

February 2017 at christ church moreton

Dear friends at Christchurch

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

Jesus promised that if we remain in him our lives will be fruitful. But – what fruit do you want your life to produce? I guess that most people in our society would think in terms of material comfort and happiness, but the context of Jesus' promise shows that his main concern is that the lives of his children should be producing the fruit of love, which is, of course, a good thing to think about in the month which gives us Valentine's Day!

We should be people who **love one another** (John 15:12). And, unlike the sometimes casual and self-centred acts on Valentine's Day, real love can be costly. Last month we highlighted the challenges we face, both financially and practically. I do hope that you have had a chance to pray through the 'Using my gifts and playing my part' leaflet. Because, if we do love one another, we will be willing to give more than we find comfortable, and to take on work we find difficult. If the fruit of genuine love is present in Christ Church, it will show through people doing what is needed, regardless of whether they feel like it.

But – we will never do that just by thinking it is what we should do. When it comes to real love, as Jesus said, *without me you can do nothing*. Real love is only produced in the lives of those who remain in Jesus – who spend time reading his word, praying and worshipping – the things which nurture our relationship with him. We will only love one another if we first love the Lord, and we will only love him as we respond to the amazing love he has shown us.

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

SERVICES THIS MONTH

On Sunday mornings we continue looking our series **Life on the Frontline** as we explore how we can more effectively witness in the places where we spend most of our time. In our Sunday evening series **Praying with the Psalms** we look at how some of the Psalms can help us in our praying.

Sun 5 th Feb	9.00 & 10.45 am	The Frontline Community – <i>Colossians 3:12-17</i>
	6.30 pm	Praying our Anxiety – <i>Psalms 55</i>
Sun 12 th Feb	9.00 & 10.45 am	The Frontline Concern – <i>Acts 3:1-10</i>
	6.30 pm	Praying our Failure – <i>Psalms 51</i>
Sun 19 st Feb	9.00 & 10.45 am	The Frontline Cry – <i>Matthew 6:9-13</i>
	6.30 pm	Praying our Temptation – <i>Psalms 141</i>
Sun 26 th Jan	9.00 & 10.45 am	The Frontline Commitment – <i>Acts 4:23-31</i>
	6.30 pm	Praying our Praise – <i>Psalms 145</i> (PRAISE! Service)

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Saturday 18th February
9.00 am



LADIES LUNCH
Saturday 18th February
12.00 noon

ADVANCE NOTICES:

ASH WEDNESDAY (1st March)

9.30 am – Holy Communion service in church

7.45 pm – Informal Communion service in the Parish Centre

ENGAGING WITH THE WORLDS OF YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Saturday 18th March, 10 am – 4pm at St. John's, Knutsford

In our society today youth and children move between many different worlds each day. Those worlds are constantly changing; understanding them and engaging with them is vital if we are to work effectively with youth, children and families, bringing God's word to them in the contexts in which they live. Whether you're a volunteer Y&C leader, a parent, full time Y&C worker, or church minister, this day organised by North West Youth Works is for you.

If you are interested, please speak to Gwen Cousins

Regular weekly activities:

Monday	-	9.30 am : Toddler Group
	-	1.00 pm : TLC
Tuesday	-	9.30 am: Toddler Group
	-	3.30 pm: S.O.S.
	-	6.00 - 7.30 pm Foodbank
Wednesday	-	5.30 pm: Rainbows
Thursday	-	9.45 am : Keep Fit
	-	11.00 am : Keep Fit
	-	1.00 pm : Craft Group
	-	5.30 pm : Brownies
Friday	-	9.15 am : Mothers 'n' Others
	-	2.00 - 3.30 pm Foodbank

All activities will be closed during the February Half-Term week beginning Monday 20th February

except for Open Church, TLC, Craft Group, Mothers'n'others and Foodbank

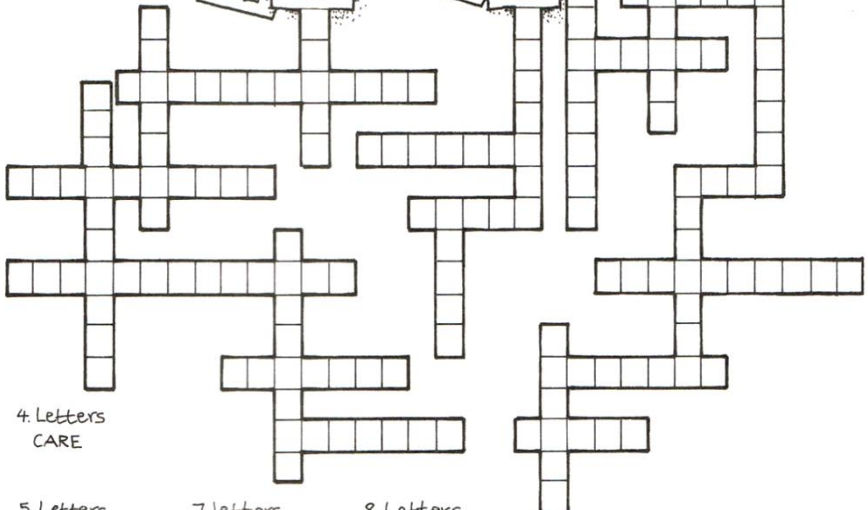
ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE!

MEGA
WORD
FIT!



Fit all the words into the grid. Three large letters are in place to help you

G O D I S L O V E



4. Letters
CARE

5. Letters
AMITY
VALUE
MERCY

6. Letters
ADMIRE
REGARD HONOUR

7. letters
LOYALTY
CHARITY
CONCERN
CHERISH

RESPECT
SUPPORT
EMPATHY

8. Letters
SYMPATHY
KINDNESS
DEVOTION
TREASURE

12. Letters
FAITHFULNESS

13. Letters
CONSIDERATION

10. Letters
ACCEPTANCE
FRIENDSHIP
COMPASSION
APPRECIATE

Now unscramble the mystery verse. The a's and e's have changed places, so have the o's and i's - change them back to read the verse.



a e o a i G o i b

"Thos os whet liva os:ot os nit thet wa heva livad Gid, but thet ha livad us end sant hos Sin ti ba tha maens by which iur sons era firgovan." 1 JOHN 4:10