

# May 2018 at



Dear friends at Christchurch

*Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain.*

Psalm 127:1

Our Week of Prayer, leading up to our APCM, was an important time for us, and it was good to see people meeting each day for prayer, as well as praying on their own. It was important, because we do need to keep our focus right – as we face challenges the solution doesn't lie in us, but in our great God. So do please go on praying!

There will be more opportunity for prayer as we join with the worldwide church between Ascension and Pentecost to pray "Thy Kingdom Come" Two years ago the Archbishops of Canterbury & York encouraged Christians to use that period to ask for the Holy Spirit to help them be witnesses to Jesus Christ and to pray for others to discover that living faith. By last year hundreds of thousands joined in. Having had our local week of prayer, it will be great to be part of something which is now global.

The church was born in prayer – not just private individual prayer, but prayer together, and on Sunday mornings this month we are going to look at some of the key times in the book of Acts when the church prayed together, with dramatic results. Growing in prayer does involve praying with others, which can sometimes be challenging.

As we have discovered in our week of prayer, sometimes when we are praying God seems to lay something on our hearts – it might be a picture, or a word. These might be part of his guiding us in response to our prayers, so we are recording these in a book which will be in the Prayer Room in the Parish Centre, and we will be praying through these as we seek to clarify our vision for the future.

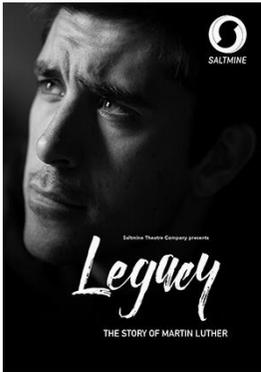
Yours in Christ

*Graham Cousins*



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Inside this Newsletter you will find details of how we will be doing that at Christ Church, but “Thy Kingdom Come” is also being marked at Chester Cathedral. Each Deanery is invited to a service during the period – Graham will be leading a service for Wallasey Deanery on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00 noon – anyone who is able to be there would be very welcome.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
9.00 am



### **LEGACY – The story of Martin Luther**

Who was Martin Luther? What is the significance of his life?

A group of students gather in their lecture hall to discuss these questions. They become engaged with Luther's life story and discover a man compelled by his conscience, devout faith and intense study of Scripture to challenge accepted practices and beliefs. A man who had the courage of his convictions at great personal cost

and whose unprecedented work to translate the Bible into his 'mother tongue' reveals a heart's desire to reach out to all people.

500 years after the Reformation, join Saltmine Theatre Company to uncover the life of a true pioneer and appreciate his legacy today.

FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 7.30 pm – Harrison Hall, Wallasey

## CONFIRMATION

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October Bishop Peter will be with us at 10.45 am for a confirmation service. Confirmation is a great opportunity for anyone who has either come to faith or has recommitted their life to Jesus to publicly mark that commitment to Jesus, and to commit themselves to serve him as part of Christ Church. Even if you have been confirmed in the past, it is possible to renew your baptismal vows in the service. If you feel that confirmation might be an appropriate step for you, do please speak to Graham.

## GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

Like other organisations and charities, we are having to ask for new permission from people to keep their details. Hopefully as a member of Christ Church, you will want us to be able to contact you, but for that to be able to happen, we do need you to complete and return the form inside this Newsletter. Thank you.

### Regular weekly activities:

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| <b>Monday</b>    | - | 9.30 am : Toddler Group      |
|                  | - | 1.00 pm : TLC                |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | - | 9.30 am: Toddler Group       |
|                  | - | 3.30 pm: S.O.S.              |
|                  | - | 6.00 - 7.30 pm Foodbank      |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | - | 5.30 pm: Rainbows            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | - | 9.45 am : Keep Fit           |
|                  | - | 11.00 am : Keep Fit          |
|                  | - | 1.00 pm : Craft Group        |
|                  | - | 5.30 pm : Brownies           |
|                  | - | 7.30 pm: Zumba               |
| <b>Friday</b>    | - | 9.30 am : Mothers 'n' Others |
|                  | - | 2.00 - 3.30 pm Foodbank      |

All groups will be closed on the week of Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May except for Foodbank, Craft Group, Mother's n others and Zumba.

## SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH THIS MONTH

**PRAYING WITH THE EARLY CHURCH:** At 9.00 am & 10.45 am we will look at the way in which the early church prayed together.

**THINGS PEOPLE SAY:** At 6.30 pm we will think about some common phrases, and look at them in the light of the Psalms.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May – 9.00 & 10.45 am The Lord's other prayer  
– *Matthew 9:35-38*  
6.30 pm God knows – *Psalm 33*

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May (**The Sunday after Ascension**)  
– 9.00 & 10.45 am Waiting on God – *Acts 1:12-26*  
6.30 pm – God willing – *Psalm 37*

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May (**Pentecost**)  
– 9.00 & 10.45 am A pattern for praying together  
– *Acts 4:23-31*  
6.30 pm – PENTECOST PRAISE at Moreton Baptist Church  
*No service at Christ Church*

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May (**Trinity Sunday**)  
– 9.00 & 10.45 am Attuned to God's will  
– *Acts 11:19-30 & Acts 13:1-3*  
6.30 pm God forsaken – *Psalm 139*

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 9.00 am & 10.45 am Battleground Prayer  
– *Acts 12:1-17*  
5.00 pm – Shared Tea, followed at 6.30 pm with a Farewell service for Jeremy & Pauline Bentliff.

**Jeremy's institution** as vicar of St. George's and St. Thomas' is on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm**. The church there would like to know how many from Christ Church expect to be there, so if you are planning on going, please sign up on the list on the Welcome Desk. Please also indicate if you would be interested in travelling by coach – there is limited parking at the church.