

January 2017 at



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moreton

Dear friends at Christchurch

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Another New Year, and once again many people will have made resolutions – ways in which they want this year to be better, more fulfilling, more worthwhile – resolutions which will often have fizzled out by the end of January, because we can't change ourselves. But what we can't do in our own strength, God is able to work in us. That is what our theme verse for this year tells us – that whilst on our own we can achieve nothing, God is able to make our lives fruitful.

So what fruit does God want to be producing in us this year? It has to be to do with our discipleship. Our vision of **Making Disciples, Growing Disciples and Being Disciples** still needs to drive all that we are doing.

Being Disciples involves being equipped for the work God has called you to. So this year we will be looking to run various courses to train disciples, starting with a Pastoral Care course (details inside). But **Being Disciples** isn't restricted to what we do in church – most of us spend far more time away from church than in it! So starting on 22nd Jan, our morning services and our home-groups are going to be focussing on '*Life on the Frontline*' – helping us to see how we can live as disciples at work and home and leisure.

Another important part of **Being Disciples** is that we will be involved in **Making Disciples**. Maybe our new '*Life Explored*' course is something that you would like to bring a friend to. Or to come along yourself, to be reminded of how wonderful the things that God has done for us are, and to be better equipped to share that with others.

And, most important of all, **Being Disciples** involves prayer, prayer, and more prayer. Because unless God is at work, all our work will achieve nothing.

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

SERVICES THIS MONTH

- Sun 8th Jan 9.00 & 10.45 am
& 6.30 pm Our mission – *John 15:1-8*
- Sun 15th Jan 9.00 & 10.45 am
& 6.30 pm Resourcing our mission – *John 15:1-8*
- Sun 22nd Jan 9.00 & 10.45 am The Frontline Call
– *Matthew 28:16-20*
6.30 pm Praying our adoration – *Psalms 63*
- Sun 29th Jan 10.45 am – **Christ Church Together**
The Frontline Commission – *Jeremiah 29:4-14*

Regular Weekly activities

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| 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 |

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This runs from Wednesday 18th January. We will be having a joint service with the other Moreton churches on Sunday 29th Jan, 6.30 pm at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church. The speaker will be Damian Prescott, who runs the Olive Branch Charity helping addicts on Wirral to get clean using Christian support.

'Carry each other's burdens' (Galatians 6:2)

Caring for one another should always be our aim, but we do need within the church those who are gifted in pastoral care. To help equip anyone who is interested in this, we are thinking of running a Pastoral Care course. It is a 10 session course; each session involves around 5 hours work at home, and then a group session to talk through what you have learned. The plan is to run the course roughly fortnightly on Tuesday evenings.

The coursework book costs £30 but if you can't afford that we will be able to cover it.

We will run the course as long as enough people sign up, so if you are interested, or would like to know more, please speak to Graham



LIFE|EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST GIFT
GOD COULD GIVE YOU?

LIFE EXPLORED is a new 7 session series from the makers of Christianity Explored, which helps people uncover what they're really living for, and shows how, in Christ, God meets our deepest desire for happiness. A great way to introduce a friend to the good news – or

to be reminded of it yourself. We are hoping to run it on Monday evening, starting at the end of the month. If you are interested, please speak to Graham

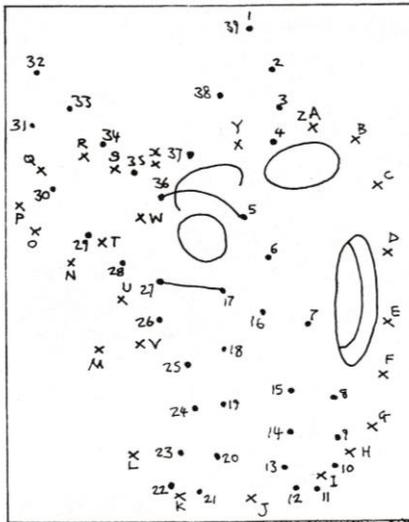
CHRIST CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY 2017

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

(the home of Merseyside Christian Youth Camp)

Have you booked yet? Time is running out – we need to know how many people are going. See Lynda Jones if you need more information – **then get your booking form in!**

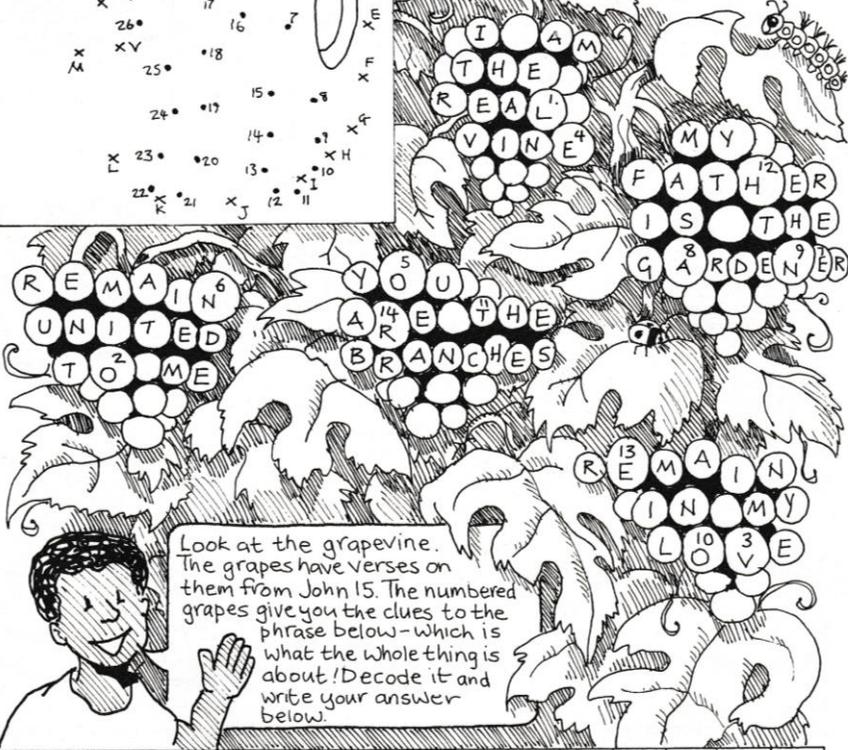
BEING DISCIPLES



Here are two things drawn on top of each other. To find out what they are, first join the numbered dots, then the alphabet crosses, using a different colour for each. What is each used for?

1. _____

2. _____



Look at the grapevine. The grapes have verses on them from John 15. The numbered grapes give you the clues to the phrase below - which is what the whole thing is about! Decode it and write your answer below.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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At the heart of discipleship is our relationship with God our Father. How can you make sure that your relationship with him will grow and be fruitful in 2017?