

January 2018 at christ church moreton

Dear friends at Christchurch

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Another New Year has begun. I wonder what your thoughts were as 2018 dawned. For some there will have been excitement – looking forward with big plans. For others, there will have been anxiety – uncertainty about what the coming months will hold.

Back in November when we started our Sunday morning series on Philippians, we were reminded of what Paul wrote to that church: *that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus*. Philippians 1:6. Whatever happens this year, if you are a Christian, God will be at work bringing you to maturity in Christ,

But as we saw last Sunday, that doesn't mean that we can sit back and leave God to get on with it. It is as we work out our salvation – as we live out the new life which he has given to us through Jesus – that God will be at work in us (Philippians 2:12-13). It is as we give ourselves to Making Disciples, Growing Disciples and Being Disciples, that we will find that it is God who is at work Making Disciples, Growing Disciples and enabling us in Being Disciples.

So – are you ready to do that in 2018 – to get stuck in with living out your salvation? 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. Maybe you'll want to join a home-group, or our new Introduction to the Bible course. Maybe you'll seek new ways of serving – working with Kat with our children and families, or helping with Food bank or Family Pack.

In 2018, it is as you work out, that God will work in, and that will bless you and bless others.

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

THE BIG CHRISTMAS CARD

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Big Christmas Card Collection. The total raised was
£350.00



This month Kat is going on mission to Andhra Pradesh in India. She will be involved in providing water wells, mosquito nets and clothing to the poor & orphans. Part of the mission in India is to work at the leprosy camps giving medical & food aid to those afflicted with this awful disease & their families please pray for Kat this month in the work she will be doing there.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This runs from Thursday 18th January. We will be hosting a joint service with the other Moreton churches on Sunday 21st Jan, at 6.30 pm.

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Would you like to know more about the Bible? What it is really all about, and how to read it and understand it better? If you'd be interested in joining a 6 session course meeting fortnightly on Tuesday evening, please let Graham know as soon as possible.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 20th January
9.00 am



LADIES LUNCH

Saturday 20th January
12.00 noon



Life Explored is a seven session series featuring a combination of short films - shot around the world – and Bible interaction. As it explores the Bible story (creation, fall, redemption, new creation), Life Explored shows how our deepest desires for happiness can only be satisfied in one person, Jesus Christ. The best gift God can give us is himself.

Life Explored begins on Monday 22nd January at 8.00 pm. If you would like to come, please fill in one of the cards in the pews.

CHRIST CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY 2018

Friday 22nd – Sunday 24th June
at Tyn-y-Nant in North Wales

Booking forms available on the Welcome Desk. See Lynda Jones if you need more information – **then get your booking form in!**

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

SERVICES THIS MONTH

Philippians

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

Sunday 7th Jan – **Pressing on** – Philippians 3:1-14

Sunday 14th Jan – **Citizens of heaven** – Philippians 3:15-21

Sunday 21st Jan – **Prayer and peace** – Philippians 4:1-9

Sunday 28th Jan – **A contented life** – Philippians 4:10-23

Café Church

At 6.30 pm we meet in the Parish Centre to think about some of the big questions in life.

Sunday 7th Jan – **If you're really there God why don't you prove it?**

Sunday 14th Jan – **If I can be forgiven everything, doesn't that mean I can do what I want?**

Sunday 21st Jan – **Moreton Churches joint service at Christ Church**

Sunday 28th Jan – **Isn't faith just a psychological crutch?**

