

Noticeboard

SPREE Weekend 7-9th July

for ages 8-17 years: All forms and payment MUST be returned by today please. See Emma or Jo for more

Stepping Out Men's Walking Group
Saturday 20th May 'The Bells, The Bells'
Join us for a 9 mile('ish) circular walk in Cornwall's green and pleasant land. Bring a flask for a morning stop, but we'll buy lunch out! Meet EBC at 08:45. Names to Bryan a.s.a.p. please (01326-312115 or bryanandhazel@hotmail.co.uk)

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

Craftea meeting this Tues 16th May at the new time of 1-3pm. See Alison Hodges for more info

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!

Church Members Meeting last Tues

Becky Brown was accepted into membership

Foodbank needs are:

- * Long life milk
- * Long life fruit juice
- * Tinned fruit
- * Sweet treats
- * Savoury snacks
- * Soap
- * Toilet Rolls
- * Shower gel
- * Toothpaste

Help ! Bakers needed

for 'Pebbles'! Are you able to provide a cake, biscuits, or traybake for our lovely Parent/Toddler group each week? Donations can be left in the Pebbles Cakebox in the Church kitchen on a Sunday or delivered to the Church kitchen during term time on a Mon, Tues, or Fri before 9.20am. Please see Nessa or Nicki for more details.

Sunday 21st May

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

Main Door Barry Woodward

Inner Door Peter Richards & Michael Miners

Easy Worship Sue Wilson

Coffees Before Service TBA

After Service Bryan & Hazel Green

Sunday 14th May 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.

Children and youth groups are out to their classes from the start of the service, with the exception of Nippers (aged 2-4) who will go out at 11am.

Parent and Baby Room available with a visual link to the service.

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: Resurrection - Part 3
Getting the Big Picture

Introduction :

1. Many, both inside and outside the Church, are confused as to what Christians believe about 'Future Hope'. Many assume that Christians are simply committed to a belief in 'Life after death', in the most general terms and have no idea how the specific and particular notions/concepts of resurrection, judgement, second coming of Jesus, new heaven and earth, fit together to make any sense.
We need, therefore, to study carefully and understand what the Bible says on these topics. It's a matter of thinking straight about God and His purposes for the whole of creation and about what God is doing right now, already, as part of those purposes.
2. Multi-cultural and Multi-faith Society
4 major views about death and what lies beyond :-
 - (a) Complete annihilation
 - (b) Some form of reincarnation
 - (c) Absorption into nature
 - (d) Spirit survivalNone of these four views represent the Christian view, nor do they represent what the Bible teaches. In the great historic Christian creeds - we either find the statement 'we believe in the resurrection of the body' or 'we believe in the resurrection of the dead'. The Christian hope is that we will be given resurrection bodies appropriate for existence in God's new heaven and new earth.
3. The Future of the World?
 - (a) Inevitable progress - the idea that in our world mankind could and would continue to grow and develop, producing unlimited human improvement, marching towards Utopia.
 - (b) souls in transit - although we may not know it, the great philosopher Plato remains one of the most influential thinkers in the history of the world - but he rejected matter, space, time and said the human task was to get in touch with 'true reality' - a world of pure spiritual immaterial existence.

The future, however, according to the Bible, was that God had to do something new and fresh to put the world right; and they believed that God was going to do this for the whole cosmos what He had done for Jesus at Easter, the renewal of creation. What they looked forward to was an act of new creation, parallel to and derived from the act of new creation when God raised Jesus from the dead.

4. The Renewal of Creation
 - (a) The goodness of creation - the creation is good and human beings are designed to worship God and look after God's creation.
 - (b) The nature of evil - evil does not consist of the fact that the creation is made up of physical matter and belongs within time and space instead of being 'pure spirit'. Evil consists of the rebellious idolatry by which people worship elements of the created world rather than the God who created them. The result of this rebellious idolatry is a cosmos out of joint.
 - (c) Redemption in the Bible is the remaking of creation having dealt with the evil which has defaced and distorted that creation and this redemption is accomplished by God, a God known in Jesus Christ.

Points to Ponder :

1. What was your reaction to the sermon? Were there any points made which you did not understand, or with which you disagree? Why?
2. Imagine you are in a court and you have to give a defence of why you believe in the resurrection of Jesus from a historical/biblical point of view. What would you say? How would you answer such questions as 'the disciples made the whole story up', or that they had hallucinations/visions, etc?