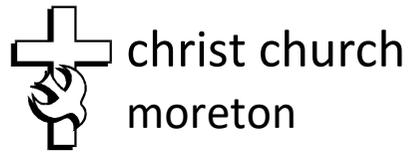


# April 2018 at



Dear friends at Christchurch

***Come, people of the risen King!***

It sometimes seems as if television is dominated by 'reality' programmes. Either it is 'I'm a Strictly X-Factor Apprentice', or it is 'My Bargain Hunt DIY SOS Masterchef'!

Maybe it's just good television, but I suspect that it's an indication that deep down many people are dissatisfied with their lives and long for something different. But sadly, while all this is going on, most people miss the very thing that actually can transform life. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul *For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared* (1 Cor.15:3-5)

**Jesus death and resurrection are the most important truths in the world** – they are truly life transforming. And that is the Good News we have for Moreton. But whilst it is wonderful news, we do face challenges in bringing it to our community. Our finances are a big challenge, but so are our need for new leadership, and for dynamic evangelism. Over the last decade our attendance at Sunday worship has declined by around 30%. And though we now have a wonderful Children and Families Worker, she desperately needs new helpers.

Faced with those challenges, we could just bury our heads in the sand, or try to figure out what we can do to deal with them. But there is a third response – to pray. That is why we are calling the whole church to prayer in the week leading up to our APCM. **Will you join with me in committing to make the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> April a week of prayer for Christ Church?** Not just for our good, but for the glory of our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

## **Our APCM is Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00 pm**

At Christ Church we have different groups, and indeed different congregations. But the APCM is a time for all of us to come together, in thankfulness for what the Lord has been doing, and in expectation and prayer for the future.

It is also the time when we appoint Church Wardens and PCC members. These might sound a bit mundane, but it is vital for us as a church that we have godly, enthusiastic and committed people in these roles. There will be nomination forms for each of these in church from 8<sup>th</sup> April – please do be praying about who should be appointed.

Ready for the APCM our Annual Report for 2017 will be available – either electronically or at the back of church in hard copy. Please read it, and see all that is happening here.

This year we are again holding our APCM after the 10.45 am service (as it is a Fifth Sunday that will be the only service that day), so as to give as many people as possible the chance to be there. We will start with a shared lunch, and then there will be a video for children while the main meeting is on, so that parents can come along.

**So – if you are part of Christ Church – please be at the APCM**

Following our APCM, **The Archdeacon's Visitation**, for Church Wardens and Sides-people, will be held at St. Peter's, Heswall, on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May, at 7.30 pm.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

You will know that Jeremy & Pauline will be leaving us, as Jeremy takes up the post of minister at St. George's and St. Thomas' in Hyde.

Their farewell service will be at 6.30 pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Please put the date in your diary.

# BLOODLINES

Concert for Nick

A concert in memory of Nick Huggins and his music

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 pm at Christ Church

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April

9.00 am



## LADIES LUNCH

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April

12.00 pm

### ***Regular weekly activities:***

#### ***Restart Dates***

<b>Monday</b>	- 9.30 am : Toddler Group	16 <sup>th</sup> April
	- 1.00 pm : TLC (only closed Easter Monday)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	- 9.30 am: Toddler Group	17 <sup>th</sup> April
	- 3.30 pm: S.O.S.	17 <sup>th</sup> April
	- 6.00 - 7.30 pm Foodbank	
<b>Wednesday</b>	- 5.30 pm: Rainbows	18 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Thursday</b>	- 9.45 am : Keep Fit	19 <sup>th</sup> April
	- 11.00 am : Keep Fit	19 <sup>th</sup> April
	- 1.00 pm : Craft Group	
	- 5.30 pm : Brownies	19 <sup>th</sup> April
	- 7.30 pm : Zumba	
<b>Friday</b>	- 9.30 am : Mothers 'n' Others	
	- 2.00 - 3.30 pm Foodbank	

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

## **THIS MONTH at CHRIST CHURCH**

### **EASTER DAY (1<sup>st</sup> April)**

9.00 am – Holy Communion – Matthew 28:1-10

10.45 am – Family Communion Service – Matthew 28:1-10

6.30 pm – Informal Communion Service – John 29:19-23

### **SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00 am – *Of first importance* : 1 Cor. 15:1-20

10.45 am – *INSIDE OUT*

6.30 pm – *Resurrection people* – Thomas – John 20:24-31

### **SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00 am – *Risen and reigning* – Acts 10:34-43

10.45 am – *RISEN*

6.30 pm – *Resurrection people* – Peter – John 21:15-25

### **SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

9.00 am, 10.45 am & 6.30 pm

**Week of Prayer Launch** – Ephesians 1:15-23

### **SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> April**

10.45 am – Christ Church Together – Romans 12:1-8

Followed by a shared lunch and our AGM at 1.00 pm



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growing disciples  
being disciples