

Noticeboard

At our Church Members

Meeting last Tues we appointed Jeff Mount as the new treasurer. Also we welcome John & Lynda McKeown and Hylton and Petro Espey into membership

Volunteers STILL Needed

Oasis Kids and Oasis need more leaders due to an increase in the number of children attending. Just one or two weeks a month (term time only) for the following times please get in touch with Emma or Tony. Friday's: Oasis Kids 4.45-6.30pm & Oasis: 6.45pm - 9.15pm

Foodbank needs are:

- * Tinned potatoes
- * Tinned tomatoes
- * Rice
- * Children's cereals
- * Savoury snacks
- * Sweet treats
- * Soap
- * Toilet Roll
- * Toothpaste
- * Shampoo

Food for Thought

This Thurs 9th March guest speaker is Joe Sabien of Sea Sanctuary. Meeting starts at 2.30pm.

House Groups are important to the Church Life. Small groups are an ideal way to get to know one another on a deeper level. If you are interested in joining a group see Doreen Fraser

If you see any Health & Safety issues

or any repairs needed around the church building, please let the church office know or contact Rick Cookman roderick@cookman.me.uk

If you are not receiving emails from Emmanuel and wish to, please let the office know and we can add you to our mailing list!

Sunday 12th March

10.30am Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

Main Door Jayne Gray

Inner Door Ingram & Anne Bright

Easy Worship Sue Misselbrook

Coffees Before Service Terry & Lynne Pellow

After Service TBA

Sunday 5th March 2017

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.
Part Two of the Care for the Family Parenting Teenagers DVD is being shown at 11am in the Lounge, all welcome.

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: Romans 15: 14–16: 25 Paul and the Churches

Introduction

I guess that many of us would see this last part of Romans as a bit of an anti-climax compared to earlier chapters. If we do, we may just gloss over this last part and thereby miss the valuable function they perform—that is they expose to us far more than previous sections of Romans, the heart and mind of Paul. They show the deep personal concern he felt for all the churches.

1) The confidence Paul had in the self sufficiency of local churches, verse 14.

- Here and in several other places in the New Testament Paul confesses his confidence in the local church to minister adequately to their own affairs.
- Each local church was a body of Christ in ‘microcosm’, an incarnation of the Holy Spirit in its own right; see 1 Corinthians 12:27, ‘you are the body of Christ’ not you are part of the body of Christ.
- Two implications arise:-
 - a) local churches should not give in to any kind of ‘ecclesiastical paternalism’
 - b) it’s a warning against the ‘indispensability syndrome’.

2) The commitment Paul felt personally to plant/found gentile churches.

- Paul was commissioned specifically to found gentile churches.
- Paul speaks of the ‘priestly duty’ of evangelism. What Paul means here is that he stands between God and man to mediate/proclaim the gospel and he does offer a sacrifice—his converts—as an offering acceptable to God.
- Paul’s humility, verse 17. It is all of God. The growth of local churches was all Christ’s achievement, and all the glory goes to him.
- Star-Trek principle—‘To boldly go where no man has gone before’, verses 19-20.

3) The way Paul sought to encourage cooperation between local churches, verse 24.

- Mission was one primary way that Paul believed churches could cooperate together.
- Relief of poverty, verses 25– 27.
- Prayer, verses 30–31 notice how specific Paul is in his request for prayer for himself.
- Hospitality, 16: 1– 2

4) The deep personal interest Paul took in the individual lives of members of the churches.

- Notice: how often the word ‘greet’ is used.
- Notice:
 - 1) large numbers of women in the list of names.
 - 2) unknown names in a list, yet the Holy Spirit wanted this list in the scripture—these people are the living stones of which the church is made.
- Paul’s attitude to the local church was not that of a ‘professional counsellor’ - no, he formed close personal relationships with those believers he encountered. He kept ‘tabs on them’, knew where they had gone. He had a pastor’s heart, a deep concern for individuals.

Points to Ponder

- 1) Was anything said with which you disagreed? If so Why?
- 2) What points particularly spoke to you?
- 3) In your group could you discuss the items from the Church

Members Meeting concerning evangelism:

The Turning
Thy Kingdom Come
Street Food Van