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The two gaze at each other, locked in an embrace of love that will last forever. The two will become one flesh. No longer two but one and it will take a lifetime to work out that's unity. Such is the nature of marriage. Individualism is gone whilst identity remains. Love makes the bond. On the Cross Christ becomes sin for us; he unities himself with all that is ugly and bears it curse. He dies for us, for you and me, for his people forever. The love that's lasts forever binds the two together. So, believers are 'in Christ' and Christ is 'in' believers and there is a mutual indwelling and deep connection but without losing our own identity.

This is what it means to say 'we are baptised into Christ'; immersed in him. The water is the sign and seal of his death and his resurrection, and we covered with his life. He is the badge of our identity; he is the strip we wear, the uniform of our lives. Our old self is gone done away with and dead. Our deadly identity has been killed on the cross. No longer are we ruled by the passions of the old life now we belong to the new life. No longer does the age that is passing away control us, but the life of the age to come dwells within us. The future is here! We are literally set free for our future.

We died with him, and we live with him. He is our all in all. He is our everything. One day we will see the glory in all its fullness now we have it abiding within. We have a whole new existence. We are a new existence. If anyone is in Christ there is a new creation! So, we celebrate this life; live this life, love this life and share this life. He died. We died, he was raised, we are raised....so we walk in newness of life.

Ron Iveson

MENS BREAKFAST SATURDAY 20th APRIL



The next men's breakfast is on Saturday 20th April 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.

PRAYER MEETING WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL



Please join us for our monthly prayer meeting at 2.00 pm and 7.45 pm on Wednesday 3rd April in the parish Centre.

WORK PARTY



Our next tidy up and weed and clean day is Saturday 6th April at 10.00am. Please join us if you can as we tidy up the exterior of the parish centre and the church yard.

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.

After the APCM the PCC will then also have a quick meeting to

In the run up to the meeting, our Electoral Roll is open for revision until the 13th April, so if you aren't yet on the Electoral Roll please fill out an application form from the back of Church.

We are also looking for nominations to the PCC as we have four available places. We are also have vacancies for a PCC Secretary and two Churchwardens.

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.



WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

There will be a women's fish and chip supper in the parish centre on Friday 19th April 2024 if you would like to come along please sign up at the back of Church.

Regular weekly activities:

Monday - 1.00 pm Foodbank

Tuesday - 9.30 am Toddler Group Restart 16th April

- 9.30 am Lighthouse cafe Restart 16th April

Wednesday - 10.00 am Warm Hub Restart 17th April **Thursday** - 10.00 am Keep Fit Restart 18th April

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- 6.00 pm Youth Restart 18th April

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

THIS MONTH AT CHRIST CHURCH

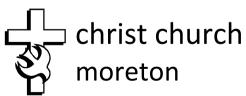
On Sunday mornings we are looking at community in Christ. Focusing on what it means to be church together and not just individual Christians who meet together. We are told in the bible that we become a new community who love, serve, witness and sacrifice for each other which is what it means to be the body of Christ together.

Sun 7th April – The Bridegroom 9.00 am – (BCP) Revelation 21:17 & John 20:19-end 10.45 am – (FW) – Revelation 21:17

Sun 14th April – We are built to last 9.00 am – (MP) Ephesians 2:11-22 10.45 am – (FC) Ephesians 2:11-22

Sun 21st April – We are all involved 9.00 am – (HC) 1 Corinthians 12 & John 10:11-18 10.45 am – (FS) 1 Corinthians :12

Sun 28th April – We gather together 9.00 – (MP) Psalm 100 & John 15:1-8 10.45 am – (FC) Psalm 100



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