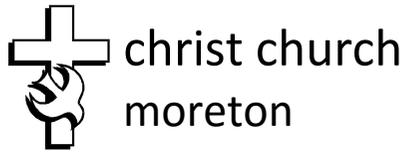


June 2016 at



Dear friends at Christchurch

HOPE MORETON 2016.

What a great week it was! Between 7th - 15th May we made contact with so many people in our community, and had a chance to share with them something of the difference Jesus has made to us.

The barbecue on 7th May was a wonderful event – we estimate that around 300 people visited, many of whom had never been to any event at Christ Church before. Events like the ‘We’ll meet again’ lunch, and Men’s breakfast and Ladies lunch also gave us the opportunity to welcome people, and for them to hear something of the good news of Jesus.

The important thing now is for us to continue that work. The next big opportunity we have comes this month, with the celebration of Queen Elizabeth’s official 90th birthday. We will be holding a special service on Sunday 12th June, 10.45 am to which local community leaders and uniformed organisations have been invited. The service will be followed by a barbecue – so we will again have a chance to meet and engage with our community (and to invite family and friends to join us).

One of the fascinating things which the door to door survey, which the Through Faith Missions team conducted found, is that over 50% of the people they spoke to said that they would like to know God personally. But if that is to happen, they need us to get alongside them, to build relationships, and to pray for opportunities to share the good news with them. All that means that the regular prayer which underpinned Hope Moreton needs to continue, because as Jesus said:

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

Matthew 9:37-38.

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

SERVICES THIS MONTH

On Sunday mornings we continue our series on **Knowing God**, as we think about the ways in which God wants to help us know him better. On Sunday evenings we see how the call to discipleship worked out in the life of one great Bible character, as we follow the story of **Joseph – Daydream Believer**.

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| Sun 5 th June | 9.00 & 10.45 am 6.30 pm | The God who helps me – <i>John 14:15-27</i> Things can only get better – <i>Genesis 40-41</i> |
| Sun 12 th June | 10.45 am 6.30 pm | Community Celebration Strangers in the night – <i>Gen. 42</i> |
| Sun 19 th June | 9.00 & 10.45 am 6.30 pm | Prayer – does it make any difference? – <i>Matthew 7:7-12</i> The boy is mine – <i>Gen. 43-44</i> |
| Sun 26 th June | 9.00 & 10.45 am 6.30 pm | The Bible – can I trust it? – <i>John 8:12-18</i> A perfect day – <i>Gen. 45-47</i> (Praise Service) |

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 18th June
9.00 am



LADIES LUNCH

Saturday 18th June
12.00 noon

JEREMY'S ORDINATION

Our new curate, Jeremy Bentliff, along with his wife Pauline and sons Daniel and Aiden, will soon be joining us. Jeremy's ordination is in Chester Cathedral on Sunday 3rd July at 10.00 am, and we will then have a welcome service for Jeremy at 6.30 pm that day.



On Thursday 23rd June Britain goes to the polls to decide whether to remain part of the European Union or to leave.

As Christians we should take voting in this referendum seriously, but we may be very unsure of how to vote. 2 Christian organisations have produced guides to the issues – not to persuade you to vote one way or the other, but to help you think about the issues involved.

You can find these on the Evangelical Alliance website at

<http://www.eauk.org/idea/may-jun-2016-issuu.cfm>

and on the CARE website at <http://care.org.uk/eureferendum>

Regular weekly activities:

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| Monday | - | 9.30 am : Toddler Group |
| | - | 1.00 pm : TLC |
| Tuesday | - | 9.30 am: Toddler Group |
| | - | 3.30 pm: S.O.S. |
| | - | 6.00 - 7.30 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 |

THE LOST SHEEP

Farmer Frank has lost a sheep. It broke through the hedge into Farmer Fred's field next door. Frank's sheep all look like this



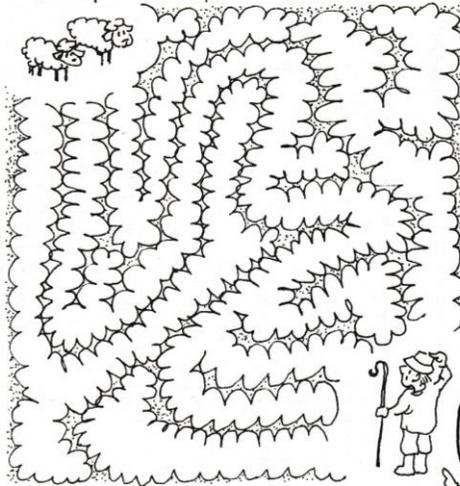
but Fred's are a really mixed up lot. Can you spot Frank's sheep in the field?



WHAT DO YOU GET IF YOU CROSS A SHEEP WITH A SUBMARINE?
- A EWE-BOAT!



OH, BA-SIL!



LOST LETTERS

All the vowels, a, e, i, o, u, have been taken out of this sentence. See if you can find them and put them back again.

"Y _ _ w _ r _ l _ k _ s h _ p
t h _ t h _ d l _ s t t h _ r
w _ y."
1 PETER 2: 25

Now help the farmer fetch his sheep home.

WHAT DO YOU GET IF YOU CROSS A SHEEPDOG WITH A DAISY?
- A COLLIE-FLOWER!



WHAT DO YOU GET IF YOU CROSS A SHEEP WITH A KANGAROO?
- WOOLLY JUMPERS!



WHAT DO YOU GET IF YOU CROSS A SHEEP WITH A HOSEPIPE?
- A WET BLANKET



GRRR!
YOU'RE BA-RMY!

There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

Luke 15:7