

# Welcome to Christ Church

Ramsbottom

Where all are welcome to worship God

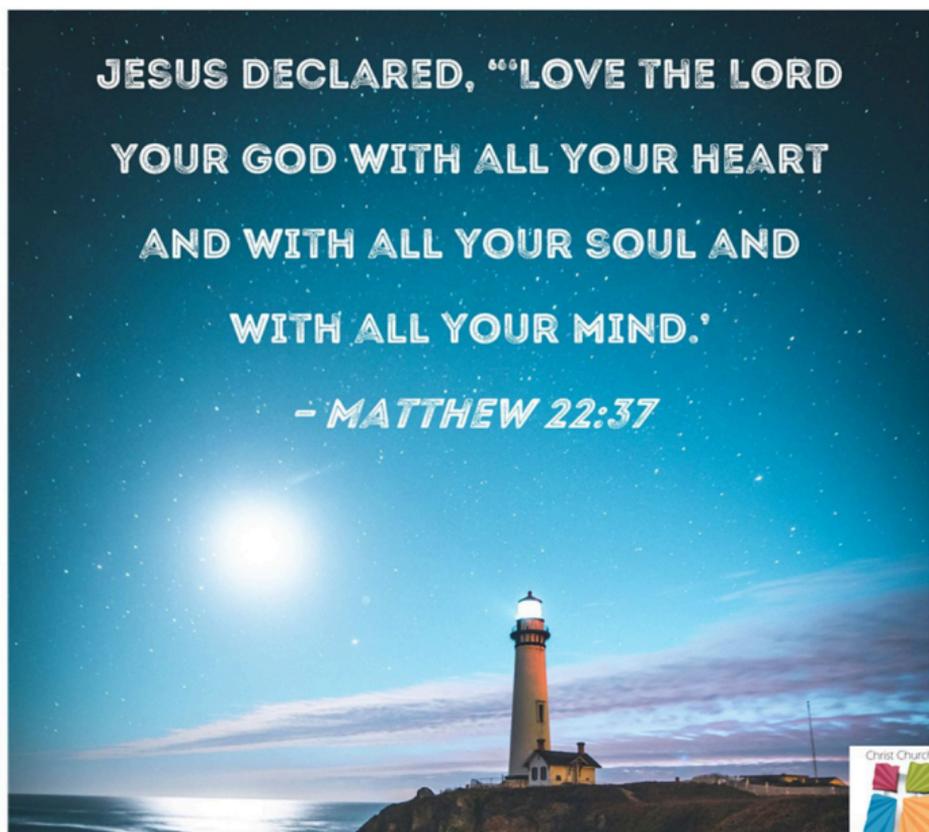
If it's your first time here we hope  
you enjoy being with us - please  
make yourself at home and relax in  
God's presence.

**Today - 22nd February** - Morning  
Worship and Junior Church at 10:30am.  
With Stephen

**Next Week - 1st March** - All Age Café  
Church @ 10:30am with Stephen

JESUS DECLARED, "LOVE THE LORD  
YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART  
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND  
WITH ALL YOUR MIND."

- MATTHEW 22:37



## Regular Weekly Activities

**Tuesday** - 'Pantry, tea, toast and a warm space' from 10am. To 11:45am.

**Wednesday** - 'Little Stars' Toddler Group from 9:15am - 11:15am Term Time only.

- please ask Judith Duckworth for details.

**Thursday morning Café in conjunction with the 'Pantry'** from 10am - 12noon (soup and a roll from 12noon to 12:30pm October to Easter) See Susan for details.

### Upcoming services / events

#### March

**1st March** - All Age café church @ 10:30am with Stephen

**8th March** - morning worship and Junior Church @ 10:30am with Susan.

15th March

**22nd March** - Morning worship, Communion and Junior Church at 10:30am. With Stephen

**29th March** - **PALM SUNDAY** - All Age service at 10:30am with Stephen

**Also** - 'Palm Praise' at 6pm this evening.

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**On Friday March 6th we're hosting the local 'World Day of Prayer' meeting here in church - look out for times etc in next week's news or ask Susan.**

**The next Deacons' meeting** is on the evening of Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm - please pray for and encourage the deacons as they seek to discern God's will for the church.

**TODAY, please pray for the following people.**

- **Edith** - in hospital currently.
- **Christine**, as she gains strength and recovers from ill health.
- **All** the groups that meet throughout the week.
- **Those** recently bereaved.
- **Others too** who have different needs that you are aware of - if you feel it appropriate, without saying a lot, let people know you're praying for them.

Pray for those new to faith or making inquiries about faith- that through us here at Christ Church they will discover the truth about God's love

**All the while not forgetting** to give thanks to God for all that He does through us here at Christ Church.

"Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise." Jeremiah 17:14

**The next Memory Club** meeting will be on the afternoon of March 3rd. It's become so popular that Jean is asking for others who can help out - perhaps on a rota basis. Please have a chat with Jean if you can help.

*In God's Presence*  
there is *Healing*

And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over." Mark 5:34 NLT

**At the Bible Study** last Thursday we were reminded of the importance of memorising parts of the Bible, as King David says in **Psalm 119:11** "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

Of course, this is easier said than done and with so many verses in the Bible, where do you start?

**Well**, as the song says . . . "Let's start at the very beginning".

**The first verse** in the Bible - **Genesis chapter 1 verse 1** says. "In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth".

**Straight away** this clears up the confusion caused by those who spend a lot of time persuading others that everything happened by accident - i.e. evolution - in itself something which has many loopholes and inconsistencies. **However**, if I say I believe that God made the heavens and the Earth, there's nothing to argue about because by knowing God in Jesus Christ, I believe He is 'all powerful' and 'all knowing' and that He did what the Bible says - I don't need to understand how, because I have faith in Him.

**The next** 'memory verse' should really be the most important verse in the Bible - **John 3:16**.

**Every Christian should know this by heart - and the following verse too John 3:17 because this explains verse 16.**

**<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**

**Go on! Give it a go** and see if you can memorise the above verses and share them with someone.

# Explore God's Word



Come and join with us for our regular fortnightly 'Mid Week' Bible Studies - usually the 2nd Tuesday and the 4th Thursday of the month - in church at 7pm starting with a brew and biscuit.

During the period of Lent which began on 18th February we'll be meeting every week for Bible study and prayer. **Everyone is welcome - here are the remaining dates:-**

**Tuesday 24th February**

**Thursday 5th March**

**Tuesday 10th March**

**Thursday 19th March**

**Tuesday 24th March.**

**Ask Stephen for a leaflet guide to the above**

**On Palm Sunday 29th March at 6pm** we'll be repeating the blessing we had last year with 'Palm Praise' - a great opportunity to invite others to church, maybe for the first time as we enjoy an evening of worship and praise.

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