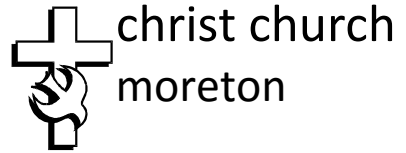


# October 2016 at



Dear friends at Christchurch

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love*

**It's true!** All the good things we have are gifts from God. Living in a world where we can walk into the supermarket and buy whatever food we want from all over the world rather than having to grow it ourselves, it is easy to forget that actually, it is God who gives the harvest. But for all our human ingenuity, the advances in agriculture and transport, we still are dependent on rain and sun, on the miracle that turns a tiny seed into a fruit-bearing plant. We are dependent on God, not just spiritually, but materially as well.

**It's true!** All the good things we have are gifts from God. And that means that no matter what our circumstances, we have much to thank God for. At our Harvest Services we focus particularly on thanking God for his provision for us, but that thankfulness should characterise all our services. We need to remember God's generosity, to say a heartfelt 'thank you' to the Lord.

**It's true!** While in this life our enjoyment of God's good gifts can so easily be spoiled by the brokenness of the world, we have a hope that goes beyond this. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul uses the harvest to point towards the resurrection – just as the seed that is planted has to die before the plant can grow – in the same way the death of our bodies is the start of a glorious new life. It is that hope which we want to share with others, as we seek to Make Disciples.

*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.*

(1 Cor.15:58)

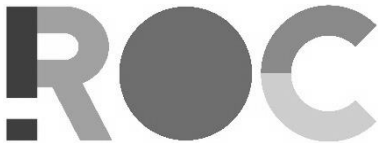
Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

## Regular Weekly activities

Monday	-	*	9.30 am Toddler group
		*	9.30 to 11.00 am Lighthouse tea bar
			1.00 pm TLC
Tuesday	-	*	9.30 am Toddler group
		*	9.30 to 11.00 am Lighthouse tea bar
		*	3.30 pm S.O.S
			6.00 to 7.30 pm Foodbank
Wednesday	-	*	5.15 Rainbows
Thursday	-	*	9.45 and 11.00 am Keep fit
			1.00 pm Craft Group
		*	5.30 pm Brownies
Friday	-		9.15 am Mothers and others
			2.00 to 3.30 pm Foodbank

\* Closed half term week Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October



### ROC Conversation Wirral

Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) is bringing together key contributors from across the Wirral to discuss a

collective vision for the area. The purpose behind the evening is to discuss dreams and aspirations for the community and then help to put these into practice. The programme will include time for round-table discussions and feedback.

**Thursday 13th October 2016, 7 – 9pm**

**Wirral Christian Centre, Woodchurch Road, Birkenhead CH41 2UE**

*For details of how to register, please take a flier from the Welcome Desk*

### **CHRIST CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY 2017**

Friday 12th – Sunday 14th May

at Tyn-y-Nant in North Wales

(the home of Merseyside Christian Youth Camp)

## ALL-SAINTS

1<sup>st</sup> November is All-Saints Day, and in the run up to that, we have 3 special services / events:

### COMMEMORATION SERVICE

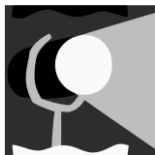
Each autumn we hold a special service to which we invite those who have been bereaved over the previous year. This year the service will take place on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30 pm.**

This is a service at which there will be prayer for those who have been bereaved and also an opportunity to remember loved ones and to give thanks to God for them. If you know anyone for whom this service might be helpful do please let them know, and please consider coming along yourself, even if you've not been bereaved. It would be good to have people from church to share in the service.

### SAINTS TOGETHER

A chance to meet with the other churches in Moreton to celebrate in worship.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30 pm at Moreton Baptist Church**



### THE LIGHT PARTY

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 5.00 – 6.30 pm**

In the Parish Centre

*(If you have any lights which could be used to decorate the hall, please see Lynda Jones.)*



**The Barnabas Fund** support persecuted Christians around the world. Holy Trinity Church in Spital are hosting a Barnabas Fund Morning

on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30 – 11.30 am.

See the posters / fliers for more details.

## SERVICES THIS MONTH

### Half-hearted discipleship?

After special services for the first 2 Sundays of October, at 9.00 am & 10.45 am we continue our series on the book of Judges.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – **Harvest**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – **CONFIRMATION SERVICE at 10.45 am**  
*(short morning prayer service at 9.00 am)*

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – **Expect the unexpected** – Judges 3:12-30

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – **The odd couple** – Judges 4:1-24

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – **The weak mighty warrior** – Judges 6:1-8:35.  
*(Just one service – Christ Church Together at 10.45 am)*

### Jesus on discipleship

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

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – **You will fish for people** – Luke 5:1-11

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – **I have not come to call the righteous,  
but sinners** – Matthew 9:9-13

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – **Go in peace** – Luke 8:40-48

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – **Let the little children come to me** - Mark 10:13-16  
**PRAISE!** service

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – No evening service at Christ Church  
*(Joint service at Moreton Baptist Church)*



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growing disciples  
being disciples