

Noticeboard

Christmas Services:

Sunday 18th December at 10.30
All Age Christmas Special
Christmas Eve at 5.30pm
Christingle Service
Christmas Day Celebration at
10.30- 11.15am

Craftea will not be meeting
again until Tuesday 17th
January 2017

Casa Mia Orphanage last
chance to give to this (still
need more money for the
sportswear requested).
Please see Emma Munden

Kernow Carers Service The next
meeting of the Falmouth Carers
Forum will be held in The Council
Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The
Moor, **Tuesday 6th December**
2016 from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.
For further information please
contact : Chris Watkin, Forum
Administrator Telephone: 01872
243531 or e-mail:

Foodbank needs are:

- ◇ Jam
- ◇ Biscuits
- ◇ Tinned Potatoes
- ◇ Tinned Tomatoes
- ◇ Savoury Snacks
- ◇ Cartoned Apple and
Orange Juice
- ◇ Long Life Milk
- ◇ Coffee
- ◇ Soup
- ◇ Cereal
- ◇ Rice

Falmouth Live Nativity NEXT Sunday 11th Dec

Starting at Events Square at
1:30pm & finishing on The Moor.
Our theme this year is "Let Your
Light Shine" Follow us on
Facebook.com/

Sunday 11th December

10.30am **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**

Main Door Jayne Gray

Inner Door Dennis Bennett & Sara Short

Easy Worship Sue Misselbrook

Coffees Before Service Terry & Lynne Pellow

After Service Bryan & Hazel Green

Sunday 4th December 2016

10.30am **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**
A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to
know each other better, so please introduce yourself.
If you can, join us for refreshments after the service.

11am **Children and youth groups leave**
Parent and Baby Room available with a visual link to
the service.
Nippers: Age 2-4 (Parents please collect your children
at 12:00).
Buzz: Reception to Year 6
Salt: Year 7 and up (meets in the Power House)

Prayer Ministry

Members of the Prayer Ministry Team wear ministry
badges. Please speak to one of them if you would like
prayer for any reason.

The Church office

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Minister Rev'd Charles Blizzard

Sermon outline notes: Philippians 2 : 7 He made himself nothing

Introduction

Jesus Christ made himself nothing. There is something troubling about that idea. Maybe it is the word 'nothing'. There is an uneasy combination of emptiness and violence about the word nothing, a dreadful stripping away of what is. There is nothing good about nothing!

1) **MADE himself nothing**

The word 'made' implies wilful action. Jesus deliberately stripped himself of everything

- The unlimited God became limited man
Jesus the Word of God became flesh
- Jesus had to face the cross and when he died he was abandoned, broken, forsaken.
- From sinless to sin stained—he who knew no sin became sin for us.

2) **The divine logic**

Jesus was not pushed, threatened or coerced nor was his descent an accidental fall—it was the result of an unwavering wilful commitment to logic. He knowingly and actively embraced a life of giving, serving, losing and dying knowing that as painful as it sometimes feels, descending is the only way to greatness! The story of the God who voluntarily demoted himself is above all else, a LOVE STORY.

3) **An example to follow!**

We, his followers and the recipients of his love, are called do the same. Love motivated Jesus and that is what is to motivate us. However the 'descent' love requires does not just happen—each of us must make active and often costly choices.

Life to the full?

"I spent most of my life trying to arrange circumstances, carefully and conservatively so I could live comfortably, safely with few surprises and minimal inconveniences. Now I'm learning that loving isn't always comfortable. Sometimes it leads me down unexpected turns and gets terribly inconvenient. But it's a much more exciting, fulfilling way to life. I never again want to get stuck in the comfort zone!"

Yet isn't that where most people, even many sincere Christians, live their day to day lives? Don't we tend to focus on Bible passages that 'guarantee' safety, security, peace, victory and reward. Don't we tend to overlook or soften those passages that jeopardise or threaten our comfort. The verses that pierce and cut and challenge us to 'downward mobility' seldom make plaques on the wall.

Points to Ponder

- 1) Share reactions to the sermon. Was anything said with which you disagreed? Why?
- 2) What did you think of the quote beginning 'I spent most of my life' and ending 'I never again want to get stuck in the comfort zone.'
- 3) "We need to realise that the kind of life 'to the full' that Jesus promised his followers in John 10 : 10 is not found along the upward path to the comfort zone, but along the downward path towards challenge, tough choices, painful growth, and obedience." discuss

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