

November 2017 at christ church moreton

Dear Friends at Christ Church

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

Our theme verse this year has reminded us that our lives as Christians have to be rooted in the Lord Jesus if we are to do anything worthwhile. And that is something which the Apostle Paul highlighted – especially in his letter to the Philippians.

This month at our morning services we begin a series on Philippians. Maybe the heart of the book can be found in Philippians 2:12-13, where Paul tells us that discipleship is first and foremost about God being at work. That is such good news – discipleship isn't about making huge efforts in my own strength, but rather it is about expecting God to equip me and then be at work through me.

But that doesn't mean that I can just sit back! It is because I know that God is at work, that I am encouraged to throw myself into the work of the gospel. Faithful discipleship is a partnership – as I play my part, so God works through that. But if I don't play my part – then my discipleship will fizzle out – and my life will be the poorer.

This month we do have opportunities to play our part. Our Christingle services are great occasions to invite others – this year we are holding 2, to cater for different age groups. Through our Family Pack Project and the Shared Lunch the following day, we can show God's love in practical ways. And as we look towards Christmas, now is the time to start praying for family and friends you would like to invite to one of our services. ,

Work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purposes.

Philippians 2:12-13.

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

SUNDAY 19th November, 4.00 pm & 6.00 pm

Christingle Service

and

Operation

*Christmas Child
shoebox collection*



Our next **FAMILY PACK DAY** is on Saturday 25th November. If you could help on the day, please see Jane Fisher or Clair Culligan.

As part of the project we will be providing the families who come with a **Christmas Hamper** – if you would like to give towards that, there is a basket at the back of church.

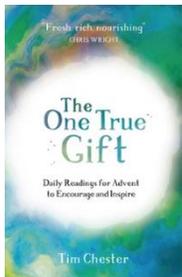
To follow up the Family Pack day, we are having a **Shared Lunch** on Sunday 26th November. Please do plan to be there – and bring a bit of extra food to share with any visitors.

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday 10th December 1.00 pm
More details to follow, but book the date!



ADVENT IS COMING!



Although Advent Sunday isn't until 3rd December this year, for many the mad rush to Christmas will be in full swing by then. Using Advent wisely as a time of preparation for celebrating Jesus' birth is always important for us as Christians. Last year many of us used Tim Chester's book 'The One True Story' to guide us through Advent – Tim has written another book – 'The One True Gift' for this Advent. It is based on Philippians 2 – so will tie in well with our morning sermon series. If you would like a copy for about £4 per copy (the more we can order, the cheaper they'll be!), please sign up by 19th November.

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND LADIES LUNCH

Will be on Saturday 18th November for the men at 9.00 am and the ladies at 12.00 noon. There is a work party in between at 10.00 am.

SERVICES THIS MONTH

Philippians

At 9.00 am & 10.45 am we start a new series on Paul's letter to the Philippians – showing us what it means to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus.

Sunday 5th Nov – **Work in progress** – Philippians 1:1-8

Sunday 12th Nov (Remembrance Sunday)

– **A purpose filled prayer** – Philippians 1:9-11

Sunday 19th Nov – **Passion for the gospel** – Philippians 1:12-26

Sunday 26th Nov – **A life worthy of the gospel** – Philippians 1:27-2:4

7 things God can't do

At 6.30 pm we continue looking at some of the things which the Bible tells us God can't do – things which are good news for us.

Sunday 5th Nov – **God can't stop loving you**– Jeremiah 31:3

Sunday 12th Nov – **God can't tempt you** – James 1:13

Sunday 19th Nov – **CHRISTINGLE** (4.00 pm & 6.00 pm)

Sunday 26th Nov – **God can't fail** – Jeremiah 32:17

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Sunday 3rd Dec – **Deanery Advent Service** at St.Thomas', Liscard
No evening service at Christ Church



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