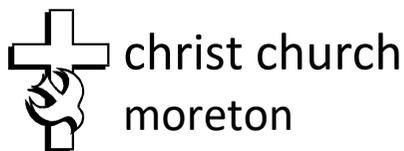


March 2017 at



Dear friends at Christchurch

TOWARDS EASTER

We have now entered Lent – a time of year when many people still seem to give up something without having any idea why they do it! Lent was originally a forty day period of preparation for those being baptised on Easter Sunday. From there it developed into a time where all Christians were encouraged to take time to renew their spiritual lives in readiness for the great Easter celebrations. Which is why I think it's sad that now Lent is so much seen as a time to give up things we enjoy. The emphasis should be not on giving up, but on making time for the best, and the best has to be your relationship with the Lord Jesus.

But if that relationship is to flourish, it will mean taking time to spring-clean your soul – because in our modern world there are so many things which, even though they are OK themselves, can actually begin to push Jesus to the edge. The next few weeks is a great time to reverse that.

So – at our 9.00 am & 10.45 am services we will be looking at the account in mark's gospel of Jesus journey to Jerusalem, where he knew he would be killed. It will remind us of why his death was so important. Our Home-groups will also focus on the difference Jesus' death should make to us as Christians, as we explore 'The Power of the Cross.' And at 6.30 we will be looking at ways in which the Old Testament points us to the amazing grace of God which we see in Jesus' death and resurrection.

Our Sundays and home-groups are vital if you want to grow. But so is prayer – have you joined a prayer triplet yet? Praying together is maybe the best thing you can give extra time to in Lent.

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousi

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT LUNCHES

WHO WAS JESUS?

This year we will again be joining with Christians from the other churches in Moreton for a series of Lent Lunches.

The lunches will be on Wednesdays (starting on 8th March), and we will be hosting them in the Parish Centre. Each week we will begin with a short service at 12.00 noon, based around one of Jesus' I AM sayings, followed at 12.30 pm by a soup lunch.

EASTER 2017 at CHRIST CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY (9th April)

10.45 am – The Cross Road – multi-media retelling of the first Easter

MAUNDY THURSDAY (13th April)

6.30 pm – Passover Meal.

GOOD FRIDAY (14th April)

10.45 am – Walk of Witness leaving Christ Church

11.00 am – Moreton Churches Together Good Friday Service
– *at Moreton Baptist Church.*

2.00 pm – An hour at the cross

(Music and Readings for Good Friday)

EASTER DAY (16th April)

5.45 am – Moreton Churches Easter Day Sunrise Service
Moreton Shore Car Park (*end of Pasture Road*)

9.00 am – Holy Communion

10.45 am – Family Communion Service

6.30 pm – Easter Evening (*Music and Readings for Easter Day*)

CHRIST CHURCH A.G.M.

Our AGM this year will be on Sunday 30th April at 1.00 pm. Please put the date in your diary.

SERVICES THIS MONTH

On Sunday mornings in **On the Road** we follow Jesus' last journey to Jerusalem, whilst at 6.30 we explore how some of the great Old Testament stories point us to the **Amazing Grace** of God seen in Jesus.

Sun 5th Mar 9.00 & 10.45 am Life and death – *Mark 8:27-9:1*
6.30 pm The Ark – *Genesis 6:9-22*

Sun 12th Mar 9.00 & 10.45 am Glory and suffering – *Mark 9:2-9:29*
6.30 pm The Exodus – *Exodus 12:1-13*

Sun 19st Mar 9.00 & 10.45 am First and last – *Mark 9:30-10:12*
6.30 pm The Snake – *Numbers 21:4-9*

Sun 26th Mar (Mothering Sunday)
9.00 & 10.45 am Rich and poor – *Mark 10:13-31*
6.30 pm The Giant – *1 Samuel 17:32-49*

Regular weekly activities:

Monday	-	9.30 am	Toddler Group
	-	9.30 am	Lighthouse tea bar
	-	1.00 pm	TLC
Tuesday	-	9.30 am	Toddler Group &
	-	9.30 am	Lighthouse tea bar
	-	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
	-	9.30 am	Mothers 'n' Others
Friday	-	2.00 - 3.30 pm	Foodbank

FOLLOWING JESUS



ANIMAL PUZZLE QUIZ

Fill your answers into the grid which will then give you all the references you need to solve the mystery verse below.

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| 1. Australian animal. | 5. Underground animal. |
| 2. Long-necked animal. | 6. Pet animal - it barks! |
| 3. Baby bear. | 7. Milk giving animal |
| 4. It's got JAWS! | 8. Small horse. |

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(MATT:4:19)
N.I.V.

If we are following Jesus, then he wants us to help others to follow him as well.