

January 2014 at christ church moreton

Dear friends at Christchurch

HAPPY NEW YEAR

12 months ago, we were looking forwards to a year celebrating our 150th anniversary – and what a good year it was. Our anniversary appeal enabled us to make big improvements in the church building – over Christmas many people commented on the warmth in church! The Giveaway day gave us a real connection with our community, whilst our anniversary service in July was a great celebration.

It would be tempting after that to sit back, but as we start 2014, we have many challenges before us. Finance is still a big issue; our work with children and young people is vital but under resourced, and we still have much to do as we seek to effectively present the good news in our community.

And as we face those challenges, our theme verse for the year points us to the only hope we have of rising to these challenges: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart”. This year we need to understand more of what it means to do that.

One vital part of trusting in the Lord is prayer – in fact if we aren’t praying, we aren’t trusting in the Lord, no matter what we might think. Samuel Chadwick, a Methodist leader in the early 20th century, wrote: “The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.”

There is much to be done in 2014, but nothing as important as prayer.

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

FOODBANK

As you are aware we opened our Foodbank on 3rd December; since then we have fed 39 people.

Jane and Mandy would like to thank everyone for their continued support, prayers and generosity. This has been a blessing to our church and our community, and it’s a fantastic way to serve God in a practical way. Please pray for protection for the forthcoming months as we expect to be busy.

If anyone has any unwanted gifts, bric a brac, etc; the Foodbank have a charity shop for a week in February, so to donate see Jane and Mandy.

SUNDAY 26th JANUARY

United Service

At 6.30 pm on Jan 29th we join with Christians from the other churches in Moreton to celebrate the unity that we have in Christ. This year the service will be at Christ Church, and the speaker will be Blair Kirkby – the new minister at Moreton Methodist Church.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 18th January
9.00 am



LADIES LUNCH

Saturday 18th January
12.30 pm

THANK YOU

To everyone who contributed to our 2 recent appeals.

TEARFUND



Our collection for Tear Fund, for relief work in the Philippines, raised £554.67,

and our Big Christmas Card collection raised
£129.62 for Food Bank.



JOIN US!
INFORMAL CHURCH FOR ALL
MUSIC, COFFEE, CHAT
**CAFE
CHURCH**
SUNDAYS AT 6.30PM

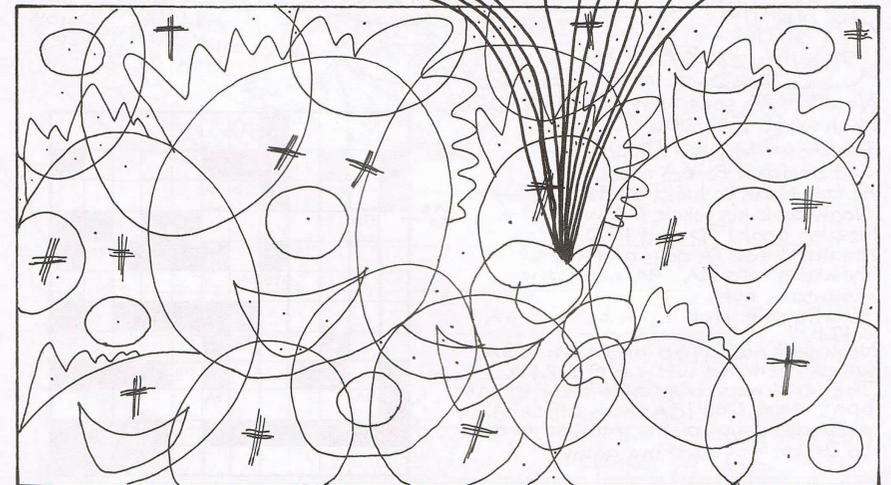
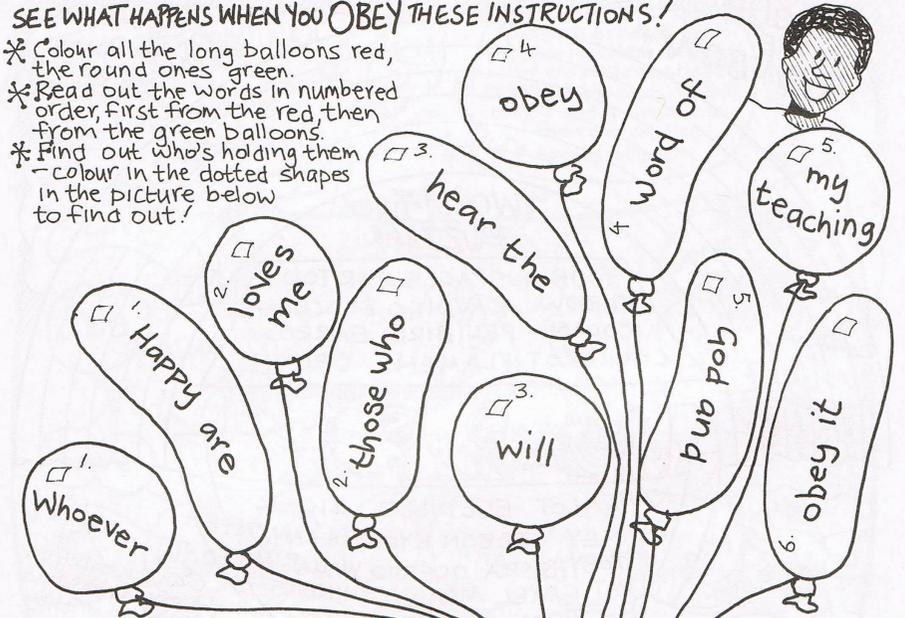
Our new series of Café Church starts on Sunday 19th January. We will be asking 'What would Jesus say to'.

Café Church is very low key and accessible – an ideal service to invite a friend who is maybe unused to church but still interested in what Christians believe. Why not give it a try?

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU OBEY THESE INSTRUCTIONS!

- * Colour all the long balloons red, the round ones green.
- * Read out the words in numbered order, first from the red, then from the green balloons.
- * Find out who's holding them – colour in the dotted shapes in the picture below to find out!



If we trust the Lord, we will obey what he says. And he gives great promises to those who do that. What a great thing to do in 2014!