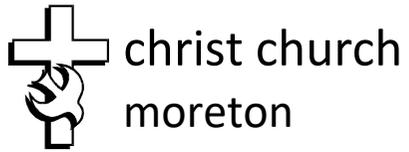


June 2018 at



Dear friends at Christchurch

How confident a person are you? Some people seem to be able to go through life without a moments doubt about themselves, whilst others seem constantly to be unsure about themselves. And that can be true of our relationship with God – how confident are you about that? There seem to be so many ideas about spirituality around in our society at present – how confident are you that what we read in the Bible can be trusted?

I suspect that those have been live questions since the days of the Early Church, because the Apostle John seems to have written his first epistle to address just such questions. At a time when there were many false teachers around, he wanted Christians to know the truth, to be confident about that truth, and so to be confident of their relationship with God.

This month we start studying John's first epistle in both our Sunday morning services and in our home-groups. Let's pray that God will use this little New Testament letter to strengthen us and make us more confident as disciples of the Lord Jesus.

The start of June, of course, sees the departure of Jeremy & Pauline Bentliff, as Jeremy takes up his new work at St. George's and St. Thomas' in Hyde. Jeremy and Pauline's departure is, of course, a big challenge for them. But it is a big challenge for us as a church as well. Jeremy has played an important role in many ministries at Christ Church – in Men's Breakfast, in TLC, in SOS, as well as in our worship on Sundays, school assemblies and pastoral work with individuals, and his departure will leave a lot of gaps. But that is good for us, because it will give more people a chance to be involved in ministry! Because a confidence in the gospel should always result in service.

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Saturday 16th June 9.00 am



LADIES LUNCH
Saturday 16th June 12.00.pm

CONFIRMATION

A final reminder that on Sunday 14th October Bishop Peter will be with us at 10.45 am, and that this will be a confirmation service if we have anyone who would like to be confirmed. Confirmation is a great opportunity for anyone who has either come to faith or has recommitted their life to Jesus to publicly mark that commitment to Jesus, and to commit themselves to serve him as part of Christ Church. Even if you have been confirmed in the past, it is possible to renew your baptismal vows in the service. We'll soon need to decide whether it will be a confirmation service or not, so if you feel that confirmation might be an appropriate step for you, do please speak to Graham.

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
	-	3.30 pm : Youth Group
	-	7.30 pm : Zumba
	-	5.30 pm : Brownies
Friday	-	9.30 am : Mothers 'n' Others
	-	2.00 – 3.30 pm Foodbank

SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH THIS MONTH

BLESSED ASSURANCE: Starting on 10th June, at 9.00 am & 10.45 am we will start a series on the first Epistle of John.

JUST 10: Again starting on 10th June, we will be meeting in the Parish Centre for our evening service, as we start a series looking at the 10 Commandments, and how they shape our lives as Disciples. Instead of a live speaker, we will be using a series of talks by the evangelist J John.

Sunday 3rd June

– 9.00 & 10.45 am We finish our series on Praying
with the Early Church: *Battleground Prayer* – Acts 12:1-17
6.30 pm Jeremy's farewell

Sunday 10th June

– 9.00 & 10.45 am Finding Forgiveness – 1 John 1:1-10
6.30 pm – You shall not covet

Sunday 17th June

– 9.00 & 10.45 am Walking in the Light – 1 John 2:1-14
6.30 pm – You shall not give false testimony

Sunday 24th June

(This is our Church Weekend Away, so there will be just one service at Christ Church. We welcome the Revd Richard Wood as our preacher.)

– 10.45 am Knowing the truth – 1 John 2:15-27

Sunday 1st July – 9.00 am & 10.45 am Children of God

– 1 John 2:28-3:18

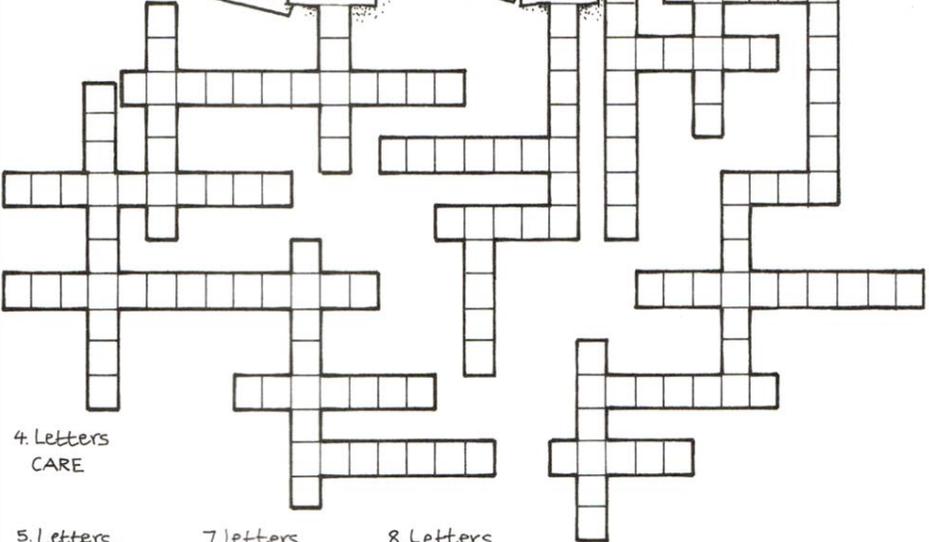
6.30 pm – You shall not steal

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
VALVE
MERCY

6. Letters
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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.



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