

SERVICES FOR ADVENT / CHRISTMAS 2014

Advent 2014 at



christ church
moreton

Hark the glad sound, the Saviour comes!

With Christmas seeming to start earlier and earlier each year, Advent, which starts today, has largely been forgotten. And that is a great shame, because for Christians it should be a significant time.

Advent is a time of preparation – looking forward to celebrating the coming of Jesus. So on one level we need Advent to help us not to be swamped by the commercial pressures of the secular Christmas. We need to make an effort to remember what the coming of Jesus really means. Inside this newsletter there should be a copy of our ‘Advent Readings’ – encouraging us all to spend a few minutes each day reading the same passage of scripture. Why not make a point each day of sharing something from the passage with another member of your church family?

But Advent also looks forward to the second coming of Jesus, when *he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him* (Hebrews 9:28). Jesus will come again, and when he does, it will be the beginning of a new world for those who love him. And it will be the end of hope for those who don’t know him.

And that’s where the challenge of Advent comes. It’s not the challenge of making sure that all the presents are bought, the cards sent, the Christmas cake iced. It’s the challenge of making sure that we are ready for the return of the Lord Jesus – living as if we truly are expecting his return. And it is the challenge of making him known to the thousands around us who, whether they realise it or not, need him more than anything else they could hope for this Christmas. Who will you be bringing to one of our services, so that they can hear this good news?

Yours in Christ *Graham Cousins*

Sunday 30 th Nov	Advent Sunday Christ Church Together Communion <i>Heaven on Earth</i> Isaiah 2:1-5		6.30 pm DEANERY SERVICE at CHRIST CHURCH
Sunday 7 th Dec	9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Immanuel – God with us</i> Isaiah 7:1-17	10.45 am Family Worship <i>Immanuel – God with us</i> Isaiah 7:1-17	6.30 pm Holy Communion <i>Responding to God: Doubt</i> Luke 1:5-25
Sunday Dec 14 th	9.00 am Morning Prayer <i>To us a child is born</i> Isaiah 9:2-7	10.45 am Nativity Service <i>To us a child is born</i> Isaiah 9:2-7	6.30 pm Evening Praise <i>Responding to God: Trust</i> Luke 1:26-38
Sunday Dec 21 st	9.00 am Holy Communion <i>The King will come</i> Isaiah 11:1-9	10.45 am Family Service <i>The King will come</i> Isaiah 11:1-9	6.30 pm CAROL SERVICE
CHRIST- MAS EVE		5.00 pm Twas the Night before Christmas	11.00 pm Holy Communion
CHRIST- MAS DAY	10.00 am Family Communion		
Sunday Dec 28 th	10.45 am Christ Church Together Communion		

Regular weekly activities:

- Monday** - 9.30 am : Toddler Group
(Closed from 15th December until 6th January)
- 1.00 pm : TLC
(Closed 29th December – open 5th January)
- Tuesday** - 3.30 pm: S.O.S.
(Close Tuesday 16th December, open Tuesday 6th January)
- 6.00 - 8.00 pm Foodbank
(Open during Christmas closed Boxing Day)
- Wednesday** - 5.15 pm : Rainbows
- 5.45 pm Brownies
(Close 17th December, open 7th January)
- Thursday** - 9.45 am : Keep Fit
- 11.00 am : Keep Fit
(Close 4th December, open 8th January)
- 1.00 pm : Craft Group
(Close 18th December, open 8th January)
- 5.30 pm : Brownies
- Friday** - 9.15 am : Mothers 'n' Others
(Close 12th December, open 9th January)
- 7.00 pm : Bowls
- 2.00 - 4.00 pm Foodbank (Closed Boxing Day)

Open Church will close on 19th December and reopen on 5th January The Lighthouse will close on 15th December and reopen on 6th January.

CAROL SINGING OUTSIDE THE CO-OP.

We will again be joining with Moreton Baptist Church to sing carols in the Co-op in Moreton on Saturday 20th December between 11.00 and 11.45 am. If you would like to join us, please let Graham know.



CHRISTMAS BOOKSTALL

As Christmas approaches, and the search for presents hots up, why not give a Christian book? On Sundays 30th November, and 7th & 14th December we will have a bookstall at the back of church, with books for children, books for adults, and books for you! While buying presents for others, why not pick up a book to read yourself during Advent, to help you keep Jesus at the centre of your Christmas preparations. Our Bookstall is provided by Birkenhead Christian Bookshop – if you can't find what you are looking for here, why not give them a visit at 14, Grange Road West, Birkenhead.

THE BIG CHRISTMAS CARD



Once again our Big Christmas Card is at the back of church. Instead of sending cards to one another at Christ Church, why not just sign the card, and then make a donation.

The money collected will be shared between a local children's charity, and the Barnabas Fund, supporting Christians in Syria.

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE Exhibition



This Christmas, Chester Cathedral will take visitors on an exciting journey to the magical land of Narnia, transforming spaces within the magnificent building to bring C.S.Lewis's classic tale to life

29th November – 6th January

Free admission

THEATRE TRIP

Pauline Williams is taking a group of people to see Jersey Boys at the Empire Theatre which is on between 23rd June – 4th July. The tickets are selling fast so if you would like to go please let Pauline know as soon as possible on 07742500308. Tickets are £31, £36, £41.50.