

Noticeboard

Date for your Diary! Church Members Meeting

on Tuesday
May 9th at
7.30pm.
Please
make every
effort to be
there

Nippers are in need of helpers on a Sunday morning. Please see Emma Munden or Lynne Oakes for more information



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Foodbank needs are:

- * Long life milk
- * Long life fruit juice
- * Savoury snacks/crisps
- * Jam
- * Tinned fruit
- * Tinned rice pudding
- * Tinned spam
- * Tinned corned beef

If you see any Health & Safety issues contact Rick Cookman roderick@cookman.me.uk

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 should go to Hanna Oakes who has been appointed as joint House Group Co-ordinator (with Doreen Fraser) replacing Tony Jeavons.

Pre Service Prayer You are welcome to join Yinka in the prayer room from 10am on a Sunday morning

Craftea

Meeting this Tuesday 2nd May at the new time of 1-3pm.
See Alison Hodges for more information

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 7th May

10.30am Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

7pm Open Worship 7 - 8pm. (in the Lounge)

Main Door Dave Ball

Inner Door Ingram & Anne Bright

Easy Worship Gill Lister

Coffees Before Service Terry & Lynne Pellow

After Service Carrie Holmes & Mary Jones

Sunday 30th April 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)

7pm **Open Worship 7 - 8pm.** An opportunity to pray and praise together; to listen and give space to the Holy Spirit. (meet in the Lounge)

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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Sermon outline notes: On Dangers of Christian Shorthand 'Going to Heaven'

Introduction

Over the next six weeks we will be studying the theme of Resurrection. We shall be looking at what the Bible says about Jesus resurrection, our own resurrection and how Jesus and our own resurrection impact our everyday life. We begin this morning with a gentle warning about how we speak about our future hope.

1) Shorthand

When we use the phrase 'going to heaven' we have to be aware that for many both inside and outside the church this phrase is misunderstood and means:

- a) Our destiny is a different place
- b) That different place is somehow 'mysterious' and just a touch shadowy and insubstantial.

2) The new heaven and earth (Isaiah 65:17; Revelation 20:1)

- The phrase simply means everything. The big sweep of the Bible story is the restoration of the good created order freed from the ravages of sin and death.
- We hope for the resurrection of the body—we will be raised to new life following the glorious resurrection of the one man already raised (1 Corinthians 15:20-23).
- The Bible speaks of two ages (Matt 12:32; Luke 18:30; Eph 1:21) But the life of the age to come has broken into this age with the resurrection of Jesus.

3) **The Bible is reticent** about the details of the present state of the Christian dead. They are 'conscious in spirit' safe with Jesus (see Phil 1:23) but awaiting resurrection bodies.

4) There are a number of reasons why it is important to remember that when we speak of going to heaven we are not speaking of our final home.

- a) It protects the glory of God the creator. God made a good world and although this world has been terribly spoiled by evil,

God has not and will not abandon it— he will restore and renew.

- b) for if we don't remember we will underplay and weaken our hope for the future Kingdom of God.
- c) For if we don't remember we will be forever chasing the pleasures of this world, but the Bible teaches us to keep our hopes firmly on the substantial hope of bodily life to the full in the age to come.

Points to Ponder

- 1) What did you make of the sermon? Were there any points that you did not understand or with which you disagree?
- 2) Would you agree that in a world where are many beliefs about 'life after death' it is very important to understand what the Bible teaches on this issue?
- 3) Study the following passages about the resurrection of Jesus
John 20-21
Matthew 28
Luke 24
Was the risen Jesus merely a spirit, a ghost, an apparition, a resuscitated corpse, transformed bodily existence or???
Are there any elements of the resurrection stories which perplex you?