

March 2010 at Christ Church

Dear friends at Christ Church

Our '40 days of Prayer' are now well underway. Alongside our daily readings through Luke's gospel, we have daily topics for prayer, and also weekly opportunities to meet for prayer – Tuesday mornings at 7.30, and Thursday evenings at 6.30.

There is a real challenge for us in this – making time to pray is something that I guess most of us struggle with. And even when we have made a start in regular, committed prayer, it then becomes a challenge to keep going.

One of my weaknesses is that I'm a lot better at starting things than I am at continuing them! And I confess that having started our 40 days of prayer with enthusiasm, it is now getting to be hard work. There seem to be so many other things that I could be doing. But I know that I'm not alone in that – it seems to have been the case even in Jesus' time.

Jesus once told a parable about a persistent widow, who day after day, week after week, kept pestering a judge until he gave her justice. And Luke introduces the parable by telling us *'Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and never give up.* (Luke 18:1)

So there is a challenge for us. Prayer is not a matter of bringing our concerns to God once, and then moving on to something else. As Christians through the ages have found, prayer is about being in it for the long haul. Jesus parable goes on to say that the Lord will respond when his people continue to cry out to him. And then comes one of those little stings in the tail which parables often have: *'However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'* (Luke 18:8) In other words, the main things which shows our faith in the Lord Jesus is our persistent prayer. What an incentive to keep at it!

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

Regular weekly activities:

Monday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.00 pm TLC
Tuesday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.15 pm Art Group
	-	4.00 pm Shine
Wednesday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.00 pm Needlecraft Group
	-	1.30 pm Toddler Group
	-	5.15 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
	-	7.00 pm Evening Bowls

Men's Breakfast



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Come and join us for the best breakfast on the Wirral and a chance to think about:

What would Jesus say to...



Saturday 20th March 2010 @ 8:30am Christ Church Centre

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday 6th June we will be having a confirmation service at Christ Church.

Confirmation is a great opportunity for anyone who has either come to faith or has recommitted their life to Jesus over the past 18 months 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.

In the run up to the service we will be holding a 'Thinking about Confirmation' course, which will be starting after Easter. If you feel that confirmation might be an appropriate step for you, do please speak to Graham.

AGM 2010

An important date for your diary is Wednesday 21st April – our AGM. More details will be coming out later, but please do plan to be there.

In the run up to the AGM we will be updating our **Electoral Roll**. This is the official list of church members – so if you think of yourself as part of Christ Church, but aren't yet on the Roll, please do fill in a form and give it to Eileen Hughes, our Electoral Roll Officer. If you aren't sure whether you are on the Roll, please ask Eileen – she will be able to tell you!

EASTER 2010 at Christ Church.

Thursday 1 st April	6.30 pm	Passover Meal
Good Friday	10.30 am	Walk of Witness
	11.00 am	United Service at Christ Church
	2.00 pm	An hour at the cross
Easter Day	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	Family Communion