

November 2018 at christ church moreton

Dear Friends at Christ Church

At the start of Romans, which we are studying on Sunday mornings, Paul says: *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.*

Romans 1:16. We live in a society which desperately needs to hear that gospel, and this month we have opportunities to share that good news in both word and action.

Our Christingle services are great occasions to invite others – this year we are again holding two services, to cater for different age groups. Through our Family Pack Project at the end of the month we can show God's love in practical ways to those most in need in our community. 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.

These things are all important, but in the busy-ness that they involve, it is important to remember that without prayer they will achieve nothing. We serve one another by praying for each other – regularly through our Prayer Diary and when we gather together through our Prayer Ministry Team. And one of the main ways in which we can serve our community is in praying for it. Our prayer request cards give people the opportunity to ask for prayer, but we all have a part in encouraging people to do that.

Samuel Chadwick, a Methodist leader in the early 20th century, wrote: "The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray."

So – in all the activity of the coming weeks, will you make time for prayer? Why not meet up with one or two others to pray regularly.

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

SUNDAY 18th November, 4.00 pm & 6.00 pm

Christingle Service

and

Operation

Christmas Child

shoebox collection



Our **Carol Service** this year will be on Sunday 16th December. We are planning to put together a choir to sing at the Carol service – Rehearsals will be on a Monday night at 6.30 pm starting on the 19th November. If you want to know more, please speak to Anne Turner or to Graham.

Christmas unwrapped

Cannon J. John will be speaking at a an evangelistic event on Monday 3rd December at Wallasey Town Hall, refreshments at 7 pm and then starting at 7.30 pm. The event has been organised by Wirral Filling Station ticket prices are £2.50 per ticket and they are asking each Christian to bring one unbelieving friend. The charities that will benefit from the event are : Little collector crew, Looby Lou's Lovely Lunches and Wirral Ark. For more details of these great causes are on the missionary notice board.

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday 9th December at 1.00 pm in the parish centre. Tickets will be available on the 25th November, prices are adults £7 and children £2



The Real Advent Calendar.

In 2013, in response to a survey which found that 36% of 5-7 year olds didn't know whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas, the Real Advent Calendar was launched, featuring not only a chocolate each day, but also telling the real Christmas story.

Find out more at www.realadvent.co.uk

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 3.30 pm Youth group 5.30 pm Brownies 7.30 pm Zumba
Friday	-	9.15 am Mothers and others 2.00 to 3.30 pm Foodbank

SERVICES THIS MONTH

Romans

At 9.00 am & 10.45 am we continue our series on Paul's letter to the Romans – showing us how wonderful the gospel is, and why it is so important.

Sunday 4th Nov – at 9.00 am – Matthew 22:15-22
at 10.45 am – Family Service

Sunday 11th Nov (Remembrance Sunday) – Romans 2:17-3:8

Sunday 18th Nov – Romans 3:9-31

Sunday 25th Nov – Romans 4:1-25

Amos

At 6.30 pm we finish our series on the Old Testament prophecy of Amos, who spoke to God's people at a time when they were comfortable and complacent. His warning of God's judgment challenge us to make sure we take our discipleship seriously.

Sunday 5th Nov – Amos 7:10-8:3

Sunday 12th Nov – Amos 8:4-14

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

Sunday 26th Nov – Amos 9:1-15

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Sunday 2nd Dec – **Deanery Advent Service** at Emmanuel,
New Brighton No evening service at Christ Church



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FINANCE UPDATE



CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES WORK

It is now almost a year since Kat started working with us as our Children and Families worker. In that time we have seen real growth – new families at SOS, a new youth group for children aged 10+, increased involvement in Christ Church School, and much more.

This has only been possible because of the giving from Christ Church members – thank you to all those who pledged to give to support this work, and have fulfilled the first year of those pledges. Added to an initial grant, this has enabled us to fund the past year's work.

We are thankful to God that we have received a further grant from Mr Willett's Charity of £8,000 per year for the next 3 years to fund Kat's work. That still needs us to raise around £10,000 per year from church members to maintain this work. So – if you did pledge last year to continue supporting this work into Years 2 & 3, please can you recommit to that. And if you haven't supported this work in the past, but can see the good things that have been happening and would like to give to it now, please speak to Lynda Jones.

CHURCH FINANCES

When thinking about giving to support Kat's work, please don't do it by diverting giving from your regular giving to Christ Church! Whilst we rejoice in God's provision for our Children and Families work, we still face major challenges for our church finances.

So far this year, our expenditure has exceeded our income by £6300. As you will probably know, we don't have large reserves, and this shortfall is having an impact on our ministry. There are urgent repairs needed in the Parish Centre (for example, fire doors, and an oven which is temperamental to say the least!) As we enter the winter period, we are going to want to keep both church building and parish centre warm, which will; push up our running costs.

All of us face coping with increasing costs, and this is equally true for us as a church. But if we want to see our ministry continue to grow, we do have to resource it financially. If each church member was to increase their giving by 10%, it would put us well on the road to a balanced position. Some might not be able to do that, others might be able to give more.

Do please take time to pray about how the Lord would have you respond to this challenge, so that together we can show our gratitude for all that he has done for us by enabling the mission which he has given us here. Thank you.



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