

November 2016 at christ church moreton

Dear Friends at Christ Church

REMEMBER, REMEMBER!

Remembering is a big theme at this time of year. Last Sunday we held our 'Commemoration Service', at which a good number of people came to remember the loved ones they had lost in the past year. Yesterday it was Firework night - 'remember, remember, the fifth of November', and next week will be Remembrance Sunday.

Remembering is an important part of the Christian life. Jesus gave us the Communion service so that every time we take the bread and wine we will remember what he has done for us on the cross. But we don't just remember the past – the Bible urges us to remember the present and the future as well!

We need to remember what we were. In Ephesians 2:12 Paul reminds us that before we knew Jesus, we were '*without God and without hope in the world*'. We should be so full of gratitude to God for his wonderful grace in rescuing us from this, and realising that, that is still the state of so many people around us, should spur us on in **Making Disciples**.

But we need as well to remember what we are. In the same passage Paul writes that God '*made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in transgressions*' (Ephesians 2:5) That is the truth that should define our lives, and that ought constantly to inspire all we do; we are alive in Christ. Living that is what is involved in **Being Disciples**.

And we also need to remember what we will be. Sometimes we do get bogged down in the struggles of life here and now. But as Paul wrote to the church in Rome; 'I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.' (Romans 8:18) What an incentive to be **Growing Disciples** – helping others in Christchurch to hold on to that glorious hope.

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 Club 5.30 pm Brownies
Friday	-	9.15 am Mothers and others 2.00 to 3.30 pm Foodbank

CHURCH LIBRARY

John Wesley once said that *“Reading Christians are growing Christians”*

You might have noticed in the Parish Centre that our Church Library has been tidied up, and restocked with some new books. There are books which can help you in different aspects of your discipleship – books about the Bible and about Prayer, Christian biographies and much more. Why not take a look – then borrow a book, read it, and then return it.

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

MEN’S BREAKFAST
9.00 am



LADIES LUNCH
12 Noon





WORK PARTY

Lots of great work has been done on the churchyard this year, but there are still a few jobs it would be good to get done. So we'll be having a work party after Men's Breakfast –

Saturday 19th November, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

SUNDAY 20th November, 4.30 pm

Christingle Service

and

Operation

Christmas Child

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH



The Christmas Lunch will be held on Sunday 11th December at 1.00 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet with other members of the Church family, please come along and enjoy the fellowship as well as a delicious Christmas dinner.

Tickets are available from Doreen Bryce at the 9.00 am, Mandy Smith at the 10.45 am and from Carol Allen at the 6.30 pm. Tickets are priced at £5 per adult and children are free, please ask for the child tickets as the numbers will be needed for catering.

CHRIST CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY 2017

Friday 12th – Sunday 14th May
at Tyn-y-Nant in North Wales

(the home of Merseyside Christian Youth Camp)

Look out for a booking form due out in November to book a place

SERVICES THIS MONTH

Half-hearted discipleship?

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

Sunday 6th Nov – **The foolish vow** – Judges 10:6-11:40

Sunday 13th Nov (Remembrance Sunday)
– **The broken victor** – Judges 13:1-16:31

Sunday 20th Nov – **The darkness closes in** – Judges 17:1-21:25

Sunday 27th Nov (Advent Sunday)
– **The odd couple** – Judges 4:1-24

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 6th Nov – **You have great faith** – Matthew 15:21-28

Sunday 13th Nov – **Watch and pray** – Matthew 26:36-46

Sunday 20th Nov – **CHRISTINGLE** (4.30 pm)

Sunday 27th Nov – Deanery Advent Service at St.Mary's, Liscard
No evening service at Christ Church



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