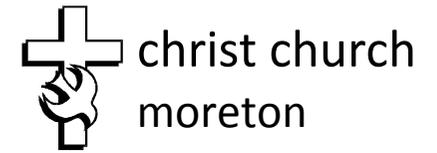


BEING DISCIPLES

May 2015 at



Dear friends at Christchurch

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20

This month sees Ascension Day – so it seems appropriate to begin with Jesus’ last words to his disciples, as recorded in Matthew’s gospel. He commissioned them to go and make more disciples, and that is still our work today. That is why last autumn the PCC agreed that Christ Church exists to ‘Make disciples, Grow disciples, and Be disciples.’

Recognising that was just the first step, and in my report to our AGM I was able to start looking what it means to put this into practice. That is something that we will be working at over the coming months, but it does mean that we need to be looking at how everything we do plays its part in making, growing and being disciples. We don’t have time to spend on things which don’t fulfil that vision.

Of course, doing that will not always be easy or comfortable. Jesus also told his followers that *“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”* Matthew 16:24. There is a cost involved to being a disciples. That cost might be the inconvenience of making time for discipleship activities, it might be the cost of having the courage to speak to a friend about Jesus, it might be the financial cost of supporting the work of the church.

At the AGM I launched out Christ Church 2015 Building Appeal. There is work which we want to do on our church building and grounds – not for its own sake, but because it will play a part in us being a discipleship focussed church. There are details on the leaflet inside this newsletter.

MAKING DISCIPLES, GROWING DISCIPLES, BEING DISCIPLES

We all have a part to play!

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

Here are two things drawn on top of each other. To find out what they are, first join the numbered dots, then the alphabet crosses, using a different colour for each. What is each used for?

1. _____
2. _____

Look at the grapevine. The grapes have verses on them from John 15. The numbered grapes give you the clues to the phrase below – which is what the whole thing is about! Decode it and write your answer below.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Discipleship means keeping growing in your relationship with God

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
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

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS MONTH

Thursday 14th May at 9.00 am – Ascension Day Communion service
(in church)

Sunday 24th May at 6.30 pm – Pentecost Praise combined service
at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church.

Sunday 31st May at 10.45 am – Christ Church Together
with guest speaker David Lancaster-Smith

NOVENA

'Novena' is an ancient tradition of 9 days of prayer, associated with the 9 days between Ascension and Pentecost. This year we will be joining with Christians across many churches in using this as a special season for prayer. More details nearer the time.

Prom Praise on Merseyside

- Saturday 6th June 7.30pm at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall
- Noel Tredinnick and the All Souls (Langham Place) Orchestra together with a 100 (ish) strong choir will be performing together with special guest Graham Kendrick.
- Bishop Paul Bayes will be providing a Gospel Message.
- Tickets (prices range from £10 to £27) are available from the box office Tel no. 0151 709 3789 or Online at www.liverpoolphil.com

Talk on Judaism given by Gertie Kallin

Monday 8th June commencing at 7.00 pm

At Christ the King Church
Beckwith Street, Birkenhead

Charge: £3 (Tea/Coffee provided)

Enquiries: Bill Griffiths, Beryl Blackman, Events Committee



ADVANCE NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARIES FOR ALL BIRD LOVERS

We plan to have a church day trip to Martin Mere Wetlands at Burscough on Saturday 6th June 2015. The cost for the coach will be £11 per person providing we can fill the coach a 29 seater. Entry fee for adults - £10.40, concessions (65 and over, also disabled) - £7.60. Children 4-16 - £5.05, under 4 go free.

Further details from Doreen Bryce.