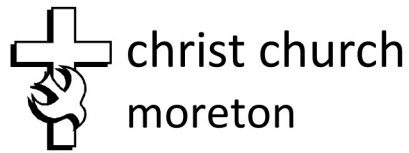


June 2019 at



Dear friends at Christchurch

I guess that most Christians at some time or another think to themselves, 'wouldn't it be great to have been there when Jesus walked on earth – to have actually seen him.' And, yes, it would have been wonderful. But when Jesus spoke to his disciples just before his death, he told them that it is actually better for us to be alive now – *'Very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away'*. (John 16:7)

When we think of the wonderful things that Jesus did – his teaching, his compassion, the blind who had their sight restored, the sick who were healed, it must make us ask – How could it be better for his disciples then, let alone us today, that Jesus goes away? Jesus reply to that question would be, *'Unless I go away the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.'* (John 16:7)

So having the Advocate – the Holy Spirit – with us is really important, which is why Pentecost is such a significant day. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came, and still today the moment someone gives their life to Christ, the Holy Spirit comes to live in them. Without him, it would be impossible for us to live as disciples of Jesus – he is the one who gives us the desire to live in a way which pleases the Lord – in fact only as he is at work will we have any desire to do that.

So it seems appropriate that on Sunday mornings we are continuing our series 'O for a closer walk with God. We need the Holy Spirit to be at work through the Bible, prayer, communion and so on – otherwise they will just be dead formalities. And we need him to be working not just in us as individuals but in us as Christ Church. Only then will our vision of Making Disciples, Growing Disciple and Being Disciples become a reality. Discipleship without the Spirit is not possible, but when we allow him to be at work in and through us, there will be fruit.

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Saturday 15th June
9.00 am



LADIES LUNCH
Saturday 15th June
12.00.pm

WORK PARTY Saturday 15th June 10.00 am



CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY

The weekend of Fri 21st – Sun 23rd June will be our church weekend away at Tyn-y-nant in North Wales.

Please pray:

- for Ron Iveson as he prepares to speak at the weekend
- for Dave Casson as he leads the work with our children and young people
- for Chris Bray, who will be taking our service at Christ Church that day.
- and for all who attend the weekend – for refreshment and renewal.

WALKY-TALKY

Our next walk is on Saturday 29th June. A great opportunity to have a good walk in good company. Meet at the Parish Centre at 9.00 am.
Eastham Ferry, Dibbinsdale and Brotherton Park. (Approx 5.1/2 miles)

FAMILY PACK DAY



The next Family Pack Day will be on Saturday 6th July. There will be information about how you can support the event coming out during the month.

COMING NEXT MONTH



FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT
Friday 12th July

Regular weekly activities:

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
	-	3.30 pm : Youth Group
	-	5.30 pm : Brownies
	-	7.30 pm : Zumba
Friday	-	9.30 am : Mothers 'n' Others
	-	1.00 – 2.30 pm Foodbank

SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH THIS MONTH

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

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

Sunday 2nd June – 9.00 & 10.45 am ... *through prayer*

– Ephesians 3:14-21

6.30 pm *Pray for one another* – James 5:13-20

Sunday 9th June (PENTECOST)

– 9.00 & 10.45 am ... *through service*

– Ephesians 4:11-16

6.30 pm – PENTECOST PRAISE at Moreton Baptist Church

No service at Christ Church

Sunday 16th June – 9.00 & 10.45 am ..*through community* – Acts 2:42-47

6.30 pm – *Spur one another on* – Hebrews 10:19-25

Sunday 23rd June

(This is our Church Weekend Away, so there will be just one service at Christ Church. We welcome the Revd Chris Bray as our preacher.)

– 10.45 am ... *through humility* – Mark 10:35-45

Sunday 30th June – 9.00 am & 10.45 am *God gives us everything*

– 1 Chronicles 29:10-14

6.30 pm – *A living hope* – 1 Peter 1:1-12

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sunday 14th July, 6.30 pm – Bishop Keith will be with us to license Betty Turner as curate at Christ Church.