

Summer 2014 at christ church moreton

Dear friends at Christchurch

What a great day it was last Sunday! It was good to see so many here for the shared tea and evening service as we welcomed our new curate Debbi Stott, and her husband Ian. Debbi lives in Bebington, and will be with us on Tuesdays and Sundays, whilst continuing to work for the rest of the week at her job in IT. Do pray for Debbi as she gets to know Christ Church and Moreton, and as she settles into her new ministry here.

Debbi starting a new ministry should be an encouragement to all of us to think and pray about our ministries. In our morning services at the moment we are thinking about the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and one of the things the Bible tells us is that the Holy Spirit equips each Christian to serve God by serving his church. Nothing would happen at Christ Church unless many people were involved in ministry here, but nothing effective would happen unless those people were empowered by the Spirit – Jesus said *'apart from me you can do nothing.'* John 15:5.

So if you are a Christian, God has called you to play your part in his church, and has equipped you through the Spirit to play that part. It is good from time to time to check that we are faithfully doing that. Am I neglecting the work God has called me to here? In the ministry I have, am I depending too much on myself and not enough on the Lord? Is he calling me to some new work? Is the Lord wanting to lead Christ Church into new work which he has equipped me to be part of?

Christ Church will never be all that God has called us to be unless all of us are actively involved. The next couple of months, as many activities here take a break, it is a great time to pray and think about what God wants you to be doing. Maybe that will lead to new work starting up in the autumn, as we discover that the Spirit is equipping people for new ministries. Inside this newsletter is a form for you to 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: S.O.S.
	-	6.00 - 8.00 pm Foodbank
Wednesday	-	1.00 pm : Needlecraft Group
	-	5.15 pm : Rainbows
	-	5.45 pm Brownies
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
	-	2.00 - 4.00 pm Foodbank
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Please note: All activities will close on Tuesday 15th July and reopen on Tuesday 9th September, apart from Mothers'n'Others, Craft Group, Open Church and TLC who will remain open during the summer break. TLC will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 19th July
9.00 am



LADIES LUNCH

Saturday 19th July
12.00 noon

SUMMER SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Our Sunday Clubs take a break during the summer, so from 20th July till the end of August all our 10.45 am services will be for all the family. At 10.45 am and at 9.00 am we will be looking at some of the great heroes of the Bible, and how they show us what it means to 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart.'

Sunday 20th July – Joseph (*Genesis 39*)

Sunday 27th July – Caleb & Joshua (*Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33*)

(Guest speaker at 9.00 am & 10.45 am – Revd. Christ Bray)

Sunday 3rd August – Deborah (*Judges 4*)

(Guest speaker at 9.00 am – Revd. Adrian Hezel)

Sunday 10th August – Gideon (*Judges 6-7*)

Sunday 17th August – Elijah (*1 Kings 17:1-6, 18:16-39*)

Sunday 24th August – Elisha (*2 Kings 6:8-23*)

Sunday 31st August – Barnabas (*Acts 4:32-37, 11:19-26*)

(Just one service – **Christ Church Together** at 10.45 am)

During the same period, all our Sunday evening services will be in the Parish Centre, and will be based around some of the Nooma video's by Rob Bell.

BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS



Our Brownie and Rainbow groups are looking for new leaders. It is a great way to engage with our community and to help build relationships with our uniformed organisations.

If it is something you would be interested in, please speak to Graham

CHRIST CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

Before we start our Summer break this is a notice that on **SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST AT 1.00 PM** there will be a family picnic weather permitting at Moreton Beach or the Parish Centre. Fish & Chips or personal picnic. Please come along and make it a happy family event. - Events Committee.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

How many different tools can you find in the tool-kit?

Now match them up to these jobs that need doing

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

PUZZLE IT OUT!

IT'S A GIFT!

Can you unpack all these words from the parcel? They are all gifts of the Spirit mentioned in 1COR.12:4-11 & ROM.12:6-8

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H	T	S	E	R	V	I	N	G	Y	A
G	N	I	Q	A	R	V	O	C	N	E

WISDOM
KNOWLEDGE
FAITH
HEALING
MIRACLES
DISCERNMENT
TONGUES
EXPLAINING
PREACHING
SERVING
TEACHING
ENCOURAGING

Now write down the letters you have left over, from the top and left to right:-
God gives each one of us the _____ to serve him and each other.

Are you using the gifts God has given you?