

# January 2019 at christ church moreton

Dear friends at Christchurch

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

The start of a New Year is a good time to take stock of where we are as a church, and to recommit ourselves to our vision of Making, Growing and Being Disciples. January 6<sup>th</sup> is traditionally the day when we remember the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus. And I think that what Matthew tells us about them can give us some pointers to doing that.

First – they stuck at their journey. It would have taken them some time to travel to Bethlehem, most of the time they wouldn't have been at all sure where they were heading, and their final destination can't have been what they were expecting. But they kept going, kept following the star. That is a good model for us as a church. We do start the year with some big challenges, and we don't know what 2019 holds, but we must keep going in our discipleship.

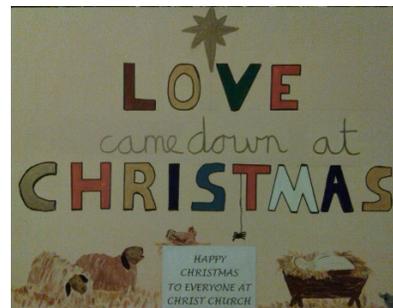
Second – they gave costly gifts to Jesus. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh were all expensive, and there is no reason to assume that the Magi were wealthy people. And again, that is a good model for us. Jesus deserves all that we are and all that we have – and more! If we want to be Making Disciples, we need to keep on pointing people to Jesus, even if in the past they seem to have been unresponsive. We need to commit to resourcing our work here, even if it means giving more than we think we can afford.

Third – when they came to Jesus, they worshipped him. And that is what we need to be doing. The goal of our making, growing and Being Disciples is that the Lord Jesus should be glorified here. And we won't achieve that in our own strength; we will achieve nothing of lasting value this year unless it is rooted in prayer. Not just when it is convenient, but faithfully and continually.

Yours in Christ

*Graham Cousins*

## THE BIG CHRISTMAS CARD



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Big Christmas Card Collection. The total raised so far is £223.00

In January Kat will again be going on mission to Andhra Pradesh in India. She will be involved in providing water wells, medical aid, food camps, mosquito nets and clothing

to the poor & orphans. This aid is vital for the people they reach out too, and a wonderful way to show God's great love for them in a tangible way.

Last year through the Big Christmas Card we raised enough to provide a well as part of Kat's mission, and it would be great if we could do the same again this year. A well costs £500.00, so we are keeping the Big Christmas Card collection open until Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan to see if we can reach that figure.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This runs from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January, and it would be good that week to be praying or the other churches in Moreton. As part of this we will again be hosting a joint service with the other Moreton churches on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, at 6.30 pm, where the speaker will be Dr John Sloan, who leads the Frontline Wirral Church which meets in Moreton Community Centre.

## CHRIST CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY 2019

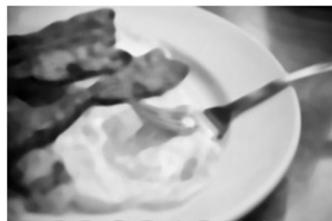
FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE TO SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE

We will again be heading to Tyn-y-Nant in North Wales for a weekend of fellowship, fun and food.

*Booking forms will be available soon, but make sure you have the date in your diary. See Lynda Jones if you need more information.*

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January  
9.00 am



## LADIES LUNCH

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January  
12.00 noon

### 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 pm Rainbows
Thursday	-	9.45 and 11.00 am Keep fit 1.00 pm Craft Club 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

### Man goes into a pub

Maybe one of the strangest titles for a series of sermons, but at 9.00 am & 10.45 am we will be thinking about some of the things which people do sometimes say to us as Christians, and how we can begin to answer them.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Be a star! – Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – ***What does it mean to be a Christian?***

– Mark 1:14-20

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan – ***Will you pray for me*** – Luke 11:1-13

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan – ***The Bible – what's it all about?*** – Luke 24:13-27

### People who met Jesus

At 6.30 pm we meet in the Parish Centre to think about some of the people who met Jesus.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – ***The Wise Men*** – Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – ***John the Baptist*** – John 1:29-42

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan – **Moreton Churches joint service at Christ Church**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan – ***Nicodemus*** – John 3:1-15



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