

January 2020 at christ church moreton

Dear friends at Christchurch

How is your vision? The term 20/20 vision is often used to describe being able to see things clearly, and that is something that is important for us as Christians and as a church. So what would it mean for us to have 20/20 vision this year?

It would mean having a clear grasp of the gospel. So our theme verse for the year emphasises that – *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.* Romans 1:16

This year we need to remember again what the gospel is, and that our prime mission as a church is to share that gospel with others, so that they too might find salvation. The gospel is at the heart of Making Disciples. It's why we will be starting 'Life Explored' this month, and I would urge you to be thinking and praying whether there is someone you could invite to it.

The gospel isn't just something you believe and then live as if it makes no difference. It involves allowing Jesus to be Lord of every area of your life, which is why we need to go on helping those who come to faith, and especially our children and young people, to grow in their faith. The gospel is at the heart of Growing Disciples.

In fact, you will never in this life reach the stage where you are the finished product as a disciple. The gospel continues to challenge and shape every area of our life as Christians. On Sunday mornings we will be thinking about that as we study the Epistle of James. The gospel is at the heart of Being Disciples.

So – let's make sure that in 2020 our vision is clear and sharp – rooted in the glorious gospel which brings salvation.

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 was £378.16 which will be sent to the Barnabas Fund

The **Barnabas Fund** work to support Christians in countries where they are an oppressed minority. Where Christians are a minority, their children are often persecuted when they go to school, so Christian schools for Christian children is one of Barnabas Fund's priorities. The money we raised

will provide the salary for a Christian teacher in Pakistan for a year, plus other school resources.

LIFE EXPLORED



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WHAT'S THE BEST GIFT
GOD COULD GIVE YOU?

Life Explored is a seven session series featuring a combination of short films - shot around the world – and Bible interaction. As it explores the Bible story (creation, fall, redemption, new creation), Life Explored shows how our deepest desires for happiness can only be satisfied in one person, Jesus Christ.

Life Explored will run on Monday evenings starting 20th January. For more information fill in a card or speak to Graham

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 18th January

9.00 am



LADIES LUNCH

Saturday 18th January

12.00 noon

CHRIST CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY 2020

Friday 12th – Sunday 14th 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 booked. See Lynda Jones if you need more information.

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday 14th June to finish our great Christ Church Weekend, Bishop Keith will be with us at 6.30 pm for a confirmation service.

Confirmation is a great opportunity for anyone who has either come to faith or has recommitted their life to Jesus to publicly mark that commitment to Jesus, and to commit themselves to serve him as part of Christ Church. Even if you have been confirmed in the past, it is possible to renew your baptismal vows in the service. If you feel that confirmation might be an appropriate step for you, do please speak to Graham.

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

Living the gospel

Our theme verse for 2020 focusses on the gospel which saves us – but what should our lives look like when we have come into that salvation? The epistle of James points us to the ways in which a relationship with Jesus should make us different from the society around us.

Sunday 5th Jan – 2020 vision – Romans 1:8-17

Sunday 12th Jan – ***Don't give up*** – James 1:1-18

Sunday 19th Jan – ***The real thing*** – James 1:19-27

Sunday 26th Jan – ***No favourites*** – James 2:1-13

Discipleship – learning from the Apostles

At 6.30 pm we will be looking at some of Jesus' first followers, and seeing what they can show us about living authentically Christian lives today.

Sunday 5th Jan – 2020 vision – Romans 1:8-17

Sunday 12th Jan – ***Peter***

Sunday 19th Jan – ***John***

Sunday 26th Jan – ***Andrew***

