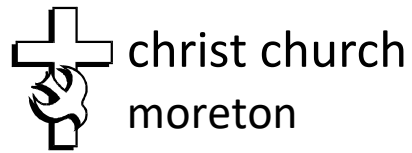


March 2020 at



Dear friends at Christchurch

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

We are now in Lent – for a long time seen as the season of preparation for Easter, a season when Christians pause and make time to do things which will refresh their spiritual lives. And we do need that. At our morning services on the Sunday before Lent we were reminded that the unholy trinity – sin, the world and the devil – constantly oppose us. They try to stop us from embracing the gospel, from taking hold of and enjoying the salvation which it brings. If we are to live life to the full, it starts with drawing near to God. And that is what Lent encourages us to do.

Taking hold of the gospel starts with remembering who Jesus is and what he has done. So through Lent our What's On will have daily readings from Mark's gospel – even if you use other Lent readings I encourage you to join with others in Christ Church as we follow through Jesus life together. Our Lent home groups will also look at the second half of Mark's gospel. And at our 6.30 pm services will work through Luke 22-23 – the last hours of Jesus' life, as we see how that brings life to us.

The salvation which the gospel brings is not some academic thing – it is gloriously life changing. At our morning services we will continue studying the epistle of James, as it shows us how to live out the gospel.

During Lent, many people give up something. Can I challenge you to take up something – to give more time to Bible study, to worship, to prayer. Those are the ways in which we can draw close to God.

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

THE LATE, LATE MEN'S BREAKFAST SOCIAL

Saturday 28th March 7pm

An evening of Fellowship, Food and Faith.

Tickets - £5 from Steve Smith or the church office.



MORETON CHURCHES LENT LUNCHESES

We will be hosting the Lent Lunches in the Parish Centre each Wednesday from March 13th – April 10th. Each week there will be a short service at 12.00 noon, followed by a soup and roll lunch.

A.P.C.M.

Our annual meeting this year will be on Sunday 26th April. As we have done for the last few years, we will have a shared lunch after our morning services, then move into the meeting starting at around 1.00 pm. Please make sure the date is in your diary.

In the run up to the meeting, our Electoral Roll will be renewed, so if you aren't yet on the Roll, look out for Electoral Roll application forms starting 15th March.

THIRD WEDNESDAY – LENT PRAYER SUPPER

Wednesday 18th March, 6.30 pm

Join us for supper of jacket potatoes, various fillings and salad etc, followed by various prayer activities. It will be for all ages, and will be finished by 8.00 pm.

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. Because we are now moving to holding Deanery confirmation services, this is likely to be the last confirmation at Christ Church for several years.

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 soon. There will be a meeting for anyone thinking about confirmation later in the month.

Regular weekly activities:

- Monday** - 9.30 am Toddler Group
- 9.30 am Lighthouse tea bar
- 1.00 pm TLC
- Tuesday** - 9.30 am Toddler Group
- 9.30 am Lighthouse tea bar
- 3.30 pm S.O.S.
- 6.00 pm Foodbank
- Wed** - 5.30 pm Rainbows
- Thursday** - 9.45 am and 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 pm Foodbank

THIS MONTH AT CHRIST CHURCH

On Sunday mornings we will finish our series on the Epistle of James – 'Living the Gospel', as James highlights some of the ways in which a relationship with Jesus should make us different from the society around us. On Sunday evenings we follow the last few hours of Jesus' life as Luke records them for us.

Sun 1st March 9.00 am – 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 / Matthew 4:1-11
10.45 am – Family Service – Repent and believe
6.30 pm – The Two plans – *Luke 22:1-38*

Sun 8th March 9.00 & 10.45 am Planning without God
– *James 4:13-17*
6.30 pm Arrested – *Luke 22:39-53*

Sun 15th March 9.00 & 10.45 am The perils of plenty – *James 5:1-6*
6.30 pm Abandoned – *Luke 22:54-65*

Sun 22nd March (Mothering Sunday)
9.00 & 10.45 am Practice patience – *James 5:7-12*
6.30 pm Condemned – *Luke 22:66-23:25*

Sun 29th March 9.00 & 10.45 am Prayer for healing – *James 5:13-20*
6.30 pm Lifted up – *Luke 23:26-38*

HOME GROUPS

Our pattern of home groups will be different during Lent. Home groups will meet every week **except** week beginning Mon 16th March.



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