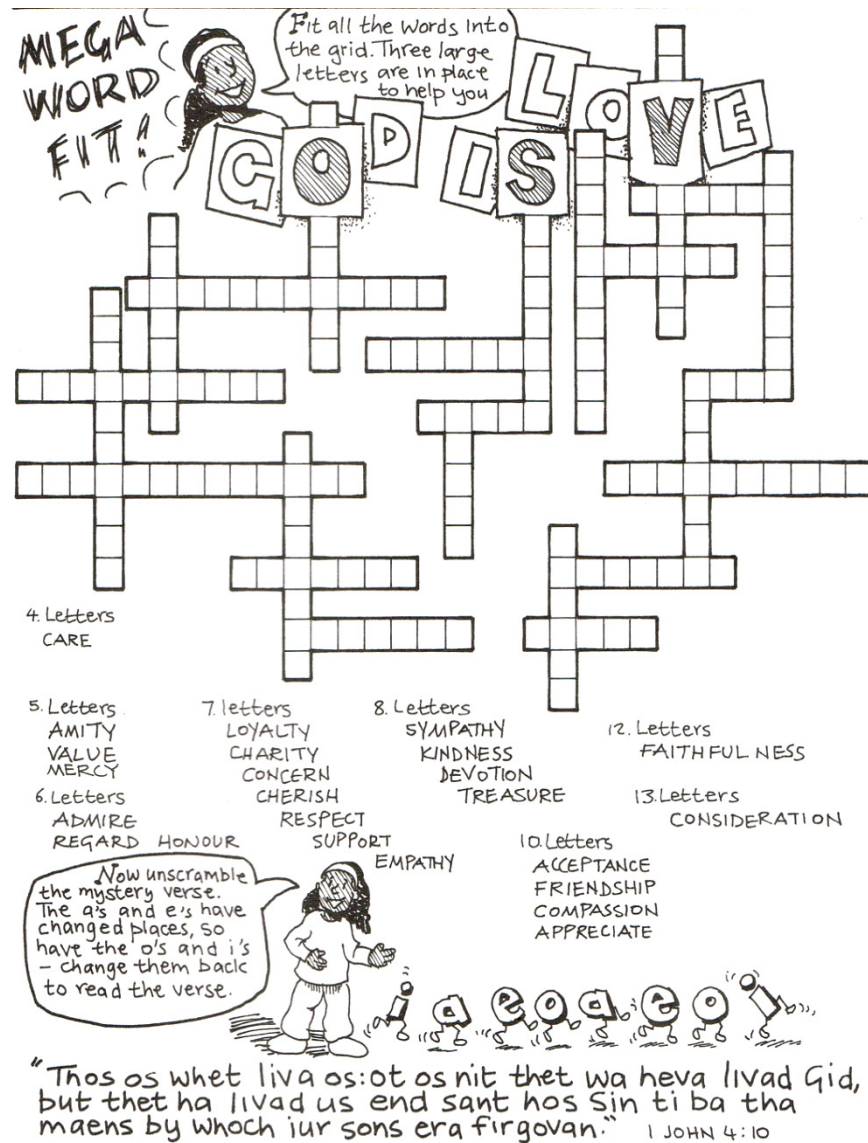


ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE!



February 2013 at Christ Church

Celebrating
150 years

Dear friends at Christchurch

February is, of course, the month for love! Across our society, Valentine's Day, on 14th February, is the day for Red Roses and many other expressions of love. And it is a month when we can put love at the heart of Christ Church.

First – as Lent begins. Lent is often seen as a time to give up something you enjoy (though few people seem to know why we should do such a strange thing!) But it is really a period of preparation for Easter. And in Easter we see the amazing love of God for us – in giving his Son to be our Saviour. If you do give up something for Lent, make sure that it is so that you will be able to appreciate a bit more of the depth of God's love for you.

Second – if we do know of God's love for us, we will want to love him in return. We will want to love the Lord our God with all our heart and mind and soul and strength (Mark 12:30) Our Essential Jesus series is a great way to grow in our love for God, as we understand more of who Jesus is, and what God has done for us through him.

Third – as well as loving God, we need to love others. And for those we know who don't yet know Jesus, the greatest thing we can do for them is to help them discover God's love for themselves. Our theme verse encourages us to do that – *one generation will commend your works to another* (Psalm 145:4). And **'Come to the Light'** is a great opportunity to do just that. The mission starts on 17th February, and the most loving thing you could do for a non-Christian friend is to invite them along.

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: S.O.S.
Wednesday	-	1.00 pm : Needlecraft Group
	-	5.15 pm : Rainbows
Thursday	-	9.45 am : Keep Fit
	-	11.00 am : Keep Fit
	-	1.00 pm : Craft Group
	-	1.45 pm : Baby Bible Buddies
	-	5.30 pm : Brownies
	-	7.30 pm : Guides
Friday	-	9.15 am : Mothers 'n' Others
	-	7.00 pm : Bowls

THE 'RIDING THE STORM' TOUR (SAILORS' SOCIETY)

An evening with Adrian & Bridget Plass at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on 20th March 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm. Tickets £12 (one free ticket for every 10 purchased). Telephone 01903 705360 or visit their website www.ridingthestorm.org.

ESCAPE FROM THE ORDINARY

A chance to enjoy a weekend away at the MCYC site in North Wales. On the first May Bank Holiday weekend, come and participate in this fourth weekend for adults, at the Tyn Y Nant Christian Centre. You can enjoy a range of energetic or relaxed activity, enjoy the surroundings of Tyn Y Nant and the Llyn Peninsula and benefit from the speaker for the weekend, Ken Donald.

The cost of the weekend is £100.

For more information, see the notice-board in the Parish Centre, or ask Cathy for a brochure.

Come to the Light - 100 Days of Prayer

From January 1st for 100 days you will find an inspiring resource at:

www.chester.anglican.org/missionwallasey

- This daily prayer resource will help you to pray for the town of Wallasey and Bishop Keith as he leads the five Sunday evenings at the Light Cinema.
- The photos and prayers are the work of the people of the town.
- Log-on with your computer, put it on your Facebook page or link the page to your phone.



LENT 2013 AT CHRIST CHURCH

Ash Wednesday (13th Feb)

– 9.45 am – Holy Communion in church

– 7.45 pm – Informal Communion in the Parish Centre

Every Tuesday (starting 19th Feb)

– 7.30 – 8.00 am – Prayer Meeting in the Parish Centre

Every Wednesday (starting 27th Feb)

– 12.30 pm – Communion service in church