

October 2013 at Christ Church

Dear friends at Christchurch

*Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness
no one can fathom. One generation will commend your
works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.*

Psalm 145:3-4

The start of October sees our Harvest Sunday – a time when we thank God for his great provision for us. Although most of us get the majority of our food from the shop rather than from the garden, it is good to remember that ultimately it is only through God's goodness that we have enough to eat.

But that doesn't mean that our food just appears! As any gardener will know, if you want a good crop, there is work to be done. Harvest is about celebrating human work and God's blessing.

And much the same needs to be true in the life of our church. 18 months ago our PCC set a 5 year vision – the way in which we recognise that we need to be growing over that time.

1. To **DEEPEN** our commitment to Christ and to one another
2. To **INCREASE** our relevance to the people of Moreton
3. To **RESPOND** with compassion to the needs in our community
4. To **DEVELOP** our evangelism within our community and among our friends

None of that will happen unless God is at work. But at the same time none of it will happen unless we are at work. So for the first 3 Wednesday evenings in October, instead of our usual homegroups we will be meeting as 'Homegroups Together'. We will be thinking about what we need to do to make this vision a reality, and we will be praying that God will bless our efforts. Please try to be there, because we all have a part to play if that vision is to produce fruit.

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

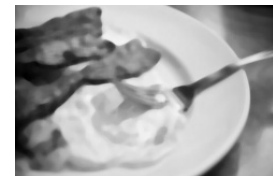
Regular weekly activities:

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
	-	1.30 pm : Baby Bible Buddies
	-	5.15 pm : Rainbows
Thursday	-	9.45 am : Keep Fit
	-	11.00 am : Keep Fit
	-	1.00 pm : Craft Group
	-	5.30 pm : Brownies
Friday	-	9.15 am : Mothers 'n' Others
	-	7.00 pm : Bowls

All activities including the Lighthouse will be closed during the half-term week excepting for T.L.C. Bowls, & Craft Group

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 19th October
Saturday 16th November



LADIES LUNCH

Saturday 12th October
Saturday 23rd November

Rich Kells will be licensed as a Reader at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 19th October, 2.00 pm and would love people to join him at the Cathedral and especially afterwards at the parish centre to celebrate. Please let him know if you are coming along so he knows how much food and drink to provide. Thank you for all your prayers and support over the past 3 years.

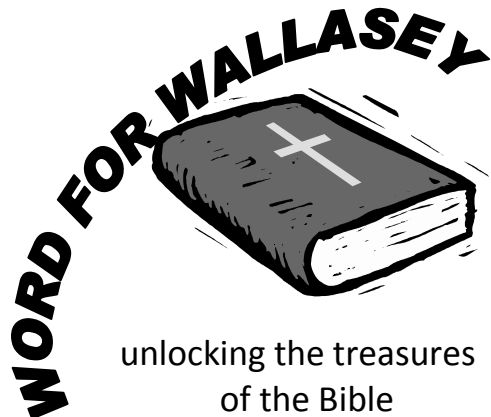


Thursday 31st October **THE LIGHT PARTY**

Come and celebrate
Jesus – the Light of the world
5.30 pm

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

Each autumn we hold a special service to which we invite those who have been bereaved over the previous year. This year the service will take place on Sunday 3rd November at 4.30 pm. This is a service at which there will be prayer for those who have been bereaved and also an opportunity to remember loved ones and to give thanks to God for them. If you know anyone for whom this service might be helpful do please let them know, and please consider coming along yourself, even if you've not been bereaved. It would be good to have people from church to share in the service.



unlocking the treasures
of the Bible

Tuesday 16th November
7.30 pm at Harrison Hall,
Wallasey

OPENING UP
REVELATION
With Mike Gilbertson

ALL GOOD GIFTS AROUND US
ARE SENT FROM HEAVEN ABOVE.
THEN THANK THE LORD, O THANK THE LORD,
FOR ALL HIS LOVE

Frank's crops are:-

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Farmer Frank's field is a funny shape! He's also got some mixed-up crops! His four sons, Fred, Ted, Ned & Jed have volunteered to harvest it for him and sort out the crops. They've got 8 pieces of fence to divide it into 4 equal pieces – how do they do it?

Cut out the fence sections and lay them on the field to work it out. Then unscramble the names of the crops.

WORD PAIRS = VERSE PAIRS

Reverse the words in pairs, starting with the first two, to find out what the Mystery Verses should really say:-

Earth the everything and it in to belong

Lord the (1 COR. 10: 26)

Person a reap will what exactly sows he (Gal. 6: 7)