

# September 2018 at christ church moreton

Dear friends at Christchurch

After a relatively quiet few weeks, September has arrived, and our regular activities are starting up again. The big event of the last few weeks has undoubtedly been the Holiday Bible Club, and I do want to say a big 'thank you' to Kat and her team for all their hard work and energy. Please do pray that the momentum that was built up during the week will continue through Sunday Club, S.O.S. and Toddler Group, all of which restart week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Our home groups also restart that week – there are more details about our home groups inside this newsletter. And on Sundays we start new teaching series at both our morning and evening services.

On Sunday mornings starting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September we will be studying Romans – Paul's great letter in which he unpacks the heart of the gospel. It is the gospel which makes disciples in the first place, but it is also the gospel which enables us to grow as disciples and live as disciples. Paul could write *"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes."* Romans 1:16

On Sunday evenings, starting on 9<sup>th</sup> September, we will be studying the Old Testament book of Amos. It was written to God's people at a time when they had become thoroughly shaped by the world around, rather than by God's word, and it will challenge us to be faithful as disciples in our increasingly post-Christian society.

We know that we are called to be Making Disciples, Growing Disciples, and Being Disciples. But ultimately all of that we do is a response to what God has already done for us through Jesus. Let's make sure that in all that we do, we keep our eyes firmly fixed on him.

Yours in Christ

*Graham Cousins*

<b>Regular weekly activities:</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	10.45 am : Sunday club	(restarts 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
<b>Monday</b>	9.30 am : Toddler Group 1.00 pm : TLC	(restarts 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
<b>Tuesday</b>	7.30 am: Prayer Meeting 9.30 am: Toddler Group 3.30 pm: S.O.S. 6.00 - 7.30 pm Foodbank	(restarts 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30 am: Refugee coffee morning starts 5.15 pm: Rainbows	5 <sup>th</sup> Sept (restarts 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
<b>Thursday</b>	9.45 am : Keep Fit 11.00 am : Keep Fit 1.00 pm : Craft Group 5.30 pm : Brownies 7.30 pm : Zumba	(restarts 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept)    (restarts 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
<b>Friday</b>	9.15 am : Mothers 'n' Others 2.00 - 4.00 pm Foodbank	

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Our new term of home-groups starts week beginning Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Sept, and will be studying the Apostles' Creed. There should be a leaflet with details of our home-groups inside this newsletter.

## BACK AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept

9.00 am

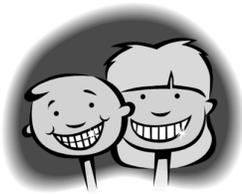


### LADIES LUNCH

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept

12.00 noon

## NEW SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATION



Our New School Year Service will be on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September** at our **10.45 am** service.

It is a great opportunity support our teachers and pupils and pray for them as they start the new school year. Please be here for this important service.

Following the service we will be having a coffee morning in support of MacMillan Cancer Support.



## ADVANCE NOTICE

It only just September, but it is already time to think about Christmas!

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December. **Christ Church Christmas Dinner**. More details later, but book the date!

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. **Carol Service**. For the last couple of years we've put together a choir for the Carol service. If you would be interested in doing this again, please speak to Anne Turner or to Graham.

## SERVICES THIS MONTH

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	9.00 am	Jude 24-25
	10.45 am	Isaiah 53 (Damien Martindale's baptism)
	6.30 pm	Just Ten – Live by priorities
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00 am & 10.45 am	The parable of the Talents – Matthew 24:14-30
	6.30 pm	Amos 1:1 – 2:15
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00 am	The Sheep and the Goats – Matthew 25:31-46
	10.45 am	New School Year Celebration – Philippians 4:2-13
	6.30 pm	Amos 3:1-15
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	9.00 am & 10.45 am	Romans 1:1-4
	6.30 pm	Amos 4:1-13
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00 am & 10.45 am	Romans 1:5-17
	6.30 pm	PRAISE NIGHT!

## COMING IN OCTOBER

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – HARVEST SERVICES at 9.00 am & 10.45 am

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – Bishop Peter will be joining us for our 10.45 am service. This will be his last visit to Christ Church before his retirement next year, so do please join us.



making disciples  
growing disciples  
being disciples



HOME-GROUPS

*Carry each other's burdens,  
and in this way you will fulfil  
the law of Christ.*

Galatians 6:2

*(Jesus said) For where two or  
three gather in my name,  
there am I with them.*

Matthew 18:20

*Let the message of Christ dwell  
among you richly as you teach  
and admonish one another.*

Colossians 3:16

*Let us consider how we may spur  
one another on towards love and  
good deeds, not giving up meeting  
together, as some are in the habit of  
doing, but encouraging one another.*

Hebrews 10:24-25

Our Home-groups will soon be restarting after the summer break. As a church we want to be growing as disciples, and home-groups give real opportunities for that to happen. They are occasions when we can explore the Bible together, where we can help one another to see how God's word applies to our lives, where we can rejoice together when good things happen, but also support each other when life is tough. In fact being part of a home-group is the main way in which we can find support within the fellowship of Christ Church.

If you've never been part of a home-group, or if you used to be in one, or if you feel it's time to try a different group – the start of a new term is a good time to step out and find a group to be part of.

Below is a list of our existing home-groups. Feel free to speak to one of the leaders about joining – or have a word with Carol Allen, who co-ordinates our home-groups. Or speak to Graham – we might well be starting further home-groups if there is enough demand.

LEADER	WHEN DO THEY MEET?	WHERE DO THEY MEET
Pauline Williams	Tuesday afternoon	Parish Centre
Carol Allen	Tuesday evening	Copsmead
Gwen Cousins	Wednesday evening	Burden Road
Sheila Farrington	Wednesday evening	Croft Drive
Phil Jones	Wednesday evening	Ditton Lane
Lynn Hindle / Clair Culligan	Wednesday evening	Millhouse
Pam Hartley	Thursday afternoon	Parish Centre

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