting is on Wednesday 30th September at 12.15pm.
If you are interested and haven't helped before, please speak to Libby, Eunice or Christie.



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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20:
Glory to you, O Lord 1-16 (NIV UK)

The parable of the workers in the vineyard

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³ 'About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, "You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." ⁵ So they went. 'He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?" ⁷ "'Because no one has hired us," they answered.

'He said to them, "You also go and work in my vineyard."

⁸ 'When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first." ⁹ 'The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² "These who were hired last worked only one hour," they said, "and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day." ¹³ 'But he answered one of them, "I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

¹⁶ 'So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 21st September



9.00am

Morning Prayer on Zoom



9.30am

Toddler Group

1.30pm

Sit Fit

Tuesday 22nd September

10.30am

Happy Reading Group



Wednesday 23rd September

9.30am

Baby Group



10.00am

Connect Café

10.30am

Holy Communion

Thursday 24th September

10.30am

Line Dancing



1.30pm

Sit Fit

2.00pm

Choir Practice

7.30pm

Dru Yoga



Friday 25th September

10.30am

Tai Chi



12 noon

Lunch Club





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.

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.

Dates for your calendar:-

Sunday 11th October: Harvest Festival, followed by Bring & Share Lunch

Tuesday 20th October: 10 year Anniversary Special of the Singing Café.

The **Rose Queen Coffee Morning** is on **Saturday 28th November, 10.00am-12 noon**. We are looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested, please speak to Tracy Evans or 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.

Forthcoming Funeral

Thursday 1 st October	11.00am	John Hugh Rogers	Christ Church
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Anniversaries: Colin Wellings, Edith Irene Dodson, Barbara Parker, Kenneth Hosker Jones, Patricia Norman, Susan Blackburn, Carol Newns, Beryl Barclay, Ed Deegan, Beryl Withy, Eileen Hutchinson, Christine McCulloch, Eric Savage, Baby William Taylor, Patricia Garner, John Charles Holmes, Walter Charles Spinks, Stanley Hall, Christmas Thomas,

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, Gaynor Galway, Bridget Hamilton, Pam Hollinshead, Kitty & Louise 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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