

Happy New Years!!

A wordsearch with a difference -
there's only one word to find.

How many 'year's can you find in the grid?

Y	E	A	R	Y	R
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R	E	R	A	E	Y
Y	E	A	R	E	Y

January 2009 at *CHRIST CHURCH*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As this New Year begins, I wonder what your hopes are for the coming 12 months. Have you made any resolutions? Have you set yourself any goals as a Christian for the coming year?

January 6th is traditionally the day when we remember the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus. And I think that what Matthew tells us about them can give us some New Year Challenges.

First – they stuck at their journey. It would have taken them some time to travel to Bethlehem, most of the time they wouldn't have been at all sure where they were heading, and their final destination can't have been what they were expecting. But they kept going, kept following the star. That is a good model for us as individual Christians, and as a church. We don't know what this year holds, but we must keep going, keep following Jesus. We have to keep passionate about him, or else our commitment will fizzle out.

Second – they gave costly gifts to Jesus. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh were all expensive, and there is no reason to assume that the Magi were wealthy people. And again, that is a good model for us. Jesus deserves all that we are and all that we have – and more! So let's start 2009 with a determination to give him the best of our time, our talents, our money, and not just our left-overs.

Third – when they came to Jesus, they worshipped him. And that is what we need to be doing. Not just when it is convenient, but faithfully and continually.

All too often New Year's resolutions are forgotten within weeks. Our ambitions can all too easily fade, as we settle for life as it is now. But this year is a time for all of us at Christ Church to allow the Lord to re-kindle our passion for him, to step out with him, to serve him, and to worship him.

Yours in Christ

Regular weekly activities:

Monday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.00 pm TLC
Tuesday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.15 pm Art Group
	-	4.00 pm Shine
Wednesday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.00 pm Needlecraft Group
	-	1.30 pm Toddler Group
	-	4.00 pm Rainbows
	-	5.15 pm Rainbows
Thursday	-	1.00 pm Craft Group
	-	9.45 am Keep Fit
	-	11.00 am Keep Fit
	-	5.30 pm Brownies
	-	7.30 pm Guides
Friday	-	9.15 am Mothers 'n' Others
	-	7.00 pm Evening Bowls

THE BIG CHRISTMAS CARD

Thanks to everyone who signed our Big Christmas Card. We collected £142.65, which is enough for us to give an Ox Plough to a farmer in Mozambique, a goat to a family in Uganda, and basic teaching equipment to 2 teachers in Liberia.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This year we will again be marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with a short service in the various churches in Moreton.

Monday 19 th Jan	Moreton Presbyterian Church
Tuesday 20 th Jan	Christ Church
Wednesday 21 st Jan	Moreton Methodist Church
Thursday 22 nd Jan	Moreton Baptist Church
Friday 23 rd Jan	Sacred Heart

The services will begin at 10.15, and last for 20-30 minutes.
Do come along to any of them that you are able to attend.



Transport

It has come to the attention of Christ Church Pastoral Team that there are people within the community wishing to attend Sunday services at Christ Church but have no means of transport. It is proposed we have a list of people able to offer lifts on an as and when basis.

If you can offer a lift please fill in one of the slips at the back of church giving details of name, telephone number, route to church, time of service, approximate time of departure to church and spare capacity.