

Noticeboard



'STEPPING-OUT' Men's Walking Group Sat 22nd April 'And Loe There Came Walkers'. Join us for an 8mile (approx!) circular walk in Cornwall's green and pleasant land. Bring a packed lunch, Names to Bryan a.s.a.p. please bryanandhazel@hotmail.co.uk Or on 01326-312115 to enable 'sensible' transport to be arranged. Next walk: Saturday, 20th May

Easter Events
Good Friday breakfast with Communion here at Emmanuel at 8.30am. Walk of Witness Starts here from 10am.
Easter Sunday – F&PCT on the Moor 2-4pm a free event for all the community. Refreshments, Children craft and giant garden games.

Season Of Worship
 Weekly evening services of open worship beginning Sun 23rd April - 16th July. 7 - 8pm. An opportunity to pray and praise together; to listen and give space to the Holy Spirit.

Foodbank needs are:

- * Tinned Rice
- * Pudding
- * Tinned Potatoes
- * Long Life Fruit Juice
- * Long Life Milk
- * Savoury Snacks
- * Rice
- * Cereals
- * Sweet Treats
- * Toothpaste

Lent Lunches are currently running at St Mary's Church Hall on Wednesdays until 12th April at 12.30-1.30pm. Lunch is provided (Soup & Roll) and donations are in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care.

Food for Thought This Thurs 30th March guest speaker is Doreen Fraser. Meeting starts at 2.30pm.

Sunday 26th 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.

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.

Sunday 2nd April

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

Main Door Rob Wood

Inner Door Rick & Mel Cookman

Easy Worship Becky Brown

Coffees Before Service Gordon & Doreen Fraser

After Service TBA

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Sermon outline notes:

1 Corinthians 1:18– 2:5 We Preach Christ Crucified

Introduction

Jesus was crucified outside the city walls of Jerusalem; to the sound of jeering, yelling and cheering; to the sound of soldiers gambling. I doubt very much if any of us had been there 2000 years ago watching the crucifixion of Jesus that we would have said 'here we have God reconciling the world to himself, not counting men's sins against them'. But that is indeed what was happening and so Paul unashamedly proclaims 'Christ crucified'. In the cross of Christ we encounter God, we see what God is truly like, who God truly is! In a world where people still seeks signs and rely on human wisdom, where success is an idol Christ crucified makes no sense. Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote 'in a world where success is the measure and justification for all things, him who was sentenced and crucified remains a stranger'. Those words written in the late 1930's remain true today.

1) The Foolishness of the Cross, verse 22

- Paul takes the terminology of his opponents and puts new context in their words—he 'captures' these words for Christian use.

Wisdom- righteousness, a word from the law courts because the problem of our world is guilt

- **holiness**, a word from the temple because the problem of our world is defilement

- **redemption**, a word from the slave market because the problem of our world is bondage to evil.

- It is in Christ Jesus that we find true wisdom

2) The Foolishness of the Church, verse 26

- The church does not need to live up to some kind of image to impress the world
- Paul asks the Corinthian Christians to think of what they were, their social status etc. when they were called.
- Notice the use three times of the words 'God chose' (verses 27,28)
- Paul does not tell us why God chose but he does tell us that

He did not choose because they were wise, strong, influential, of noble birth.

- The consequence of realising that God's choice is based on grace and nothing about ourselves is that is 'that no-one may boast before him'

3) The Foolishness of Preaching

- Paul realises that humanly speaking his preaching may be considered ineffective as it is not with 'wise and persuasive words'.
- However paradoxically Paul's preaching about Christ crucified comes with a demonstration of the Spirit's power—that is with the ability to repent and believe.

Points to Ponder

- 1) Was anything said which you did not understand or with which you disagree?
- 2) What do you think of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer quote 'in a world where success is the measure and justification for all things, him who was sentenced and crucified remains a stranger'?
- 3) In what sense do people today seek miraculous signs and wisdom? How should we respond?
- 4) How might someone's faith rest on human wisdom, but not on God's power (2:5). What could be the consequence of this?
- 5) Share with your group the effect of this passage on your thinking and your witness of Christ to others.