

# February 2019 at christ church moreton

Dear friends at Christchurch

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength .... Love your neighbour as yourself.*  
Mark 12:30-31

One of the key features of February – at least commercially – is Valentine’s Day. Vast sums will be spent giving gifts to that special person – last year in the UK an estimated £650 million was spent on Valentine’s gifts.

Christians should, of course, be people marked out by their love. So – as our society plans for Valentine’s Day, what does it mean for us to love our neighbour? I think that the Bible points us to 2 gifts we can give to others – gifts which whilst not costly in financial terms will be costly in other ways.

The first is to share the good news with them. Jesus’ last word to his disciples was that they should make disciples of all nations – in telling others about what Jesus has done for us, we are showing our love for him, and also for them. That’s why in our services this month, and in our home groups, we are continuing to think about how we might do that – how we can speak naturally about Jesus to others. Because even if we find it challenging, telling family and friends about the eternal life that is only found in Jesus is the greatest act of love you can show them.

And second – if you love someone, you will pray for them. Praying for opportunities to share our faith, praying that God will be opening their hearts to receive that message. Because unless God is at work, no-one will ever turn to Jesus.

So – in a month dominated by love, will you love those around you?

Yours in Christ

*Graham Cousins*

## **MEN’S BREAKFAST**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
9.00 am



## **LADIES LUNCH**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
12.00 noon

*‘Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another’ (Colossians 3:16)*

Teaching one another is something that the Apostle Paul expected Christians to be doing, but doing it faithfully making sure that it is the ‘message of Christ’ we are sharing, is a challenge.

So we are running a 10 session course helping us to do that. Whether you lead a home-group or other small group, or you are a Sunday Club leader or thinking about preaching, this course could help you. Each session involves some work at home, and then a group session to talk through what you have learned. The plan is to run the course roughly fortnightly on Tuesday evenings, starting in late February.

There will be a small charge for the coursework book but if you can’t afford that we will be able to cover it.

We will run the course as long as enough people sign up, so if you are interested, or would like to know more, please speak to Graham



**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**



## WORK PARTY

Our next work party will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. There are a lot of jobs to be done, both in the grounds and inside our buildings – there is a list on the Welcome Desk where you can sign up to help.

## CHRIST CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY 2019

21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

We will again be heading to Tyn-y-Nant in North Wales for a weekend of fellowship, fun and food. Our guest speaker will be Ron Iveson, who is vicar of St. Oswalds, Bidston.

*Booking forms are available on the Welcome Desk.*

See Lynda Jones if you need more information.

### Regular weekly activities:

<b>Monday</b>	-	9.30 am : Toddler Group
	-	1.00 pm : TLC
<b>Tuesday</b>	-	9.30 am: Toddler Group
	-	3.30 pm: S.O.S.
	-	6.00 - 7.30 pm Foodbank
<b>Wednesday</b>	-	5.30 pm: Rainbows
<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
<b>Friday</b>	-	9.15 am : Mothers 'n' Others
	-	2.00 - 3.30 pm Foodbank

All activities will be closed during the February Half-Term week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February

**except for Open Church, TLC, Craft Group, Mothers'n'others and Foodbank**

## SERVICES THIS MONTH

On Sunday mornings we will continue our series 'A man walks into a bar', thinking about some of the big question people sometimes ask about the Christian faith, and how we might start to answer them.

On Sunday evenings we will be meeting in the Parish Centre, thinking about some of the people who met Jesus, and how that meeting changed them.

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 9.00 am Romans 13:1-7 / Matthew 8:23-34  
 10.45 am Family Service – The Good Samaritan  
 6.30 pm The Samaritan Woman – *John 4:1-30*

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00 & 10.45 am What's your story – *Acts 26:4-23*  
 6.30 pm A Canaanite Woman – *Matthew 15:21-28*

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00 & 10.45 am What are you doing this weekend?  
 – *Colossians 3:12-17*  
 6.30 pm Ten Lepers – *Luke 17:11-19*

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00 & 10.45 am What is life all about?  
*John 8:31-38*  
 6.30 pm Mothers and children  
 – *Luke 18:15-17*

## FURTHER AHEAD

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – ASH WEDNESDAY.

Services at 9.30 am & 7.45 pm



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