

March 2024 at



Are you wonderful? I am, full of wonder, I wonder where my keys are, my coat is, my brain is. There comes a time in every person's life then they wonder why they entered a room, what they have come for and what they are doing. It is now upon me! The things that I'm doing often elude me, and sometimes it's funny and at other deeply frustrating. I was once on a staircase and wondering why I should be going up or down!

Have you ever met a child that does not like 'peek a boo'? Quite often you can gain a baby's trust in minutes by hiding behind your hands and gently saying boo! There is something fascinating for the child in seeing a hidden face revealed. And this carries on in older children, they form groups that play 'hide and seek' and it is one of the few games where it's exciting to be on both teams; to be sought, or to find. And it doesn't stop there: men do it, the whole paintball game thing is really a grown-up hide, seek and be splattered!

As we move toward Easter, we find that it is the ultimate game of hide and seek. Women went to a tomb, men went too they looked for a body and couldn't find it. It was fearful and impossible. Jesus was gone from a stone sealed grave. It was the ultimate hide and seek. Mary wonders and runs away straight into the arms of Jesus and later runs straight the disciples with the news.

The message is simple, its effect staggering... ***I have seen the Lord.*** The game of hide and seek is over forever. What happens when the impossible occurs? When the unthinkable happens? What happens when a man rises from the dead? Is it a pleasant surprise, a remarkable turn of events; what precisely is a resurrection? It is the ultimate game of being found and favoured. There is more to Easter than an empty tomb that will always be empty. When you play hide and seek you want to find something, Mary found Jesus and in finding him, it was she that was found by him, and she never has wondered about anything again.

Ron Iveson

MENS BREAKFAST SATURDAY 16th MARCH



The next men's breakfast is on Saturday 16th March please sign up at the back of Church if you can join the men's breakfast and please invite any friends you may think would be interested.

LENT LUNCHES

Please join us for the rest of the Lent lunches at



Tuesday 12th March 12.30 pm Christ Church

Tuesday 19th March 12.30 pm Christ Church

Tuesday 26th March 12.30 pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Leasowe

A.P.C.M.

Our annual meeting this year will be on Sunday 28th 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 is open for revision, so if you aren't yet on the Electoral Roll, look out for the application forms starting 10th March.

NEW BIBLE STUDIES

Ron is starting two study sessions shortly one for basic Christianity and a second for going deeper. If you would like to join either of these please sign up at the back or speak to Ron.

HOME GROUPS

Our home groups meet each week please speak to Carol Allen if you would like to join a home group.

THIS MONTH AT CHRIST CHURCH

On Sunday mornings we are looking at Christian stability in Christ highlighting our relationship with Jesus

Sun 3rd March - The good shepherd
9.00 am – (BCP) John 2:13-22 / John 10:1-18
10.45 am – (FS) – John 10:1-18

Sun 10th March – (mothering Sunday) The saving one
9.00 am – (MP) John 3:14-21 / Ephesians 2:1-10
10.45 am – (FC) Ephesians 2:1-10

Sun 17th March – The lamb of God
9.00 am – (HC) Revelations 5:6-14
10.45 am – (FS) Revelations 5:6-14

Sun 24th March – Palm Sunday – Suffering Servant
9.00 – (MP) Isaiah 52:13-53:6 & John 12:12-16
10.45 am – (FC) Isaiah 52:13-53:6

Thu 28th March – Maundy Thursday - True Service
7.00 pm - informal Communion John 13:1-17 & 31-35

Fri 29th March – Good Friday - True Cost
2.00 pm An hour at the cross

Sun 31st March - Easter Day – Victorious one
6.30 am Sunrise service at Moreton shore
10.00 am Joint service – John 20:1-18

Regular weekly activities:

- Monday** - 1.00 pm Foodbank
Tuesday - 9.30 am Toddler Group
- 9.30 am Lighthouse tea bar
Wednesday - 10.00 am to 2.00 pm Warm Hub
Thursday - 10.00 am Keep Fit
- 10.00 am to 2.00 pm Warm Hub
- 6.00 pm Youth
Friday - 10.00 am Mothers 'n' Others
- 6.00 pm Cocaine anonymous
Sunday - 9.00 am Traditional Service
- 10.45 am Family service

Regular Monthly activities:

- First Wednesday 2.00 pm & 7.45 pm Prayer meeting
First Friday 1.00 pm Fibromyalgia support group
First Saturday 10.00 am Work party

USING YOUR GIFTS

One of Christ Church's visions is to encourage every member ministry. If you have not considered helping or volunteering in the past please have a think if you can play your part in our role in being the Christians in Moreton. This may be a gift you have, or it may be something that you would like to develop, alternatively it may be something quite different that appeals to you. Please be thinking and praying about your personal gifts and speak to Ron about your thoughts or ideas.



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