



ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL

CHRIST CHURCH
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CHRIST CHURCH VISION 2017

1. To **DEEPEN** our commitment to Christ and to one another
2. To **INCREASE** our relevance to the people of Moreton
3. To **RESPOND** with compassion to the needs in our community
4. To **DEVELOP** our evangelism within our community and among our friends

The diary for this term looks like this:

Wednesday 9th January
 Week beginning Mon 14th January
 Week beginning Mon 21st January
 Week beginning Mon 28th January

Week beginning Mon 4th February
 Wednesday 13th February

Week beginning Mon 18th February
 Week beginning Mon 25th February

Wednesday 6th March
 Week beginning Mon 11th March
 Week beginning Mon 18th March
 Thursday 28th March

Prayer Meeting
 Home Group 1
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2013 is a very significant year for Christ Church, as we celebrate our 150th anniversary. We can look back to 1863, when much work was taking place completing the church building, and we can thank God for the vision which led to the establishing of Christ Church. We can also look to the present, as we plan to carry out work on the church building to make it more user-friendly for the current time.

But we shouldn't just be thinking about the building we meet in. So often we are reminded that the church is people – those whom God has brought together to worship and serve him here. And this year we need to be looking forward, and working to build up Christ Church as a Welcoming, Evangelising, Loving and Learning church. Vision 2017, which our PCC have spent many hours working on, highlights 4 goals we need to be working on over the next 5 years. That is something in which we all have a part to play, because we are the bricks from which God is building his church – each of us is another brick in the wall.

This term, as we begin our anniversary year, we will be looking at the book of Nehemiah. As we follow his work in building up Jerusalem, let's pray that the Lord will help us put what we learn into practice, so that we play our part in building up his church here.

The book of Nehemiah covers the period at the end of Old Testament history. Hundreds of years earlier, Israel had been a glorious and powerful nation, under its great kings David and then Solomon. But increasingly they had turned away from the Lord, and despite continued warnings from the prophets, especially Isaiah and Jeremiah, the people still didn't turn back to him. The story of Israel seemed to have ended in 587 BC, when Jerusalem was captured by the Babylonians, who carried the inhabitants off into exile in Babylon. (*see 2 Chronicles 36:11-21*) But God hadn't given up on his

people, and the books of Ezra and Nehemiah describe the three-stage return of the exiles to Jerusalem.

In 539 BC Babylon was captured by Cyrus the Persian who encouraged captives, including the Jews, to return home and rebuild their temples (*see Ezra 1:1-4*)

In 538 BC about 50,000 Jews returned to Judea with Zerubbabel, and began to rebuild the temple. This was finished in 516 BC (the prophecies of Zechariah and Haggai were encouragements to the people to get on with the work!)

In 458 BC another party returned from exile with Ezra (*see Ezra 7*)

Then in 445 BC Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem. When the exiles first returned they didn't find their old land empty. Other people had begun living there. Judah had become a part of the region of Samaria. The religious practices of Samaria, which seem to have been a mixture of Jewish and pagan worship, were the norm. By Nehemiah's time it seems that many of the Jews who had returned with Zerubbabel had married pagan wives, and taken on board some of their practices.

Almost a hundred years had passed since the initial return, but the city of Jerusalem was still not rebuilt and conditions were pretty hard. Before the exile Judah had been a nation, but now the Jews were just a religious minority amongst suspicious and often hostile neighbours. The book of Malachi written around this time gives a picture of a community which had a Temple but where spiritual realities were not being taken seriously, and a community which was in danger of losing its distinctive religious identity through integration with the rest of Palestinian Society.

At the start of our story Nehemiah is still living in Persia like many other Jews, but he asked to be sent to Jerusalem because, like Ezra, he was concerned about the plight of God's chosen people. First of all Nehemiah set about rebuilding the city, and then the community and its religious life.

1. GETTING THE FOUNDATION RIGHT

WELCOME

What are you looking forward to in 2013? Is there anything you are not looking forward to?

WORSHIP

As we will see, when Nehemiah prayed, the first thing he did was to remember the greatness and the holiness of God. Take some time praising God for who he is.

WORD

On June 27 2009 in Shanghai an almost completed 13-story apartment building simply toppled over. There was no earthquake or typhoon to cause it. The collapsed building was in one piece, but rested on its side – it looked like a toy a child had pushed over. The problem? The foundations, or lack of them.

It reminded me of one of Jesus' most famous parables – about the wise and foolish builders. Each built a house; one with foundations in rock, the other with foundations in sand. But, of course, foundations in sand are no foundations at all. And when the storms came, that house collapsed.

If you are building a house, the foundations are vital. If you are building your life, the foundations are vital. And if we want to see Christ Church built up – the foundations are vital. That was something which Nehemiah understood.

Read Nehemiah 1:1 – 11

Nehemiah's story shows that he was a man of action, a man who got things done, but first of all he was a man who got the foundations right:

- A. He sought out information (1:2-3)
- B. He was concerned by what he heard, and he responded to it. (1:4)
- C. He prayed. (1:5-11)

Nehemiah questioned the men to find out the full facts. He was concerned enough about the state of his fellow Jews, and the city of Jerusalem, to check whether everything was alright, and when he found that it wasn't, he was concerned enough to be emotionally moved and to respond.

- Nehemiah wept over the state of Jerusalem. Are we equally concerned about the condition of Christ Church? Have you ever wept about things either in the church or in our community?
- Compared to Nehemiah, do you think we are too easily satisfied with things as they are? Or do we leave it to others to do what is necessary?

Having identified the problem, Nehemiah's first step was to pray. Look at Nehemiah's prayer.

- ❖ He remembers how great God is.
- ❖ He confesses Israel's sin
- ❖ He remembers God's promises.
- ❖ He asks for God's help.

- Why are each of these important? Do they form part of your prayers?
- What can we learn from Nehemiah's prayer that will help us in our own prayer?

Read Nehemiah 2:1-10

The month of Kislev (1:1) ran from mid November to mid December. The month of Nisan was March / April. So it was about 4 months between Nehemiah's prayer, and the answer.

- God doesn't always answer our prayers right away. How good are you at continuing to pray about something until God answers?

As 'cupbearer' to the king Nehemiah had access to the king, but still he had to choose his timing carefully. He was able to use his position for God.

- In some way, however small, we all have unique opportunities to do the same. What opportunities do you have to serve God which maybe no-one else in your group has?
- Are there people you know for whom you are the only Christian they ever meet?
- How could you make better use of the opportunities you have?

To look sad in the king's presence was very risky! It took courage for Nehemiah to act that way, but it was a necessary part of his planning.

- Have you ever done something risky because you felt it was what God wanted you to do?

When the king asked Nehemiah what he wanted, his requests were clearly well thought out. For any idea to become reality, practical plans need to be formulated and put into action.

- Do you plan what you would say if a friend asked you about your faith? Are you *prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have* (1 Peter 3:15)?
- Nehemiah both prayed and planned. In fact, it was probably as he prayed that these plans began to develop. How can we bring together our praying and planning at Christ Church? What could we do to help us pray together more?

WORK

One of the goals in **Vision 2016** is:

- ❖ **To DEVELOP our evangelism** within our community and among our friends.

Next month our 'Come to the Light' mission will begin. If we are to make the most of this opportunity, like Nehemiah we will need to plan. Pray together for people you would like to invite.

2. BUILDING TOGETHER

WELCOME

Would you rather work on your own, or as part of a team? Why?

WORSHIP

Led by Nehemiah, the people of Jerusalem worked as a team. Spend some time thanking God for the people who make up Christ Church, and asking for his blessing on our church.

WORD

I like watching Formula 1 on TV. And I think that one of the most spectacular things in a Grand Prix is when a car comes into the pits for a tyre change. On the rare occasions I've had to change a wheel on my car, it has usually taken me half an hour – but in a Grand Prix a pit lane team can change a full set of tyres in as little as 3 seconds. It takes a team of around 15 people working together to achieve it – each of them has his job, but each is also dependent on the others to do their job as well.

It is a tremendous example of team work. And the same sort of team work is needed in building up the church. Each person has a job to do, but each person also depends on others carrying out their part of the work.

Read Nehemiah 2:11 -20

Nehemiah's night-time inspection showed that the walls of Jerusalem were indeed 'broken down' and its gates 'destroyed by fire'.

The Jews had put up with the state of the walls for years before Nehemiah came and motivated them to rebuild. But as soon as he encouraged them, they were keen to do it (2:17-18).

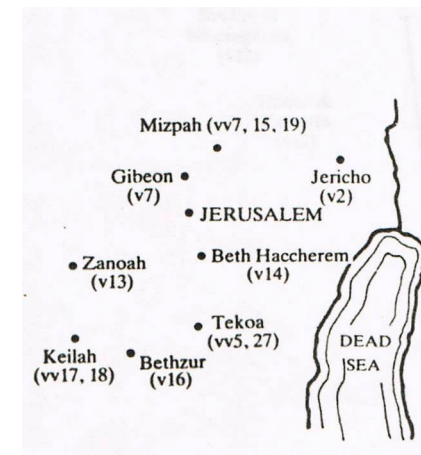
- Are there ways in which as a church we have become complacent about things which should be of concern to us?

Read Nehemiah 3:1-32 (don't worry too much about all the names!)

Although chapter 3 might have seemed boring to read with its long list of unpronounceable names, it does tell us a lot about how the people threw themselves into the work.

- Go through chapter 3 and list as many different types of people and groups involved in the building as you can. How many of these would previously have known much about building?

WHERE THE BUILDERS LIVED



Many of the builders came from towns outside Jerusalem. As can be seen from the map some of these were a fair distance away in days when most people travelled by foot.

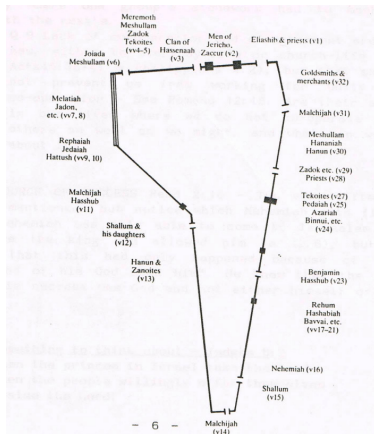
The rebuilding didn't actually benefit them, but they were still willing to make considerable sacrifices to be involved.

- Are there things which you have been reluctant to get involved in because you wouldn't benefit from personally from them?

Notice that both men and women (3:12); important people (3:1) and ordinary people (3:5); and many seemingly unqualified people (e.g. 3:8) were all willing to give it a try and get involved because they believed that was what God wanted them to do.

THINK!

Do you really believe that there is something for everyone to do in Christ Church? Are you playing your part willingly and enthusiastically?



With so many different groups working on the wall, everything had to be well coordinated so that the different sections of the wall all joined up properly. Nehemiah must have been an exceptional and inspirational leader, but a leader can only be as good as the people he or she leads, and these people really got stuck into the job.

Nehemiah must have had a detailed master plan showing how everything should fit together.

- Do you understand how the work you are doing fits into the whole ministry of Christ Church? How can we make sure we all understand the vision here?

Notice the constant 'next to him' and 'next to them'. The different groups worked together — if they hadn't the wall would never have been finished.

One of the goals in our **Vision 2016** is:

- ❖ **To DEEPEN our commitment** to Christ and to one another
- How committed do you feel you are to Christ Church? What could you do to deepen your commitment to others in the church?
- At Christ Church are we all working together? Are there people you find it difficult to get on with? How can we become better at working alongside those we normally wouldn't be friends with?

Finally — the true source of success.

Read 2:18 again. Two very different powers are mentioned, but notice which one comes first. Nehemiah knew that the real source of his success was God and not either himself or the king.

The people didn't merely start the work, they kept at it. In fact some people, having finished their section of the wall, went off to help with another bit (e.g. Meremoth — v.4 & 21).

- It is very tempting to do our bit, and then to want to take it easy. And of course, God wants us to rest as well as work. But if you are involved in working at Christ Church at the moment, are you open to God having some extra work for you?

WORK

Another of our goals in *Vision 2016* is:

❖ **To DEEPEN our commitment** to Christ and to one another
If Christ Church is to grow, we have to continue to work at our relationships. As a group, start planning some way in which you could build relationships with some other members of Christ Church who aren't currently part of a house-group.

3. BUILDING DESPITE OPPOSITION

WELCOME

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?

WORSHIP

God's people have always faced opposition. Use some of the psalms (e.g. Psalm 25) or modern songs like 'Faithful One' as you come before God.

WORD

No sooner had Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem than some people began to see him as a threat (Nehemiah 2:10). That opposition increased as soon as work on the wall started.

Opposition to the great building project came from all sides. Sanballat was governor of Samaria in the north. Tobaiah was an official in Ammon, to the east, despite being of Jewish descent. Both of them would probably have considered themselves as religious men — they both had a Jewish background and would probably consider that they worshipped the same God as Nehemiah. Gesham was an Arab official from the south. Ashdod was in the west, and as it was one of the Philistine city states it was a historic enemy of Israel.

Probably all these opponents thought that if Jerusalem was rebuilt, then their own power base would be weakened.

Read Nehemiah 4:1-23

None of us likes facing opposition and difficulties. We don't find it easy to 'Consider it pure joy, whenever we face trials of many kinds' (James 1:2-3), but as someone has said 'Satan never opposes anything that is insignificant', and if we are doing God's will opposition will come.

- Share among yourselves times at which you have faced opposition as a result of being a Christian, and how the Lord helped you to overcome it.

Right from the start Nehemiah faced outside opposition. Read the passages below and notice how the opposition developed.

- **2:10**
- **2:19-29**
- **4:1-5**
- **4:7-15**
- **6:1-4**
- **6:5-9**

Look again at 4:11-12, and at 6:9, 6:10-13, 6:19.

- What common tactic can you pick out from these verses?

Fear is a common weapon of the enemy. Jesus often had to tell the disciples not to be afraid.

- Share what sorts of fears hold us back from doing what we think God would like us to do.

God doesn't want his people to be immobilised by fear. What principles can we learn from Nehemiah about how to deal with opposition and fears in our own lives?

- 4:4, 4:9a
- 4:14
- 4:9b,4:13,4:16,4:21-23
- 4:19-20
- How might we apply these in our lives?

Re-read 4:16-23. See how the people kept guard and worked with their weapons handy. We too are in a battle, but ours is a spiritual battle. Like Nehemiah we need to have our weapons ready — see Ephesians 6:10-20.

When the opposition was at its strongest, half the people were working, whilst the other half were the 'support troops'.

- How can we be supporting one another? How important is it to you to pray regularly for others at Christ Church.

Read Nehemiah 6:15-19

Despite all the opposition and distraction, Nehemiah concentrated on the job in hand, and 6:15 tells us that not only were the repairs completed successfully, but that they were completed in the amazingly quick time of 52 days.

Nehemiah 4:9 shows the two things that were vital in this. And in 6:16 Nehemiah acknowledges the source of the people's success. God is still the same, and still wants to work through his people.

Despite continued opposition, the wall was finished. As a result of this, others who had seen the building realised that God was at work.

- In what way should people be able to see God at work within Christ Church?

WORK

Prayer is one of the greatest privileges a Christian has. At the same time, regular, committed prayer for others is also hard work! But we need to see such prayer as a vital part of our belonging to Christ Church.

I know that most of our home-group members do pray regularly for one another, which is great. But how can you help one another to pray more seriously for others outside your group?

4. STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS!

WELCOME

When did you last get angry about something?

WORSHIP

Micah 6:8 says *'He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'*

Praise God for his justice and mercy — and pray that he will help you to be more like him.

WORD

It sometimes seems that the church is its own worst enemy. It has this capacity to 'shoot itself in the foot'. Instead of giving the world around the witness of a people whose lives and lifestyles have been dramatically changed by God, we seem at times to be little different from those around us, living lives filled with sinful compromises, and squabbling among ourselves. Nehemiah faced similar problems.

Read Nehemiah 5

Poverty was being caused by the fact that farmers were not able to look after their fields while they were involved in the wall building, so they did not have the time to grow the food they needed to live on. The wealthy were then cashing in on the situation to make money for themselves.

One of the goals in our **Vision 2016** is:

- ❖ **To RESPOND with compassion** to the needs in our community

- What needs are you aware of in Moreton? What could we as a church do to try to help?

And, of course, needs aren't just found in Moreton generally.

- Are there any sections of our church community whose needs are being overlooked by the rest?

It is very easy to subconsciously want church life organised in a way which suits me best. The things we want may not be wrong in themselves, but may not be best for the church as a whole.

- One of the strengths of a good house-group is that we should be able to help each other see ways in which we might be acting selfishly within the church community. How can we help each other not to put our own desires and preferences first?

When Nehemiah heard what was going on, he became very angry (v.6).

- Do you think it is right for Christians to be angry? If so, what sort of things should we be angry about?

Anger often leads us either to loose our temper with others, or to bear a grudge against someone.

- How can Nehemiah's example help us not to do this?

The Bible is consistent in teaching that the people of God who 'have' are responsible for helping those who 'have not' (See Amos 5:11-15, James 5:1-6)

- How do you think we as a church could do more to consider the needs of others instead of making sure we are comfortable?

PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH

Nehemiah not only urged others to forgo their 'rights' for the sake of the community as a whole, but set an example himself by foregoing some of the 'rights' and 'perks' which usually went with being Governor.

- What was Nehemiah's main reason for doing this (v.15)?

- How important is it to you to be acting in a way which pleases and honours God, even if it means going against what others might be doing?

- Have you ever had to stand out against the crowd in that way?

WORK

Nehemiah took action to help those who were struggling. What could you do as a group to show God's care for those who are struggling? Are there any specific people you would like to encourage in some way?

5. BUILDING BY THE BOOK

WELCOME

What is your favourite book?

WORSHIP

Have someone read Psalm 19:7-14 slowly.

Thank God for the Bible. Tell him why it is important to you. (If you are stuck for ideas, look at Psalm 119!)

WORD

Last year, as we celebrated the diamond jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, we were reminded of some words spoken during the coronation, when the Queen was handed a Bible:

“Our gracious Queen: to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom; This is the royal Law; These are the lively Oracles of God.”

They are words which I’m sure most in Christ Church would agree with – but I wonder to what extent we do shape our lives according to God’s word.

Read Nehemiah 7:1-5 & 7:73 – 8:18

The wall was now rebuilt, and the gatekeepers and guards were appointed to take care of security (7:1-3). The city was still in quite a state as 7:4-5 shows us (few residents and most of the houses still in

ruins), but Nehemiah now leaves buildings to concentrate on community, and in 7:1 we find that as soon as the walls were completed he appointed ‘singers and Levites’ to lead the Temple worship.

- Worship was one of Nehemiah's priorities. Is it one of ours?
- How important to you is it to meet with other at Christ Church to worship each Sunday? What sort of things might prevent you from being there?
- What can we do to improve our own attitude to and practice of worship?

As you read on, you will discover that the people’s worship led to action.

- Do we expect our encounter with God as we meet at Christ Church on Sunday to change the way we act in the week?
- Does it in practice?

Having finished the building of the walls, Nehemiah gathered all the people together in the main square of Jerusalem. This happened just a few days after the wall was completed (It was finished on the 25th day of the 6th month (see 6:15), and the gathering was on the 1st day of the seventh month). Everyone was there for this important occasion, which was given over to reading from the Bible. As the newly formed community began its life, they looked to God's word for guidance about how they should live.

- In what ways does the Bible influence the way you do your work, the way you spend your leisure time, the relationships you keep etc? Can you think of ways in which following the Bible means that you stand out from those you work with or socialise with?

Chapter 8 gives a picture of how the people responded to ‘the Book’, even though it is obvious that it was completely new to many of them.

1. They gave it time — v.2&3, 13, 18
 2. They gave it attention — v.3b, 13
 3. They made sure it was understood — v.7&8
 4. They responded and obeyed it — v.9b, 13-17
- Do you think the Bible has such a central place in the life of Christ Church as it did for the people then?
 - Are there things we should be doing to make it more central in our own lives and in the church?

Some parts of the Bible seem hard to understand, and even back in the time of Nehemiah it was realised that teachers were needed to help the people understand ‘the Book’ correctly. Paul talks about the church needing ‘pastors and teachers’ (Ephesians 4:11).

- What things have members of the group done to help them understand God's word and how it applies today?
- Why do you think the people's first response to hearing God's word was to weep (v.9)? Has the Bible ever had this effect on you?

- Why do you think the Levites responded that instead they should celebrate (v.9-12)? Does understanding God's word give you the sort of joy recorded in v.12?

When the people heard what was written in ‘the Law’, they immediately put it into practice.

- How easy do you find it to put into practice what you read in the Bible?
- Have there been things you have read which you have been unwilling to obey?

8:18 talks about the Bible being read day after day.

- Do you find it easy or difficult to read the Bible regularly? What could you do to make reading the Bible a more regular part of your life?

WORK

Come next time prepared to share a passage of scripture that has meant something special to you, and to tell the rest of the group why it is important.

6. INTERIOR DECORATION

WELCOME

Describe something you find difficult to do.

WORSHIP

Following on from last time, share the passages of scripture you have brought, then together praise God for the way he speaks through his word.

WORD

The work on the wall was finished. The people had been reminded from the Book of the Law what God expected of them, and they had confessed their past failures. Now they committed themselves to certain actions which would be important if they were to live as God's people.

Read Nehemiah 10:28-39

1) Separation (v.28, 30)

The people separated themselves from the neighbouring peoples. In our multicultural society, this sounds extreme. Only those who were Jews were to have a place within the city.

- Why do you think this was important for them?
- What would have been the danger in mixing freely with other nations who would have worshipped other gods?
- Do you think they were right to do it?

No Christian can completely separate him or herself from contact with non-Christians, and God does not want us to do so. He wants us to love them, and witness to them. However, there are certain relationships that we should know are not good for us.

- Have there been times when you have been in a situation where you knew that you needed to remove yourself from a relationship because it was not good for you as a Christian?

2) Sabbath. (v.31)

The Jews kept one day a week specially for God, this was called the Sabbath and fell on Saturday. It was a day for rest and for worship. (Exodus 20:8-11 give us the original law about the Sabbath).

- What do you think God's purpose was in wanting the Jews to keep the Sabbath?

Christians continued to keep one day a week specially for worship, but changed to Sunday because that was the day on which Jesus had risen from the dead — 'the Lord's Day'

- Do you think that Sunday should still be a special day for Christians?
- What should we do (or avoid doing) to make it special?

3) Giving (v.32-39)

The people promised to maintain the work of the temple by regular giving. These verses mention several ways in which the people gave:

v.32

v.34

v.35-37a

v.37b — 38

Put together, this giving would ensure that everything that was needed to maintain the temple and those who worked there was provided.

- In comparison with God's people then, do you think that at Christ Church we take our financial responsibility to support God's work here seriously enough?
- Is there more that we could be doing if we had the resources, both in terms of money and manpower?

WORK

After Easter we will be running either Christianity Explored, or some similar course, as a follow up to 'Come to the Light'. How could your group be involved in that?

7. BUILDING MAINTENANCE

WELCOME

Are you better at starting new things, or at completing what you have already started?

WORSHIP

Philippians 1:6 says: *being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

Praise God for his faithfulness, especially for times when he has kept hold of you even if you have drifted from him.

WORD

I think that most people find it easier to start a job than it is to finish it? It is so tempting to stop just short, especially when the end of the job is the hardest part. The little bit of painting on the skirting board which was just too difficult to get to, the walk that required just a bit too much effort. The books which you start reading – but never quite get to the end. The letters you've started writing – but which have never got finished. The garden which you have got most of the weeds out – and then decided to call it a day.

The problem is, of course, that if a job isn't finished, things have a nasty habit of going backwards. That is what we find at the end of Nehemiah – some of the good things that had been started began to slip. Fortunately Nehemiah wasn't like me – he was ready to get stuck in again and get things back on track.

Read Nehemiah 13

After 12 years in Jerusalem, Nehemiah returned to Babylon. Some time later, when he returned to Jerusalem, he found that despite all the solemn promises that the people had made at first, things had begun to slip back.

1. Eliashib the high priest had given Tobiah, one of Nehemiah's old enemies, a room in the temple itself. (verses 4-7)
2. People had stopped financially supporting the priests and the temple worship, and temple officials had been forced to leave and take up farming to earn a living. (verses 10-11)
3. Many had stopped observing the Sabbath by working themselves and allowing foreign merchants to come in and trade (verses 15-18)
4. Many had started again to marry those from the surrounding nations – the high priest's grandson had even married the daughter of Sanballat, another of Nehemiah's old enemies (verses 23-28)

Nehemiah had to set to work to deal with these issues. And it is all a reminder to us of how easily we can lose our passion for the Lord and drift off into being the same as the people around us.

- How might the problems that Nehemiah had to deal with be found today in the church?
- How practically should we respond to them?
- What sort of pressures do you feel under to compromise your faith?

- What would you say to someone who told you that Christians should not be so arrogant in insisting that Jesus Christ is the only way to God?
- Can you think of examples of people or things which have moved in and taken over the place of God in your life?

WORK

The people were enthusiastic enough while the building was going on, but once everything had settled down, they easily lost their way. Are there people you know who have lost their way with God? What could you do as a group to draw them back?

CHRIST CHURCH, MORETON

We want to be a **W**elcoming Church

Because Jesus welcomed all who came to him

an **E**vangelsing Church

*Because we believe that everyone has the right to hear the
Good News of Jesus*

a **L**oving Church

*Because Jesus commanded his followers to love one
another*

a **L**earning Church

*Because we are in the business of making disciples, and
disciples must always be learners*