

Summer 2015 at christ church moreton

Dear friends at Christchurch

This is one of my favourite times of the year. I enjoy the sunshine (not that we've had much so far this summer!), I enjoy the long evenings, and I enjoy the garden. Watching seeds that were planted months ago develop into plants; seeing what back in April were just seedlings now full of flower.

But not everything in the garden is that successful! Some of the plants I put in months ago just haven't grown. There is no sign of flower – for some reason nothing much seems to have happened. And that is really frustrating – because growth should be a natural part of life. Gardeners expect to see the plants in the garden grow and produce flowers or fruit. And what is true in the garden is also true in our spiritual lives. No matter how long you have been a Christian, you should be growing.

Our Christ Church purpose statement tells us that we should be making disciples, growing disciples, and being disciples. We need to be making disciples – helping others to come to a living faith in the Lord Jesus for themselves, which can happen through personal conversations and friendships as well as through services and events at church. We need to be helping those who come to faith to grow in their relationship with the Lord, because there will always be plenty which could distract them and tempt them to slip away.

But we should all be being disciples – which means that everyone who is part of Christ Church should be seeking to grow in their own walk with the Lord – including you! Our Sunday morning services will help us think what that means, as we follow some people who met Jesus, whilst our Sunday evenings will be helping us think how we live as disciples in the world. Summer is also a good time to read a good book which can help you as a disciple. But one thing is certain – being disciples doesn't just magically happen – it is something you have to commit yourselves to.

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

Regular weekly activities:

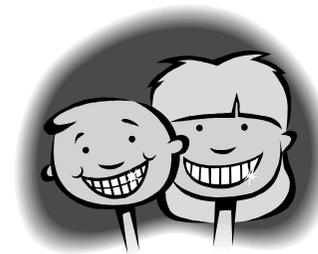
All activities that meet in the Parish Centre will close during the Summer break apart from the following:

Monday	-	1.00 pm : TLC
Tuesday	-	6.00 - 8.00 pm Foodbank
Thursday	-	1.00 pm : Craft Group
Friday	-	9.15 am : Mothers 'n' Others
	-	2.00 - 4.00 pm Foodbank

PLEASE NOTE: TLC & OPEN CHURCH WILL NOT BE OPEN ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

ADVANCE NOTICE

NEW SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATION



Our New School Year Service will be on **Sunday 20th September** at our **10.45 am** service.

As well as being a time to support our teachers and pupils and pray for them as they start the new school year, it will also be a chance to meet our new head-teacher, Amanda Donelan.

Christ Church Building 2015 Appeal

At our AGM in April, we launched our 2015 building appeal. There are several things both inside and around the church building which we need to deal with:

You might have noticed that the work has now begun, and the urgent repairs that were needed on the roof are in hand. Inside the church building we also need:

- To replace the carpets – which are now very worn.
- To install a new loop system – at present we don't have one, and we should be providing this for those who are hard of hearing.

There is also some important work needed in the church yard.

- The paths around the church are in poor condition, and in some places are an accident risk. We need to carry our repairs on these, so as to make the churchyard safe for church members and for visitors.
- In places the churchyard walls are in poor repair, and need repairing before they collapse.

The cost of this work will be around £28,000. Thank you to all those who have contributed to the appeal so far – the current total is £12,000 – a great start, but still some way to go. Whether you have already given to the appeal or not, please pray about your response – we really do need to complete this work.

SUMMER SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

9.00 am & 10.45 am – People who met Jesus

Our Sunday Clubs take a break during the summer, so from 19th July till the end of August all our 10.45 am services will be for all the family. At 10.45 am and at 9.00 am we will be looking at some of the people who met Jesus, and how they show us what it means to be disciples.

Sunday 19th July – Simon Peter – *Luke 5:1-11*

Sunday 26th July – A sad woman – *Luke 7:36-50*

Sunday 2nd August – A sick woman – *Luke 8:42b-48*

Sunday 9th August – Mary & Martha – *Luke 10:38-42*

Sunday 16th August – The rich ruler – *Luke 18:18-30*

Sunday 23rd August – Bartimaeus – *Luke 18:35-43*

Sunday 30th August – Zacchaeus – *Luke 19:1-10*

(Just one service – **Christ Church Together** at 10.45 am)

6.30 pm – For the Life of the World

Starting on 26th July, for our Sunday evening services, we will be using a video series 'For the Life of the World.'

This explores how God's purposes are woven into every area of our lives: family, work, art, charity, education, government, recreation and all creation! The Bible calls us Strangers and Pilgrims, living in "the now and not yet" of God's Kingdom come on earth. We are also called to be salt and light and have a transforming presence among our neighbours. Rediscover the role of the church and how our lives lived on earth matter in God's plan for the world.



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