

Noticeboard

'STEPPING-OUT' Men's Walking Group Saturday 17th June.

'Something Creeked!' Join us for a 7 mile (approx.) circular walk in Cornwall's magnificent scenery. Meet EBC at 09:00 with a packed-lunch. There will be a return ferry crossing, the cost of which will be £6. Names to Bryan a.s.a.p. please bryanandhazel@hotmail.co.uk or 01326-312115 to enable 'sensible' transport to be arranged.

Next walk: Saturday 22nd July

Foodbank needs are:

- * Long Life Milk
- * Orange /Blackcurrant Squash
- * Tinned Soup
- * Tinned Spam
- * Tinned Meatballs
- * Tinned Tuna
- * Savoury snacks
- * Rice
- * Cereals
- * Toilet Roll
- * Toothpaste

Craftea Meeting Tuesday 20th June at the new time of 1-3pm. See Alison Hodges for more info

Food for Thought This Thurs

15th June. Guest speaker is Charles Blizzard. Meeting starts at 2.30pm.

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

"HI" (The Homeless Initiative)

If you have the time and wish to know more, please come along the meeting tomorrow night Monday 12th at 7.30

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

Sunday 11th June 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

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

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.

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Main Door Dave Ball

Inner Door Zoe Symons & Nathan Offord

Easy Worship TBA

Coffees Before Service Terry & Lynne Pellow

After Service Carrie Holmes & Mary Jones

The Church office

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Sermon Outline Notes Romans 5.1-11 – Trinity

So now we know the outcome of the general election! (assumed when these notes were typed!

At last we've come to the time when we can turn from the election campaign itself, and begin to pray for a genuine outworking of all the 'promises' offered to us during the campaign

And could it be that as our MPs begin to review what they have said to us (and how far they really meant it) that this might be the time for us to evaluate the promises God has made to us – and their effect on our lives as followers of Jesus

The Sunday after Pentecost (today!) is widely known as 'Trinity Sunday' – as from the earliest days of the church, Christian belief was largely taught by the festivals of the church. And after the 'high' festivals of Easter and Pentecost, this was seen to be a good time to sum up what they believed-

Presenting us with the opportunity to check up on our beliefs today!

1st we believe that by the death of Jesus, God had assured us of a debt-free past

The events of Good Friday combine in what Malcolm Muggeridge once described as 'the most famous death in history' vividly foreshadowed in Isaiah chapter 53, and historically secure, four historical documents describe that day in overlapping detail in where what does the Bible .. It is the central theme running through all the NT letters.. outside the Bible, it is attested by the Jewish historian Josephus and in the Talmud, by the Roman historian Tacitus and known by (and mocked) by the Greek satirist Lucian.

2nd we believe that by the resurrection of Jesus, God has assured us of an eternally secure future

The resurrection of Jesus is seamlessly linked to the accounts of Jesus death - a serious realistic account of the events of that amazing Easter morning Six separate overlapping New Testament accounts give the events of Easter morning, describe the changes brought about in his disciples and some of his opponents to the extent many died rather than deny it – and their worship day was moved from Saturday 'Sabbath' to Sunday 'Lord's day'.

3rd we believe that by sending the Holy Spirit, God has empowered us with a new quality of life here and now

What began in an upper room in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit fell on a small

group of Jesus' disciples, shook them to the core in experiences of wind and fire, and initiated the greatest movement for good the world has ever seen in transformed lives and societies

So what does this add up to?

.. God as Trinity

In each of these event we see one God, deeply concerned for, and involved in our human predicament

But expressing His concern for us in three dimensions: past-ward (Good Friday), future-ward (Easter Day) and now-ward (Pentecost)!

The early Christian belief of God as One, but also Father, Son and Holy Spirit (the Trinity) grew out of these three separate, interlocking beliefs

.. God as love

God's concern establishes a relationship with us in three ways:

.. through the free gift of Jesus, freeing us from every past sin and its consequences for damage and destruction

.. through the resurrection of Jesus, opening up our lives to a much greater future life ('eternal life'),

.. through the gift of the Holy Spirit, transforming, empowering and gifting us in our present day experience

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So where are we as we review our faith on Trinity Sunday? (or perhaps at our next housegroup meeting)?

.. How far still affected by guilt for events in our past life?

.. How secure in believing in the resurrection of Jesus, and Paul's assurance in the New Testament that God will raise us with him?

.. How far aware of the Holy Spirit active in our life and circumstances? (a key Biblical feature if our personal faith is to stand up to examination)

.. How far this helped you to understand the Christian belief in the Trinity?