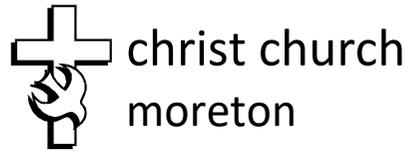


April 2017 at



Dear friends at Christchurch

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

(John 3:16)

Last week I went to 'The Big Sing' – an event bringing together children from all the church schools on Wirral. The whole event focussed on this well-known and much loved verse, and helped me to remember again the great truths it contains – truths which the next few weeks will again help us to focus on.

It is a reminder that Good Friday and Easter are the ultimate demonstration of God's love. There are many ways in which God has poured his love out on us, but nothing else comes near to matching the wonder that God gave his Son to rescue us from sin and death – *God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* (Romans 5:8)

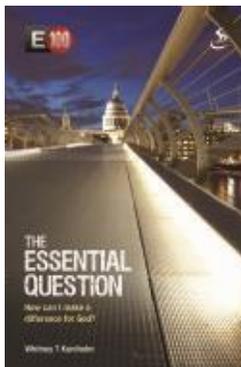
So if we want to understand God's love, and know it more deeply for ourselves, the services we have over the next few weeks are so important. On Palm Sunday at our special service 'The Crossroad' we follow the last week of Jesus' life. On Thursday 13th, we remember the Last Supper as we share our Passover Meal. On Good Friday and Easter Day we enter into what Jesus' death and resurrection really mean.

But it isn't just for us! It is only those who believe in Jesus who will not perish but have eternal life. And Easter is a great time to speak to others; to invite them to one of our special services. And above all to pray, that this Easter there will be friends and family of ours who will realise for the first time that Jesus' death and resurrection was for them.

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION



Over the past few years as a church we have used the books 'E100' and 'The Essential Jesus.' As we read the books and based our preaching around them, it helped us to get a clearer picture of the great storyline of the Bible, and who Jesus is.

We are planning to use the 3rd book in the series – 'The Essential Question' as the basis for our morning services after Easter, and we'd encourage you to get your own copy to read as we do that. It contains 50 readings through the book of Acts, helping us to see how we can make a difference for God.

If you would like a copy (Price £5), please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Desk.

The Archdeacon's Visitation, for Church Wardens and Sides-people, will be held at St. Saviour's, Oxton, on Thursday 4th May, at 7.30 pm.

Regular weekly activities:

		<i>Restart Dates</i>
Monday	- 9.30 am : Toddler Group	24 th April
	- 1.00 pm : TLC (only closed Easter Monday)	
Tuesday	- 9.30 am: Toddler Group	25 th April
	- 3.30 pm: S.O.S.	18 th April
	- 6.00 - 7.30 pm Foodbank	
Wednesday-	5.30 pm: Rainbows	19 th April
Thursday	- 9.45 am : Keep Fit	20 th April
	- 11.00 am : Keep Fit	20 th April
	- 1.00 pm : Craft Group	
	- 5.30 pm : Brownies	20 th April
Friday	- 9.30 am : Mothers 'n' Others (only closed Good Friday)	
	- 2.00 - 3.30 pm Foodbank (only closed Good Friday)	

During the Spring break all activities will be closed except for TLC, Craft Group, Open Church, Mother's n others, Foodbank



CARE FOR THE FAMILY

Rob Parsons and Katherine Hill are coming to our area with their parenting course – ‘parenting under 12’s – a survival guide’ it is on Thursday 25th May 2017 at 7.30 pm in Garston. It would be great if we could get together a group to go and a chance to bring our friends who also need this light-hearted evening with lots of tips and insights. Ticket cost £6

WORK PARTIES THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

We have these work party dates to pop into your diary. Please come along at 10.00 am on the following dates, all you need is enthusiasm, if you do have any spare secateurs bring them along and they will be put to good use.



May 20th, June 17th, July 15th, August 19th and September 16th

CCM CREATIVE



Jeremy has recently started a Facebook Group with the idea of firstly linking up people in the Church who do creative things (this includes knitting, ballet, origami, music and anything else). The long-term aim is to make more connections in the community with people who are also creatively minded.

If you do creative things, and you’re on Facebook, why not join the group. You don’t have to actually do anything as a member, although you may like to share things you’ve made or achieved from time to time. If you’ve got non-Christian friends who do creative things, and they are interested in joining, either ask them to apply to group online, or talk to Jeremy about it.

I feel this is a great way of making connections in our community and sharing our faith with those who might otherwise not come into church.

THIS MONTH at CHRIST CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY (9th April)

9.00 am – Palm Sunday Morning Prayer – Mark 11:1-11

10.45 am – **The Cross Road**

– a multi-media retelling of the first Easter

6.30 pm – Were you there – at the cross?

MAUNDY THURSDAY (13th April)

6.30 pm – Passover Meal. *(Please sign up if you are coming)*

GOOD FRIDAY (14th April)

10.45 am – Walk of Witness leaving Christ Church

11.00 am – Moreton Churches Together Good Friday Service

– *at Moreton Baptist Church.*

2.00 pm – An hour at the cross

(Music and Readings for Good Friday)

EASTER DAY (16th April)

5.45 am – Moreton Churches Easter Day Sunrise Service

Moreton Shore Car Park *(end of Pasture Road)*

9.00 am – Holy Communion – Mark 16:1-8

10.45 am – Family Communion Service – Mark 16:1-8

6.30 pm – Were you there – at the empty tomb?

SUNDAY 23rd April

9.00 am – Doubt and Faith – John 20:24-31

10.45 am – Doubt and Faith – John 20:24-31

6.30 pm – Resurrection People – Easter **Praise!**

SUNDAY 30th April

10.45 am – Christ Church Together

Followed by a shared lunch and our AGM at 1.00 pm