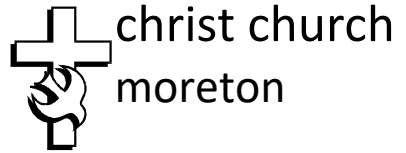


# October 2018 at



Dear friends at Christchurch

What have you been growing this year? Ask that question in a farming community, and farmers will think of the crops which they have been growing, and whether the harvest has been good or not. Ask the question of a keen gardener, and they will think of maybe different flowers or fruit or veg they have grown this year.

What have you been growing this year? At harvest, it might seem a question that is irrelevant to you – maybe you don't have much garden, and you don't really try to grow anything. But actually, all of us have been growing something more important even than food. Three times in the New Testament we read about a "*harvest of righteousness*". That is something which should be seen in the lives of all Christians.

What have you been growing this year? You see, all of us are growing something. One of the things I notice every year in my garden is that whilst I have to work to grow the things I want, weeds will grow with no help at all! My garden is always growing something – if I leave it to itself, it will grow weeds. If I work at getting rid of the weeds, and nurturing the plants I want to grow, then they will grow. And what is true in my garden is true in my life. If I pay no attention to how I live – what I think and how I act – weeds will grow. That is what we see clearly in our 6.30 pm series on the book of Amos. But it doesn't have to be that way. When we align ourselves with God's good purpose, and allow the gospel to shape our lives, good fruit will grow.

What have you been growing this year? Can you look back over the past 12 months and see that you have grown as a Christian, that your life is producing a harvest of righteousness? Or when you look back, do you have to admit that you are producing weeds much more than good fruit? And – what will you be growing in the months to come?

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
9.00 am



## LADIES LUNCH

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
12.00 noon

## FISH

F.I.S.H, Fun and Food in School Holidays, is our school holiday family event. The whole ethos is to share the love of God and to bless the families within our community. The event consists of a two course lunch with craft, games, face painting and lots of fun. Please pray for the event and for the families attending. If you would like to know more or would like to volunteer please contact Kat.

## COMMEMORATION SERVICE



Each autumn we hold a special service to which we invite those who have been bereaved over the previous year. This year the service will take place on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30 pm.**

This is a service at which there will be prayer for those who have been bereaved and also an opportunity to remember loved ones and to give thanks to God for them. If you know anyone for whom this service might be helpful do please let them know, and please consider coming along yourself, even if you've not been bereaved. It would be good to have people from church to share in the service.



## THE LIGHT PARTY

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 5.30 – 7.00 pm

*More details later in the month*



SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> November

4.00 pm & 6.00 pm

***Christingle Services***

*and*

***Operation Christmas Child  
shoebox collection***



### 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 | - | * | 5.30 Rainbows                       |
| Thursday  | - | * | 9.45 and 11.00 am Keep fit          |
|           |   |   | 1.00 pm Craft Group                 |
|           |   | * | 5.30 pm Brownies                    |
|           |   |   | 7.30 pm Zumba                       |
| Friday    | - |   | 9.15 am Mothers and others          |
|           |   |   | 2.00 to 3.30 pm Foodbank            |

\* Closed half term week Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

## SERVICES THIS MONTH

### 9.00 am & 10.45 am : Romans – Good news for the world

Paul's epistle to the Romans, in which he unpacks the heart of the gospel, transformed the lives of Augustine, Luther, John Wesley and countless more. The gospel is good news for the world, but good news which has to be acted on.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest services (Family service at 10.45 am)

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct – Visit from Bishop Peter at 10.45 am  
(Hebrews 4:12-16 / Mark 10:17-31)  
*(short morning prayer service at 9.00 am)*

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Romans 1:18-32

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Romans 2:1-16

### 6.30 pm : Amos – When God's patience runs out

Amos spoke to God's people at a time when they were comfortable and complacent, and he warned them of God's judgment. His words from 2800 years ago still speak to the church today.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Amos 5:1-17

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct – Amos 5:16-27

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Amos 6:1-14

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Amos 7:1-9



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