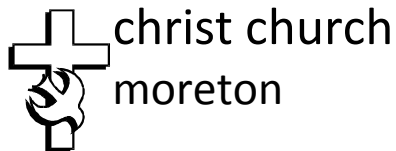


October 2014 at



Dear friends at Christchurch

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love*

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 that is true of our lives as individual Christians and our life as a church. Recently our PCC have spent time thinking about what God's purpose for Christ Church is – why has he placed us here in Moreton? And we believe that the answer is so that we can make disciples, grow disciples, and be disciples.

We are here to make disciples. Of course, ultimately only God does that – Jesus said *"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them"* (John 6:44). But God does that as we share the good news with others.

We are here to grow disciples. Again, ultimately that is God's work – *We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will* (Colossians 1:9). But God does that as we nurture and encourage those who come to faith, whether they are young or old.

We are here to be disciples. Although it is the Spirit who produces fruit in our lives (Galatians 5:22-23), we have to do those things which allow the fruit to grow. Because no matter how long you have been a Christian, you will never be able to say that you have arrived as a disciple of Jesus.

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
	-	2.00 - 4.00 pm Foodbank
	-	7.00 pm : Bowls

At Christ Church this month:

At 9.00 am & 10.45 am our services will focus on passages from the book of Isaiah – passages which encourage and challenge us with the hope we have as Christians.

At 6.30 we will also be studying Isaiah – this time getting the big picture of his prophecy.

SKILLS AND MORE 2

helping children and families grow in faith.

4 sessions led by David Bell (Diocesan Advisor in work with children)

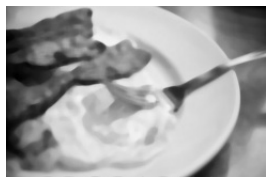
Thursday evenings at 7.45 pm starting 16th October

At St. Chad's church, Irby.

For more info, see the poster on the Parish Centre noticeboard.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 18th October
9.00 am



LADIES LUNCH

Saturday 18th October
12.00 noon

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 2nd 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.

CARDS

There are various cards for different occasions that have been made and are available in the Parish Centre. Please have a look when you are in the Centre.

FAMILY PACK PROJECT

If you shop at Asda could you please collect the plastic green coins you are given at the till and pass them to Jane Fisher or Clair Culligan. The Family Pack has been chosen as one of their nominated charities at the Woodchurch store, we have been awarded £50.00, if we collect the most green coins by end of October we could get a further £200.00.

What Harvest does God want to grow in your life?

Unscramble the words and write them on the fruits. Colour and cut out the fruits. Hang them from a coat hanger or stick using black cotton to make a mobile.

ACEEP YOJ FLUIFASTENSH
SIDNENKS TUMILHIY SDEGOONS
PENIETAC LONOTCRFELS

To produce fruit like this, what must you do?
GZO OCZ NKDMDO XJ1OMJG TJPM GDQZN

Decode the message using the 'Code-buster' below (lower letters equal upper letters)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U

See Gal. 5: 22-25.