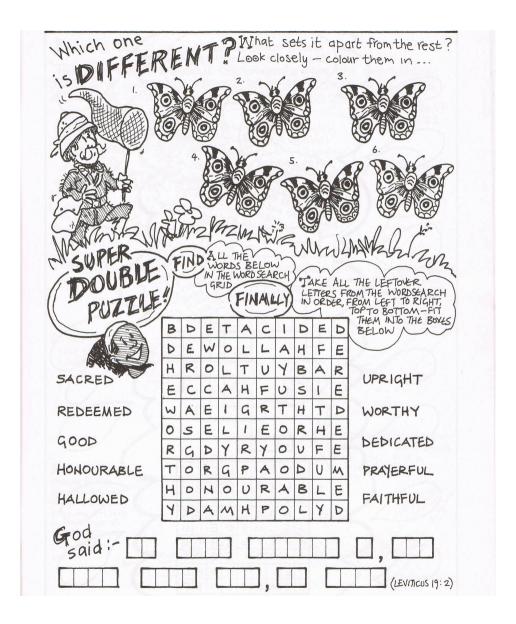
# Holiness – being set apart for Jesus



# July 2012 at Christ Church

Dear friends at Christchurch

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5

Over the past few weeks, seeking God's direction and trusting his path have been a real issue for Peter & Sarah, as they looked for where God was calling them to serve him after leaving Christ Church. As we heard last week, that decision has now been made, and Peter, Sarah & Enya will be leaving us in the autumn as Peter goes to be Associate Minister at St.Elizabeth's Church in Dundonald, Belfast.

The timing of their move hasn't yet been decided, but inevitably the next few weeks will be both a time of excitement as they look forward to their new work, and sadness as they prepare to leave friends here. Do please be praying for them.

Peter & Sarah's departure is, of course, a big challenge for them. But it is a big challenge for us as a church as well. Peter has played a key role in many ministries at Christ Church — in men's ministry, in Shine, in home-group, in evangelism, taking school assemblies, as well as in our worship on Sundays, and pastoral work with individuals. And as he prepares to move on, the question for those of us still here is — who will take on those responsibilities?

Because one thing is certain – they won't run themselves! One of our four priorities over the next 5 years is

To DEEPEN our commitment to Christ and to one another.

and now is the time when we have to start putting that into practice. It isn't just a challenge for someone else – but for you. How will you respond?

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

#### **REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:**

Monday - 9.30 am Toddler Group

- 1.00 pm TLC

Tuesday - 9.30 am Toddler Group

- 3.30 pm Shine

Wednesday - 1.00 pm Needlecraft Group

- 5.30-6.30 pm Rainbows

- 5.45 pm-7.00 pm Brownies

Thursday - 9.45 am Keep Fit

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7.30 pm Guides

Friday - 9.15 am Mothers 'n' Others

7.00 pm Evening Bowls

#### **DURING THE SUMMER BREAK:**

## **Toddler Group**

Closes on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July and reopens on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

### Shine

Closes on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

# Keep Fit

Closes on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July and reopens on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.

# **Craft Group**

Will remain open as usual 1.00 p.m.

## **Mothers and Others**

Closes on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July and reopens on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

#### TLC

Open every Monday except Bank Holiday.

# **Open Church**

Will remain open throughout the summer holidays

## Lighthouse

Closes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July and reopens on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

### **CHRIST CHURCH 150!**



Next year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Christ Church. Over that time Moreton has changed beyond recognition, but our Lord God is still the same, and we want to mark the anniversary year in a way which will honour him.

A group from the PCC are already working on plans for next year, and as I said at the AGM, we will be launching these plans and a special 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary appeal at a Gift Day in September. We are asking you all to set aside some time on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September as we hold a Day of Prayer, and then on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September we will launch the appeal with a Gift Day. Please put these dates in your diary.

# **CONFIRMATION**

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October Bishop Keith will be with us for a Confirmation service.

Confirmation is a great opportunity for anyone who has either come to faith or recommitted their life to Jesus over the past 18 months to publicly mark that commitment, and to commit themselves to serve him as part of his church. Even if you've been confirmed in the past it is possible to renew your baptismal vows in the service. It may seem a long way off at the moment, but with the summer holidays approaching I wanted to make sure people were aware of it well in time.

If you'd like to know more please speak to Graham.