

# Noticeboard

**Date for your Diary Tues 10th Oct 7.30pm**  
**Church Members Meeting** Please make every effort to be at this important meeting.

**BAKE FOR PEBBLES!** We have some amazing bakers providing Pebbles parents with delicious cake each week. But there's always room for more! If you'd like to offer a cake we'd be so grateful. Doesn't have to be weekly, just whenever you can. Thank you, we look forward to trying them!!

## OASIS

This coming Friday 6th October is Club Night, see Amy or Duncan for more information

## Live Nativity 2017 - Sun 10th Dec.

There are a raft of different jobs that need to be done to make sure the Live Nativity continues to be a huge success, there is pre-event administration, jobs that can be done sitting down on the day or helping with the animals, catering, being a character or stewarding. E-mail [livenativity@outlook.com](mailto:livenativity@outlook.com) to volunteer

## Foodbank needs:

- Pasta sauce
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned potatoes/ Smash
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned rice pudding
- Jam/marmalade
- Savoury treats
- Fruit juice
- Squash
- Toilet rolls
- Pet food
- Washing up liquid

## Food for Thought

This Thurs 5th Oct. Guest Speaker is Paul Longford from the Bible Society Starts at 2.30pm.

## Sunday 8th October

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

**Main Door** Tom Riley

**Inner Door** Dennis Bennett & Sara Short

**Easy Worship** Vicki Kneebone

**Coffees Before Service** Gillian Pringle & Sue Misselbrook

**After Service** Carrie Holmes & Mary Jones

## Sunday 1st October 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:** 2-4 years  
**Buzz:** Reception - Year Five  
**Salt:** Year Six - Year 13

## 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: Jonah Part 3—Jonah's anger at the Lord's compassion

### Introduction

There is much in this book that makes it totally foreign to us, but in another sense this book is very pertinent and relevant to us. We all know what it means to hear God's voice and disobey; we all know God's grace in coming to us a second time; we all know the experience of reluctantly obeying God; we all know the despair over the trivial. Jonah's story therefore is 'my story'!

### 1) 'I wish I was dead!' verses 3 & 8.

People sometimes say I wish I was dead and they say that because of intense suffering, or they are overwhelmed by guilt and shame, or they may be suffering clinical depression. But here it appears that Jonah make the statement over the trivial! And God challenges him.

### 2) God trying to get Jonah to learn something!

- Note the repeated 'God provided' -verse 6, 7 & 8
- God is giving Jonah an opportunity to reflect, to meditate, to learn. In every frustration there is an opportunity to listen and learn and at least ask the question - is there some bigger thing God is trying to teach me through this?

### 3) The real reason Jonah fled!

- Jonah says 'I knew you would not do it! I knew if I spoke your word, people would repent and I knew you would forgive for you are a gracious and compassionate God.'
- Jonah says 'I've walked through Nineveh, preached destruction and it did not happen—I now look a fool— I wish I were dead!'

### 4) The heart of God

- Jonah knew the heart of God but he did not share it. the book ends in a very enigmatic way 'Should I not be concerned for this great city and the cattle.

- Nineveh was the capital of Assyria, a rising power and the enemy of Israel
- Many scholars consider that the story of Jonah stands in the Old Testament as the equivalent of the New Testament parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15).
- There is no gap in God between what he does and who he is. When God loves, when God is merciful, when God is compassionate, He is doing these things because that is who he is.
- Jonah was very committed to Nineveh being destroyed. His understanding of justice was vengeance. But justice in the Old Testament does not mean vengeance, it means God turning up to put things right.

### Summary

God wants men and women who reflect who He is, who are the means of his mercy and compassion. The cross of Christ takes us to the very centre of what the heart of God is. When we were enemies Christ died for us.

### NOTES