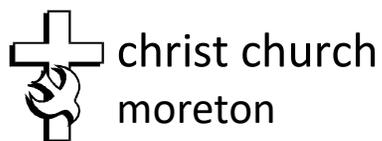


May 2019 at



Dear friends at Christchurch

*You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you.*

Psalm 62:1

At our morning services in the run up to Easter, we looked at the way the psalms encourage us to seek for God, because it is only in a relationship with him that we can have rest, fulfilment, hope, life. Those things should make all of us long for a deeper relationship with God – in fact if that isn't your desire, then I don't think you can really claim to be a disciple.

And, God in his grace has provided ways in which our relationship with him can grow. They will be the focus of our morning services this month – **'O for a closer walk with God'** The Bible, Holy Communion, fasting – these are the things we not only need to hear about, but to put into practice if we really want to grow as disciples.

And growing as disciples will never happen in isolation. So our Sunday evening services will look at some of the **one another's** of the New Testament – how God wants us to be as church. And, again, just hearing about these things is just the start – we need to be putting onto practice loving one another, accepting one another, carrying one another's burdens.

That should be happening in all our relationships in church, but it should especially be seen in our home-groups. This term we will be studying 1 Thessalonians – seeing what Paul wrote to them can inspire us to be a **Living and Attractive Church**.

Just a couple of weeks ago Good Friday and Easter, reminded us that through Jesus, God has done everything necessary for us to have a living relationship with him. Let's not waste that wonderful privilege.

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

APCM 2019

At our APCM last Sunday, the following were appointed to leadership in Christ Church.

We said thank you to Angela Hanton for her 6 years of faithful service as Church Warden. For the coming year Steve Eaves was reappointed, and will be joined by Jane Matthews – thank you to both of them for their willingness to take on this important role.

On the PCC we said thank you to retiring members Lindsey Lawrence, Doreen Bryce and Phil Jones.

New members Steve Smith, Ian Stott and Angela Hanton were elected to serve on the PCC, joining existing members Lynda Jones, Eileen Hughes, Carol Allen, Pauline Williams, Pam Hartley, Bob Holmes, Les Evans, Martyn Hindle, Jane Fisher and Beryl Blackman.

We are blessed to have capable and willing people to take on these important leadership roles in Christ Church. Do please pray for all of them. The first meeting of the new PCC will be on Tuesday 14th May.

EXPERIENCE EASTER



*The pulpit became
the empty tomb*

On the Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week, all of the children from Christ Church School were able to visit church and take part in 'Experience Easter' – an interactive exploration of the events of the first Easter. Around the church they visited the Triumphal Entry of Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Crucifixion and the Empty Tomb. As they went round, Debbi, Kat & Graham told them the story, and helped them to think about how it relates to them.

We do thank God for the strong links we have with our school, and for their enthusiasm to be part of something like this.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 18th May
9.00 am



LADIES LUNCH

Saturday 18th May
12.00.noon



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

There will be details of how we will be involved in this, coming out during the month.

Regular weekly activities:

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| Monday | - | 9.30 am : Toddler Group |
| | - | 1.00 pm : TLC |
| Tuesday | - | 9.30 am: Toddler Group |
| | - | 3.30 pm: S.O.S. |
| | - | 6.00 - 7.30 pm Foodbank |
| Wednesday | - | 5.30 pm: Rainbows |
| Thursday | - | 9.45 am : Keep Fit |
| | - | 11.00 am : Keep Fit |
| | - | 1.00 pm : Craft Group |
| | - | 5.30 pm : Brownies |
| | - | 7.30 pm: Zumba |
| Friday | - | 9.30 am : Mothers 'n' Others |
| | - | 1.00 - 2.30 pm Foodbank |

All groups will be closed on the week of Monday 27th May except for Foodbank, Craft Group, Mother's n others and Zumba.

SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH THIS MONTH

O FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD: At 9.00 am & 10.45 am we will look at the ways God has given us to deepen our relationship with him.

BEING CHURCH WITH ONE ANOTHER: At 6.30 pm we will look at what the New Testament teaches about relationships in the church.

Sunday 5th May – 9.00 am – The Good Shepherd – John 10:11-16
10.45 am Family Service
6.30 pm Love one another – *1 Peter 4:7-11*

Sunday 12th May – 9.00 & 10.45 am ... through the Bible
– *2 Timothy 3:14-4:4*
6.30 pm – Encourage one another – *Hebrews 3:7-15*

Sunday 19th May – 9.00 & 10.45 am through Communion
– *1 Corinthians 11:23-32*
6.30 pm – Carry one another's burdens – *Galatians 6:1-5*

Sunday 26th May – 9.00 & 10.45 am ... through fasting
– *Matthew 6:16-18*
6.30 pm Accept one another – *Romans 14:1-15:7*

Sunday 2nd June – 9.00 am & 10.45 am ... through prayer
– *Ephesians 3:14-21*
6.30 pm Pray for one another – *James 5:13-20*

Ascension Day Communion Service

Thursday 30th May, 9.15 am in church



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