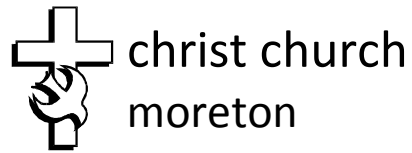


September 2014 at



Dear friends at Christchurch

If you were given an extra hour each day, what would you spend it doing? That's one of the questions which has been used as a starter in our home groups – it can be a bit of fun, but it highlights a serious issue. Because what you would spend that hour doing might well point to what is most important in your life – the thing you would choose rather than anything else.

All of us have things which want to take first place in our lives. It might be family, or work. It might be music or sport or a hobby. All of those things are fine, but none of them can be the best thing to give your life to. None of them deserve your first love. Our theme verse for this year challenges us to *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.* Proverbs 3:5-6.

In other words, if you want your life to be all that it could be, you need to trust in the Lord. He needs to be first. This month in our morning services we are going to think about what that means in practice – as we see where our passion really ought to lie. And on Sunday evenings we will continue that theme as we think about what we can do to encourage that passion to grow.

Of course, if you are passionate about the Lord, you will want to live in a way that pleases him. In our home-groups we will be looking at the 10 Commandments – God's guidelines for a good life – a life which pleases him.

And if you are passionate about the Lord, you will long for others to share that passion. Next month we will be starting a new Christianity Explored course. Do be praying about who you might bring along.

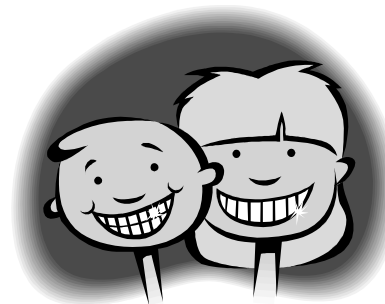
Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

Regular weekly activities:

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| 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 |

NEW SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATION



Our New School Year Service will be on Sunday 21st September at our 10.45 am service.

Please come along and support our teachers and pupils and pray for them as they start the new school year.

HOMEGROUPS

After the summer break, our home-groups restart in the week beginning Sunday 14th Sept. This term we will be looking at the 10 Commandments, and how they can help us to put our theme verse for the year into practice. If you've never been part of a home-group, or if you used to be part of one but have dropped out, why not give it a try?

If you'd like to know more, speak to Carol Allen, our home-group co-ordinator

COMING SOON

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Tuesday evenings starting 7th October.
For more info, please speak to Graham

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THE GREAT CHRIST CHURCH WEEKEND!

Friday 14th – Sunday 16th November
at Tyn-y-Nant in North Wales
(the home of Merseyside Christian Youth Camp)

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

THE RIGHT WAY

FIT-THE-WORDS

See if you can fit all these words into their places in the grid. One has already been placed to give you a clue.

ONE WAY OUT!

David the Diver is a sure shark snack unless you can get him to the surface fast!
Follow the bubbles, collect the letters on the only route to safety:-

7 letters:-
worried
believe
prepare

6 letters:-
father
except

5 letters:-
house
Jesus
rooms
truth
place

4 letters:-
life
goes
many

3 letters:-
you
way
God

2 letters:-
by
me

FINISH

Why be a disciple of Jesus?

Because he is the only way to life.