

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 11th October 2026

Trinity 19 Harvest



Welcomers: Barbara & Roy Mayers and Diane Shaw

Next week: Terry Cunningham and Helen Young

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

8.30am - Holy Communion Service

This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore, along with members of the Ministry Team, will lead and preach at our 10.00am All Age Worship Harvest Service, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.

HYMNS

- 101 Come ye thankful
people come

Harvest Samba

God the maker of the
heavens

534 We plough the fields
and scatter

Prayer for the week

**Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Thoughts for the week:

"Thou that hast giv'n so much to me; give one thing more, a grateful heart'.
- George Herbert

"I'm blessed to be a blessing to someone else. When you centre life around yourself, not only do you miss out on God's best, but you rob other people of the joy and blessings that God wants to give them through you."
- Joel Osteen

From the Christian Aid website: We can be grateful for what we have without taking more than we need. Being grateful is a practice. We need to keep working at it. Gratitude isn't just saying 'thank you'. It's a practice that connects us to God, to creation, and to our global community."



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



A Choir for Christmas

Next rehearsal will be on **Tuesday 20th October at 7.30pm.**

It's not too late to join in!

The first reading is from Psalm 65 1, 8-13 (NIV UK)

¹ Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;
to you our vows will be fulfilled.

⁸ The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

⁹ You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.

¹⁰ You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers
and bless its crops.

¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with
abundance.

¹² The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with
gladness.

¹³ The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with
grain; they shout for joy and sing.

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 12th October



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom



9.30am Toddler Group

1.30pm Sit Fit

Tuesday 13th October



9.30am Church Cleaning Team



10.30am Mothers' Union

10.30am Happy Reading Group



Wednesday 14th October



9.30am Baby Group



10.00am Connect Café

10.30am Holy Communion



3.30pm Lego Group

Thursday 15th October



10.30am Line Dancing



1.30pm Sit Fit

2.00pm Bereavement Journey



2.00pm Choir Practice

7.30pm Dru Yoga



Friday 16th October

10.30am Tai Chi



The next Mothers' Union branch meeting is on
Tuesday 13th October at 10.30am in the Kings Hall. All welcome.

Branch members will be preparing Door of Hope 'Bags of Education' and learning
more about this project which the MU Chester Diocese supports.



The second session of the **Bereavement Journey** is on **Thursday 15th October** from **2.00pm-4.00pm**. It is not too late to join this course. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please invite them to come along on Thursday.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12: 16-30
Glory to you, O Lord (NIV UK)

¹⁶ So Jesus told them this story:

A rich man's farm produced a big crop, ¹⁷ and he said to himself, "What can I do? I don't have a place large enough to store everything."

¹⁸ Later, he said, "Now I know what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I can store all my grain and other goods. ¹⁹ Then I'll say to myself, 'You have stored up enough good things to last for years to come. Live it up! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.' "

²⁰ But God said to him, "You fool! Tonight you will die. Then who will get what you have stored up?" ²¹ "This is what happens to people who store up everything for themselves, but are poor in the sight of God."

Worry

²² Jesus said to his disciples:

I tell you not to worry about your life! Don't worry about having something to eat or wear. ²³ Life is more than food or clothing. ²⁴ Look at the crows! They don't plant or harvest, and they don't have storehouses or barns. But God takes care of them. You are much more important than any birds.

²⁵ Can worry make you live longer? ²⁶ If you don't have power over small things, why worry about everything else?

²⁷ Look how the wild flowers grow! They don't work hard to make their clothes. But I tell you Solomon with all his wealth wasn't as well clothed as one of these flowers. ²⁸ God gives such beauty to everything that grows in the fields, even though it is here today and thrown into a fire tomorrow. Won't he do even more for you? You have such little faith!

²⁹ Don't keep worrying about having something to eat or drink. ³⁰ Only people who don't know God are always worrying about such things. Your Father knows what you need.

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



Tuesday 20th October - 10.30am:
10 year Anniversary Special of the Singing Café.

Waves of Hope: Logos Hope visit to Liverpool - <https://www.uk.om.org/waves-of-hope-liverpool>

Open from 23rd October, 1.00pm to 5th November; Tues-Sat.10am-10pm, Sun 1pm-10pm

Please note that OM's Ship Ministry charges an entry fee of £1 /person to visit the ship



Prayer Event

Do join us on **Sunday 25th October at 4.00pm** as we enjoy an hour of discovering different ways to pray. All ages are welcome and we will have tea/coffee and cake at the end.

All Hallows Eve — Saturday 31st October,

Drop in 5.00pm-6.30pm: A joyful alternative to Halloween

We would be very grateful for any donations of sweets, cupcakes (for children) or a traybake (for adults) for this event.

If you can help, please speak to Christie or Libby.



Wirral Foodbank Harvest Appeal:

Tinned meat, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, toothpaste, shower gel, deodorant, coffee, pasta sauce, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, tinned vegetables (peas, carrots, sweetcorn).



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

We would be grateful for raffle and tombola prizes: new gifts, chocolates, biscuits, bottles. Please drop these off at the Parish Office. Thank you.



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**.

Thornleigh weekend—Friday 21st May-Monday 24th May 2027

Booking is now open for this weekend and forms are available from Parish Office. Total accommodation cost is £340 per person for 3 nights, (reduced for 2 nights.) £40 deposit is required as soon as possible please to secure your place. Additional costs for coach travel and outings will be advised early 2027.

Prayer for new incumbent:

We continue to pray as we seek to discern who our next incumbent will be:
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: Emma Williams, Bill Tharme, Robert Rodney Dodd, Edna Abbott, Joyce Rickards, Thelma Hunter, Anita Smith, Nora Williams, Kenneth Potter, Anne Timmons, Fred Brooks, Dorothy Whittaker, Alice Vera Theobald, George Keith Broster, May Johnson.

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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