

## SERVICES THIS MONTH

### 9.00 am & 10.45 am : Proverbs – wisdom to live by.

At both our morning services we continue looking at the book of Proverbs.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest services (Family service at 10.45 am)

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – *Be faithful* – Proverbs 5:1-23

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – *Works in Progress* – Proverbs 10:8-17

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct – *Words, words, words* – Proverbs 12:13-23

### 6.30 pm : Why bother with .....

In our evening service in the Parish Centre we continue thinking about some of the things we do in church – why we do them and whether they actually matter.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – *Why bother with ... communion* – Mark 14:12-25

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – *Why bother with ... baptism* – Galatians 3:26-4:7

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – *Why bother with ... the creed* – Galatians 1:1-10

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct – *Why bother with ... prayer* – Romans 8:12-27

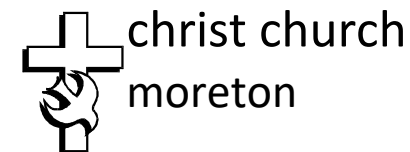
Keep the date – Church weekend away 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020



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# October 2019 at



Dear friends at Christchurch

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love*

Despite the fact that few of us grow our own food anymore, and that in our global community we can buy food grown anywhere in the world, I think that celebrating harvest is still important.

Harvest should remind us that it is true that all the good things we have are gifts from God. It is all too easy to think that God is only at work when something miraculous happens – like a dramatic healing – and that the rest of the time the world runs along unaided. But that is far from the picture the Bible gives us. Tim Chester writes in his book ‘Enjoying God’: “One of the characteristics of modern culture is that people only see natural causes. We find it hard to imagine anything beyond the world around us. It’s as if we’re looking at a picture and seeing only what’s within the frame. We’ve lost the ability to see the hand of the artist.”

He goes on: “But everywhere our heavenly Father is at work ... The farmer, the miller, the baker, the shopkeeper – or their industrial equivalents – are agents of God’s goodness, used by God to give us food.”

If it wasn’t for God’s kindness, we would have no harvest, no food. God is wonderfully generous, not just to us who know him, but to all of creation. And maybe in our society, where we have so little direct contact with the growing of food, we need Harvest Festival even more than in the past, to remind us that even if we can’t often see God miraculously at work, we can know that he is at work. And that day by day we are showered with gifts from him. So let’s stop and be thankful – not just on Harvest Sunday, but every day.

Yours in Christ

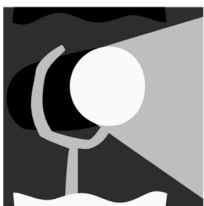
*Graham Cousins*

## GRAHAM TOUR

Next year Franklin Graham will be speaking at a major evangelistic event at the M&S Bank Arena in Liverpool. Unfortunately it is while many of us will be away on the 2020 Church Weekend, but we can still be involved and support the mission.



There is a launch for the event on 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm at Liverpool Football Club, Anfield. Everyone is welcome to attend to find out more about how we can play a role in the Graham Tour visit to Liverpool next year.



### THE LIGHT PARTY

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 5.00 pm

*More details later in the month*

## COMING SOON



## BARN DANCE

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Tickets (£5 adult, £10 family)  
available Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## CHRISTINGLE AND SHOEBOXES – 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

We have a supply of Shoeboxes and leaflets in the office. Shoeboxes are priced at 60p. Please note that this year **Sweets and toothpaste are not now allowed**. For a full list of items allowed visit the samaritans purse website at [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

## COMMEMORATION SERVICE



Each autumn we hold a special service to which we invite those who have been bereaved over the previous year. This year the service will take place on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 4.30 pm.**

This is a service at which there will be prayer for those who have been bereaved and also an opportunity to remember loved ones and to give thanks to God for them. If you know anyone for whom this service might be helpful do please let them know, and please consider coming along yourself, even if you've not been bereaved. It would be good to have people from church to share in the service.

### 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	-	*	5.30 Rainbows
Thursday	-	*	9.45 and 11.00 am Keep fit
			1.00 pm Craft Group
		*	3.30 pm Youth
		*	5.30 pm Brownies
			7.30 pm Zumba (restarts 7 <sup>th</sup> November)
Friday	-		9.15 am Mothers and others
			1.00 to 2.30 pm Foodbank
			* Closed half term week Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November