

# September 2016 at christ church moreton

Dear friends at Christchurch

*For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide, we might have hope. Romans 15:4*

Although it is easy to take the Bible for granted, it is a wonderful gift from God to us – he has given it to us to encourage us! In the Bible we find good news of God's love and grace, we find good examples to follow, and sometimes we find real life stories of flawed people who get things so wrong.

That is certainly what we find in Judges – the Old Testament book we are looking at in our morning services this term. Time and again we see examples of half-hearted discipleship, and that tragedies that causes. But time and again we see the amazing love of God, who never abandons his people, and is always ready to respond when they cry out to him. Studying Judges should help us to see the things we need to avoid if we are being disciples.

On Sunday evenings we will be looking at some of the things Jesus taught his disciples, as he encouraged them, and us, to be making disciples. And our home-groups, which restart week beginning Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept, will be looking at the book of James, and seeing how that encourages us to be growing disciples.

All our services, and our home-groups, are rooted in studying the Bible, because that is the way in which God builds up his church and encourages his people. Let's be praying that this term, God will give us the grace to hear what he says in his word, and to allow it to shape our lives.

Yours in Christ

*Graham Cousins*

## ***Regular weekly activities:***

<b>Monday</b>	-	9.30 am : Toddler Group (restarts 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
	-	1.00 pm : TLC
<b>Tuesday</b>	-	9.30 am: Toddler Group
	-	3.30 pm: S.O.S. (restarts 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
	-	6.00 - 7.30 pm Foodbank
<b>Wednesday</b>	-	5.15 pm: Rainbows (restarts 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
<b>Thursday</b>	-	9.45 am : Keep Fit
	-	11.00 am : Keep Fit (restarts 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
	-	1.00 pm : Craft Group
	-	5.30 pm : Brownies (restarts 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
<b>Friday</b>	-	9.15 am : Mothers 'n' Others
	-	2.00 - 4.00 pm Foodbank

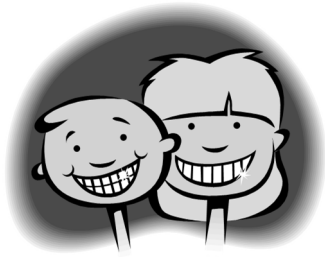


Chester Diocese are launching a year long project aimed at encouraging us to engage with the Bible. The project will be launched at Chester Cathedral on 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm. Dr Peter Oakes (Head of Department, Religions and Theology at Manchester University) will speak on 'The Bible for Real People. Then and Now.' The evening will also include a host of other presentations, resources, and ideas. The aim is to encourage a new enthusiasm for regular use of the Bible in a wide number of ways..

# TRANSFORMING LIVES TOGETHER<sup>+</sup>

TLT is a joint venture between the Church Urban Fund and Chester Diocese; their aim is to enable church communities to identify their gifts and assets which will help them to engage their communities in tackling poverty in all its forms. Wendy Robertson, the local TLT coordinator, will be speaking at an open meeting of Wallasey Deanery Synod on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7.30 pm (venue to be confirmed). I'm sure Wendy will have a lot to say which will be relevant to us – so if you are interested, please come along.

## 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.

## BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS



Our Brownie and Rainbow groups continue to need new leaders. It is a great way to engage with our community and to help build relationships with our uniformed organisations. If it is something you would be interested in, please speak to Eileen

## SERVICES THIS MONTH

### Half-hearted discipleship?

At 9.00 am & 10.45 am we begin our new series on the book of Judges.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept – **Unfinished business** – Judges 1:1-2-6

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept – **Who will have your heart?** – Judges 2:7-3:6

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept – **The first rescuer** – Judges 3:7-11

*Our 10.45 am service will be our New School Year celebration*

Sunday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Harvest services** at 9.00 am & 10.45 am.

### Jesus on discipleship

At 6.30 pm we look at some of the things Jesus said to his disciples, which can encourage us as we seek to Make Disciples.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept – **She has done a beautiful thing** – Mark 14:1-10

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept – **Feed my sheep** – John 21:15-25

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept – **Do you still have no faith?** – Mark 4:35-41

PRAISE! service

## CONFIRMATION

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

