

April 2010 at Christ Church

Dear friends at Christchurch

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen,
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Easter Day is the greatest day of the year for Christians. Having remembered on Good Friday that Jesus died for our sins, we now rejoice that he rose again and is still alive today. Writing to the Corinthians the apostle Paul says; *'If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.'* But he then goes on to assure us: *'But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.'* (1 Cor.15:18,20)

In other words, the resurrection of Jesus is not just an academic fact which makes no difference – it is, or should be, completely life transforming. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus we who are Christians have been given a new life, and a new hope. That is why Easter Day should be full of rejoicing. But having celebrated that great event, we now must go on to live the new life that Jesus came to make possible for us.

Our services over the next few weeks should help us to do that. On Sunday evenings we will be looking at Paul's second letter to Timothy – which is a passionate call to gospel ministry. Our theme verse for this year urges us to pray that God will send workers into his harvest field – this series will help to equip us as workers.

And on Sunday mornings we will be thinking about why it is that we meet together for worship. Jesus died and rose again not just so that we could go to heaven – he died and rose again to bring into being his church. If we take the resurrection seriously, we will take being part of Christ Church seriously.

So, let's celebrate today that Jesus is risen, and he is alive. And then let's go on to celebrate the difference which that makes to us, and which can be such good news for our community.

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

(Please note the Centre will be close during the Easter holidays)

Annual General Meeting 2010

An important date for your diary this month is Wednesday 21st April – our AGM.

At Christ Church we have different groups, and indeed different congregations. But we all share one mission, and the A.G.M. is a time for all of us to come together, to look back over the past year in thankfulness, and also to look forwards to the future.

It is also the time when we elect people to serve as Church Wardens and PCC members. These are important roles in the church, and we do need to make sure that we nominate people who know and love the Lord Jesus, who will be committed to prayer, and who have the practical skills to move our mission forwards. There are nomination forms for each of these in church – please do be praying about who should be appointed.

And please – if you are part of Christ Church – be at the A.G.M.

Men's Breakfast



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

What would Jesus say to... Simon Cowell?'

Saturday 17th april 2010 @ 8:30am Christ Church Centre

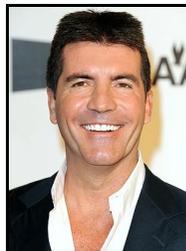
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CONFIRMATION

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. This will start on Tuesday 20th April, then continue on Wednesdays 28th April, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th May. If you feel that confirmation might be an appropriate step for you, do please speak to Graham or Peter.