

January 2011 at **CHRIST CHURCH**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As this New Year begins, I wonder what your hopes are for the coming 12 months. I guess that many people made resolutions a few days ago—out of a real desire to make their life better in the new year. But I suspect that already many of those resolutions have been broken.

No matter how hard we try, we just cannot seem to be the people that, deep down, we want to be. And the Bible explains quite simply why that is—it is because most people start from the wrong place. Our theme verse for 2011 tells us how we can be free—able to live life as it was meant to be lived. And the only way it is possible is as we commit ourselves as disciples of Jesus.

It is only as we listen to him in his word, and put what he says into practice, that we will be able to know the truth. And only when we know and live the truth will we be able to have freedom from the things which so often spoil life.

One hymn writer has expressed it so well: 'Make me a captive, Lord, and then I will be free.' It sounds like a contradiction, but it is a wonderful truth. If you want 2011 to be all that it can be, you need to give yourself afresh to being a disciple of Jesus, building your life on him, making time to study his word, and then putting it into practice. That's why over the next few weeks we will be focussing on the teaching of Jesus. Our home-groups will be studying 'The Sermon on the Mount', on Sunday mornings we will be looking at John chapter 6, and on Sunday evenings our Café Church will pick up on some of the great desires that people have, and show how they are only fulfilled in Jesus.

Of course, discipleship isn't easy or comfortable. It will affect how you use your money—you might find yourself challenged to give more to the work of the gospel here at Christ Church. It will affect your relationships—being faithful in worship might upset other family members, and sharing the good news with your friends might not be popular. But set against that, we have Jesus promise: *'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'*

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

JOIN US!
INFORMAL CHURCH FOR ALL
MUSIC, COFFEE, CHAT

CAFE CHURCH

SUNDAYS AT 6.30PM

'WHAT EVERYONE WANTS'

9 January
16 January
23 January
30 January

Truth... in a world of lies
Freedom... in a world of traps
Light... in a world of darkness
Hope... in a world of broken dreams

Join us for a bible talk, chat & refreshments
in a relaxed atmosphere through January

Christ Church Centre

www.christchurchmoreton.org.uk



Regular weekly activities:

Monday	-	9.30 am Play Buddies
	-	1.00 pm TLC
Tuesday	-	9.30 am Play Buddies
	-	3.30 pm Shine
Wednesday	-	1.00 pm Needlecraft Group
	-	4.00 pm Rainbows
	-	5.15 pm Rainbows
	-	7.30 pm Guides
Thursday	-	1.00 pm Craft Group
	-	9.45 am Keep Fit
	-	11.00 am Keep Fit
	-	5.30 pm Brownies
Friday	-	9.15 am Mothers 'n' Others
	-	7.00 pm Evening Bowls

THE BIG CHRISTMAS CARD

Thanks to everyone who signed our Big Christmas Card. We collected £ , which will be sent to the Ipusukilo Project in Zambia

FAMILY FILM SHOW



**SATURDAY 22nd
JANUARY
2.00 pm in
the Parish Centre**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This year we will again be marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with a short service in the various churches in Moreton.

Monday 17 th Jan	Sacred Heart
Tuesday 18 th Jan	Christ Church
Wednesday 19 th Jan	Moreton Presbyterian Church
Thursday 20 th Jan	Moreton Baptist Church
Friday 21 st Jan	Moreton Methodist Church

The services will begin at 10.15, and last for 20-30 minutes.
Do come along to any of them that you are able to attend

E100 Bible Reading Challenge.

Starts Sunday 23rd January.

Read the Essential 100 passages in the Bible over the next few months. There is a book available—see the copy on the desk at the back of church, and sign up if you would like one.

PLAY BUDDIES

After re-launching in September, Play Buddies has continued to flourish, and is a vital part of our ministry to families. There is always a need for extra helpers—even if you would only be able to help out on the occasional Monday or Tuesday morning to cover the regular team, that would be a great help. If you could help, please speak to Graham or Peter.