

February 2015 at christ church moreton

Dear friends at Christchurch

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." Luke 11:1

No matter how long you have been a Christian that is always going to be a serious request. Prayer is at the heart of discipleship, and surely all of us realise that we have more to learn about prayer. Not that we need to learn in some academic way, as if knowing more about prayer is what we need. What we need is to grow in our experience of prayer.

At our 6.30 service this month, that is what we will be aiming to do. Using a different format from our usual evening service, there will be time for teaching, for discussion, and time for prayer. It is for the whole church, and I do hope that even if you rarely come to an evening service you will join us.

One of the issues which we do need to be praying about is work with our local schools. On 10th Feb, Wallasey Deanery have an opening Deanery Synod meeting at which Sue Mayo, the Diocesan advisor on church / school links, will be speaking. Tied in with this the deanery are producing a cycle of prayer, so that we can pray not only for our own parish, but also for the other parishes in Wallasey deanery.

Timothy Keller writes: 'Prayer is the only entryway into genuine self-knowledge. It is also the main way we experience deep change – the reordering of our lives. Prayer is how God gives us so many of the unimaginable things he has for us. Prayer is simply the key to everything we need to do and be in life. We must learn to pray. We have to.'

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	-	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

**Please note all activities will close for the Half-Term holiday
excepting for Open Church, T.L.C. Foodbank, Craft Group,
Mothers and Others and Bowls.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 21st February
9.00 am



LADIES LUNCH

Saturday 21st February
12.00.pm

LENT 2015 at CHRIST CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY (18th February)

9.15 am – Holy Communion service in church

7.45 pm – Informal Communion service in the Parish Centre

TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER MEETING

We will meet for prayer in the Parish Centre from 7.30 – 8.00 am each Tuesday morning in Lent, starting 24th Feb.

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT LUNCHES

This year we will again be joining with Christians from the other churches in Moreton for a series of Lent Lunches.

The lunches will be on Wednesdays (starting on 25th Feb), and we will be hosting them in the Parish Centre. Each week we will begin with a short service at 12.00 noon, followed at 12.30 pm by a soup lunch.

FAMILY PACK BAG PACK

The Family Pack Project have a bag pack in Morrisons in West Kirby on Saturday 28th February. Lots of help is needed, with slots 10-12, 12-2, 2-4 and 4-6. If you could help, or would like more information, please speak to Jane or Clair. It's not just for adults – it would be great to have children and young people involved. As well.

ADVANCE NOTICE

THE BIBLE IN HISTORY AND TODAY

A course organised by Chester Diocese and led by Revd David Lamb, which we will be hosting in April / May. 6 evenings exploring the origins, authority and interpretation of the Bible.

For more information, and how to book, please see the poster on the Parish Centre noticeboard.

PRAYER

ASK! Colour and cut out this bookmark to remind you – God has promised to hear you!

MEGA-WORD SEARCH Find all the words in the grid – ring them round as you go. Then take the left over letters in order, reading left to right to decode the mystery message. Blanks are word endings.

CONFESS
CONFIDE
PLEA
TRIBUTE
GRATITUDE
ADORE
ASK
THANK

PRAISE
APPEAL
HONOUR
BESEECH
TRUST
REQUEST
WORSHIP

P	R	A	S	S	E	F	N	O	C
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A	S	K	L	T	S	H	T	E	C
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Don't forget to...

sk and you will receive

seek and you will find

knock and the door will be opened to you
LUKE 11:9-

Write the mystery message here 1 THESS 5:17

Whatever else you do – make time for prayer!