

# Summer 2016 at christ church moreton

Dear friends at Christchurch

What a year 2016 has been for Christ Church so far! We said 'good bye' to Cathy Buntin, who had been secretary for 25 years, and was always going to be a hard act to follow. But Jane Matthews stepped into that role, and has done a wonderful job – thank you, Jane, for all that you have taken on.

Then came Hope Moreton 2016, It was great to work alongside Moreton Baptist Church, along with Through Faith Missions, putting on special events and doing door to door visiting in the area. We might not have seen huge numbers of new people, but I think we were aware that God was at work, and that Hope Moreton was just the beginning.

That was followed by some further 'good byes'. The deaths of Margaret Carlyle and Rhona Colby meant sadness in loosing those great saints at Christ Church, although that was tempered by knowing that they had gone home to be with the Lord they loved and served. And, of course, we also said 'good bye' to Rich Kells, as he took up a new job in London.

Those farewells left a big gap. But hot on the heels of those good byes, we have been able to welcome Jeremy & Pauline Bentliff, as Jeremy starts his curacy with us. It is good to know that Bishop Peter sees Christ Church as a good place for new ministers to train, and we can look forwards to both helping Jeremy to grow in his ministry, as well as benefitting from his ministry to us.

After all that, it would be tempting to sit back and take things easy. But that is not what God has called us to! We still need to press on with our aim of appointing a Children's and Families' worker; and we need to respond to the financial challenges we face. It is all a reminder that the work of Making Disciples, Growing Disciples, and Being Disciples is one which we can never say we have finished.

Yours in Christ

*Graham Cousins*

# CONFIRMATION

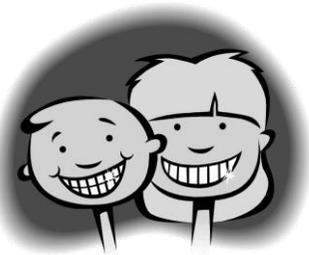
On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October Bishop Keith will be with us at 10.45 am for a confirmation service.

Confirmation is a great opportunity for anyone who has either come to faith or has recommitted their life to Jesus to publicly mark that commitment to Jesus, and to commit themselves to serve him as part of Christ Church. Even if you have been confirmed in the past, it is possible to renew your baptismal vows in the service.

In the run up to the confirmation service, we will be running a short course called 'Thinking about confirmation.' This will be on Monday evenings 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> September & 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

If you feel that confirmation might be an appropriate step for you, or if you would like to know more about what it involves, do please speak to Graham.

## NEW SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATION



Our New School Year Service will be on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September** at our **10.45 am** service.

It is a great opportunity support our teachers and pupils and pray for them as they start the new school year. Please be here for this important service.

Chester Diocese are launching a year long project aimed at encouraging us to engage with the Bible. The project will be launched at Chester Cathedral on 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm.



## PRAYER MATTERS



Many of our usual activities take a break over the summer. But that doesn't mean that we should stop praying for each other. Our prayer diary enables us to pray for the many aspects of our mission, as well as for one another as members of Christ Church.

So – if you've not already done so, why not subscribe to our daily prayer diary e-mails. You can sign up on the church website: <http://www.christchurchmoreton.org.uk/index.php?section=members>

### **Regular weekly activities:**

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

- |                 |   |                 |                    |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>   | - | 1.00 – 3.00 pm  | TLC                |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | - | 6.00 - 7.30 pm  | Foodbank           |
| <b>Thursday</b> | - | 1.00 – 3.25 pm  | Craft Group        |
| <b>Friday</b>   | - | 9.30 – 11.00 am | Mothers 'n' Others |
|                 | - | 2.00 - 4.00 pm  | Foodbank           |

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

### **Re – start dates**

- |                    |                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Sunday club        | 11 <sup>th</sup> September |
| Lighthouse tea bar | 12 <sup>th</sup> September |
| Toddler Group      | 12 <sup>th</sup> September |
| SOS                | 13 <sup>th</sup> September |
| Rainbows           | 14 <sup>th</sup> September |
| Brownies           | 15 <sup>th</sup> September |

# SUMMER SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

## Who did Jesus say he was?

Across all our services we will be exploring some of the things that Jesus said about himself, and seeing how that can help us to know him better and follow him more faithfully as disciples.

Our 9.00 am service will have its usual format; our 10.45 am service will be for all the family, as our Sunday Clubs take a break during the summer, whilst the 6.30 pm service will be quieter and more reflective.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July – **I am the bread of life** – John 6:25-40

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July – **I am the light of the world** – John 8:12-30

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

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August – **I am the gate** – John 10:1-10

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August – **I am the good shepherd** – John 10:11-21

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August – **I am the resurrection and the life** – John 11:1-37

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August – **I am the way, the truth and the life** – John 14:1-6

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September – **I am the true vine** – John 15:1-8



christ church  
moreton

making disciples  
growing disciples  
being disciples