

February 2011 at CHRJST CHURCH

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, then you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

Jesus' offer of freedom is one which is so attractive – or so you would think. And yet just after Jesus spoke those words to the Jews of his day, they were ready to stone him to death! The message of freedom might have been appealing, but admitting that they needed to be freed from their sin was a very different matter.

We've seen much the same thing as we have looked at John 6 in our morning services. Jesus is the bread of life, the one who can fill our deepest hunger. Yet once again, just after he told the crowd that, the majority of them left him. It is all a reminder for us that Jesus can only be good news for those who are prepared to recognise the bad news of their own sin.

And that isn't just an issue for those who aren't yet Christians. As disciples we all too easily rejoice in the good news in the Scriptures, but prefer not to dwell too much on the bits which confront and challenge us. But as American pastor Rick Warren put it, 'the truth will set you free, but first it will make you uncomfortable!' That's why as we work through our E100 Bible Reading Challenge it will be important to ask God to speak through the uncomfortable passages as well as the comfortable ones.

Following our Cafe Church series on 'What everyone wants' our 6.30 service returns to church this month. We will be listening to Jesus' last conversation with his disciples, recorded in John 13-17. These were the vital truths they needed to know before he left them, and they are vital for us if we want to grow as disciples. There will be a lot of other things you could be doing on Sunday evening, but none will be as important as being in church.

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

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
	-	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



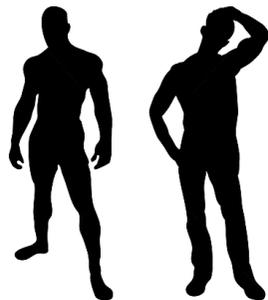
Happy 150th Anniversary Christ Church School



The original Christ Church School opened on 21st February 1861. Over the past 150 years, so much has changed. To mark this special occasion the Bishop of Birkenhead will be joining the children and staff for a celebration service in church on Thursday 17th February.

MEN BEHAVING BADLY

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BAD BOYS

OF THE BIBLE

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Ipusukilo Children's Trust

NEWS FROM IPUSUKILO

KELVIN WRITES: It's great to have all the beds occupied in our first house. We have 12 boys and 4 girls who are all beginning to adapt to living together as a family. They often refer to themselves as the brothers and sisters of the 'Ipusukilo family'. The children are taken to Chingola Basic School in town where they learn in a 3 hour session due to the number of pupils attending. We feel that it is best that they mix with children within the local community. Due to lack of, or consistent schooling, most of the children are in lower grades than would be expected for their ages. However, it is great to see the progress they are making with the extra input they are getting every afternoon at home.



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