

May 2016 at



Dear friends at Christchurch

This month sees two of the most important Christian festivals – Ascension Day (on Thursday 5th), and Pentecost (on Sunday 15th).

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called the whole church to make the 10 days from Ascension to Pentecost a time of prayer for the evangelisation of our nation. Of course, that coincides with **Hope Moreton 2016** – and it is encouraging to know that as we engage in mission that week, Christians all over this country will be praying:

- For all Christians to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- For all of us to have confidence to share the gospel
- For all to respond to the call of Jesus Christ to follow Him as disciples, to live out the gospel and to seek God's kingdom from day to day.

Hope Moreton 2016 is something that we can all be involved in. There are events for different groups – but there will be one at least which is geared towards you, your family and friends (there are details inside this newsletter). And we can all be involved in praying – not just for **Hope Moreton 2016**, but for the gospel in this country. In fact, if we are not praying, we might as well give up now. Because only if God is at work will anything be achieved through the mission – only God the Holy Spirit can breathe new life into anyone. But as Pentecost reminds us, God has commissioned us to play our part in that.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” Acts 1:8

Now is our time to live as Pentecost People, and play our part in taking the good news to this part of ‘the ends of the earth!’

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins



JOINING IN PRAYER:

Wednesday 4th May, 7.45 pm in the Parish Centre

During the mission – 7.30 – 8.00 am each day – venue to be confirmed.

LAUNCHING THE MISSION:

We join with the churches in Wallasey for a commissioning for the whole Moreton & Wallasey mission – **Saturday 7th May, 7.00 pm at St.Hilary's, Wallasey**

Our Moreton commissioning service is on **Sunday 8th May, 6.30 pm at Moreton Baptist Church**



SPECIAL EVENTS DURING THE MISSION

SATURDAY 7th MAY – Barbecue and Family Fun Time

12.00 – 2.00 pm at the Parish Centre.

Everybody welcome.

SUNDAY 8th MAY – Celebrate the beginning of the mission

6.30 pm at the Baptist Church.

MONDAY 9th MAY – Training in sharing your faith

7.45 pm at Moreton Baptist Church

TUESDAY 10th MAY – Primetime for the over 55's.

1.30 – 3.15 at Moreton Baptist Church

THURSDAY 12th MAY – We'll meet again

lunch at 12.00 noon at the Parish Centre.

Ticket only – for tickets please contact the Church Office.

THURSDAY 12th MAY – Quiz Night

7.30 pm at the Elsie May Tea Rooms.

Ticket only – we have just 25 tickets – if you would like to take someone please contact the Church Office for tickets.

FRIDAY 13th MAY – The Point – Youth Event for the over 11's

7.00 pm at Moreton Baptist Church

SATURDAY 14th MAY – Men's Breakfast

9.00 am at the Parish Centre. *No ticket needed, but please sign up on the sheet on the HOPE MORETON desk.*

SATURDAY 14th MAY – Ladies Lunch

12.00 noon at the Parish Centre. *No ticket needed, but please sign up on the sheet on the HOPE MORETON desk.*

SATURDAY 14th MAY – Messy Church

family fun event with craft and food.

4.00 – 6.00 pm at Moreton Baptist Church.

SUNDAY 15th MAY am – Invitation services at Christ Church

9.00 am & 10.45

SUNDAY 15th MAY – Commit ourselves to the Work

6.30 pm Joint service at Christ Church

ADVANCED NOTICE



To mark Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's official 90th birthday, we will be holding a special service on Sunday 12th June, 10.45 am. Our uniformed organisations will be involved, and we will be inviting other community leaders to join us. The service will be followed by a barbecue. (There will be no 9.00 am service that day)

SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH THIS MONTH

Sunday 1st May – 9.00 & 10.45 am Being Disciples – *John 15:1-8*
6.30 pm Not ashamed of the gospel – *1 Cor 1:18-2:5*

Thursday 5th May – 9.00 am Ascension Day Holy Communion in Church

Sunday 8th May – 9.00 & 10.45 am Introducing Hope Moreton 2016
No 6.30 pm service at Christ Church

Sunday 15th May – 9.00 & 10.45 am Invitation services
6.30 pm – Hope Moreton celebration.

Sunday 22nd May – 9.00 & 10.45 am The God who loves us – *Psalms 23*
6.30 pm Day dream believer – *Genesis 37*

Sunday 29th May – 9.00 & 10.45 am The God who rescues me
– *1 Peter 2:21-25*
6.30 pm Girls just wanna have fun – *Genesis 39*

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
	-	2.00 - 4.00 pm Foodbank

TLC and Toddler group will be closed on the Bank Holidays in May