

christ church

WHAT'S ON

Sunday 3rd February 2008

We give a warm welcome to all visitors with us here.
If you are here for the first time, please do
fill in one of our welcome cards.
Please join us for a cup of tea/coffee

Services this week:

**9.00 am - Holy Communion (BCP)/
10.45 am Family Worship**

Shining like stars....in our community (I Peter 3:13-18a)
6.30 pm Holy Communion

Good news....for those who search (Matthew 13:44-46)

Tuesday 4.00 pm Shine
Daniel 6 - Old Solution

After each of our services members of our prayer ministry team will be available to pray with you. If you would like prayer for any reason please make your way to the front of church as the service ends.

**You shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.
(Philippians 2:15-16)**

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Services next week (10th February)

9.00 am - Morning Prayer/10.45 am Family Service

Who was Jesus? - Mark 1:1-15

6.30 pm Evening Praise

The journey starts - Mark 10:32-45

Sermon Series

Please note there is a family service on the 10th February but not on the 17th February as indicated on our sermon series leaflet.



O P E N C H U R C H

Christ Church is open for prayer each weekday from 12.00—1.00 pm, concluding each day with a short service of prayer. Do make the most of this opportunity to have a quiet place to pray during the day, and make sure that others in our community know that Christ Church is open for them.

Diary for the Week

8.50 am Morning Prayer in church

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

For regular diary events please refer to the inserted newsletter

Monday - 10.45 am Pam Farrell's Funeral Service

(Ash) Wednesday - 9.15 am Communion Service
in Church
- 7.30 pm Informal Communion
Service Parish Centre

Tuesday 12th February

Sponge Bob Square Pants Day

CHRIST CHURCH MORETON VALENTINE TEA DANCE

Christ Church Parish Centre

Wednesday 13th February

1.00 pm—3.00 pm

Everyone Welcome

Please telephone 604 0049

Cost: £1



SPREAD THE WORD

John Wesley once said reading Christians are growing Christians. Lent is a great opportunity to make time to read - maybe by giving up something else you normally do. If you'd like some ideas of a book to read why not dip into 'Spread the Word'. This contains samples from 28 different Christian books so that you can get an idea of what might appeal to you. There is a copy in the tea bar - please take a look

Regular weekly activities:

Monday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
Tuesday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.15 pm Art Group
Wednesday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.00 pm Needlecraft Group
	-	1.30 pm Toddler Group
	-	5.00 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
	-	Evening Bowls

LENT 2008

As usual we will be meeting with Christians from the other churches in Moreton for Lent lunches each Wednesday in Lent. These will be at Sacred Heart Social Club, starting at 12 noon with a brief service, followed by a light lunch. This year the services will be based around some of Jesus' parables.

This is a great opportunity to meet together as churches in Moreton - do please come along if you can.

We will also be having a brief communion service in church every Wednesday morning during Lent at 9.15 am. It would be lovely to see you there.

News from Christ Church School

We announced last week that Anne Vickers will be leaving Christ Church School at the end of this term to take up a new headship after Easter. Anne has been a great servant to the school, and has worked to build the good relationship that exists between the school and the church. She is going to be a hard act to follow!

Please pray for Graham as Chair of Governors, and for the rest of the Governors, as they begin the process of appointing a new head for the school. Pray that the Lord will bring someone to the school who will continue its strong Christian ethos.

Thank you

Ruth Jones wishes to express a deeply appreciative thank you for all your prayers, get well wishes and cards, also visits, since her recent operation. She says "I am now progressing well with the Lord's help. God bless you all".

Moreton Baptist Church

Moreton Baptist Church are holding their own occasional late night worship event called 'In Spirit and in Truth'. The first one is on ***Friday 29th February at 9.00 pm..***

DO YOU FANCY A WEEKEND AWAY?

St James's church in Birkenhead have a church weekend on the last weekend in April and have some spare places. The weekend is at Beechwood Court, Conway and runs from Friday tea time till Sunday lunch time. The speaker for the weekend is Graham Cousins, but don't let that put you off there will also be plenty of good food and wonderful scenery. The weekend costs £85.40 per person fully inclusive (reductions for children and young people). If you're interested in going please speak to Graham as soon as possible - bookings will need to be made within the next few days.

Reading Rotas

These are now available at the back of the church in the pigeon holes

PLEASE PRAY

For those who are ill: Dorothy Tyrer, Bel Kendal, Joyce Lillie, Ruth Jones, Thelma Whitfield, Lesley Bailey, Nancy Barrow (in hospital), Joyce Thomas.

For Derek Farrell & family on the recent death of his wife Pam, and for the family & friends of Antia Dunlop & Violet Bartram recently bereaved.

Pray also for Gary & Katie Scorah who are here today for a service of Thanksgiving for their son Riley.



Please remember to pray for the people and topics in our Prayer Diary



COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory: who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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OFFICE HOURS

9.30 am to 12.30 pm

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February 2008 at Christ Church

Dear friends at Christchurch

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday – the start of Lent. In our society today, Lent means little more than giving up something for the 40 days running up to Easter – usually some little luxury. But through the history of the church, the important thing in Lent hasn't been giving up something just for its own sake, as if God will somehow be pleased with me if I manage without chocolate for 40 days! For many centuries Christians have used this period leading up to Easter as a time to look at their lives and their walk with the Lord, and to try to get rid of those things which hinder that living relationship that God invites us to through the Lord Jesus.

So – far more than being about giving something up, Lent is about growing in our knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus – which I think is a whole lot more exciting!

But if we do want to grow in that wonderful relationship, we do need to take time to look at our own priorities. No matter whether you have been a Christian for a few months, or for many years, the world we live in does tend to squeeze us into its own mould. So why not make this Lent a time for getting back to basics, and making sure that we really have put Jesus first in our lives. Make time to pray, make time for the Bible, make time for worship. Those are the things which all too easily get squeezed out, but without which we will be spiritually impoverished.

And make time for church. Starting next Sunday, our services through Lent will be focussing on Mark's gospel. This will be a chance to be reminded of what the Good News of Jesus really is – so that we can know it for ourselves, and also be more equipped to share it with others.

Yours in Christ