

Noticeboard

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

Neon Light Party - 31st October

Volunteers needed for set up, running activities during event, manning adult cafe, clear down and baking cakes for adults. We are hosting it with Light and Life Church and need 25 volunteers to make it work based on the numbers we had last year. If you can help in any way please speak to Emma or Amy.

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 to volunteer Please Come to the meeting at Falmouth Methodist Church on Monday 2nd October at 7pm To see how you and your Church can be involved.

Foodbank needs:

- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned potatoes/ Smash
- Jars of Bolognese sauce
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned rice pudding
- Jam/marmalade
- Savoury treats
- Fruit juice
- Squash
- Loo rolls
- Pet food
- Men's deodorant
- Men's shower gel
- Men's shampoo
- Nappies – Sizes 5 & 6
- Baby wipes

Food for Thought

This Thurs 12th Oct. Guest Speaker is Lawrence Taylor Starts at 2.30pm.

Sunday 8th 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.

Children and youth groups are out to their classes from the start of the service

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 15th October

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

Main Door Bryan Parr

Inner Door Nathan Offord & Zoe Symons

Easy Worship Becky Brown

Coffees Before Service Karen Campbell/Kye Childs

After Service Bryan & Hazel Green

The Church office

Open Monday–Friday, 9.30am–12.30pm

Telephone 01326 315249

Email mail@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk

Website www.emmanuelbaptist.co.uk

Minister Rev'd Charles Blizzard

**Sermon outline notes: Haggai Chapter 1
Priorities**

Introduction

About the man Haggai we know very little—we don't know where or when he was born; we don't know how long he lived; we don't know whether he was single or married. But we do know he was a mouthpiece', a spokesman of God at a critical time in the history of God's people.

1) A short history lesson

587BC Jerusalem—the Babylonians came, invaded the land and destroyed the city and the temple. Most people were taken into exile. This was a punishment from God who had warned the people many times.

But God promised that the exile would not be the end and around 538BC about 50000 Jews returned to rebuild the city and the temple. The people returned with high hopes, but struggled to make ends meet. The people concentrated their efforts on building their own homes and neglected the building of the temple.

2) Haggai comes into the situation declaring—"do you not see any connection between your neglect of rebuilding the temple and your economic problems?" Haggai speaks to the ordinary people to the religious leaders, and the political leaders.

3) Haggai has a twofold message

God's work must have priority (chapter 1)

God's workers must have priority (chapter 2)

4) 'Give careful thought to your ways' v5,7. This is a challenge to think through, use your brains to consider why these struggles/difficulties are happening. Haggai is saying God is behind all your struggles - prosperity depends on God.

5) How did Haggai get on?

For three and half weeks nothing happened that you could see. But God's word was working and the spirit of Zerubbabel, Joshua, and the whole people was stirred to give God priority and rebuild the temple.

Summary

Spiritual blessing, material blessing, the very presence of the Lord all have as their foundation an act of will in putting God and his work first!

Points to Ponder

In preparation for this sermon I came across three comments linked to the theme of what takes priority in our lives.

- 1) If business men gave their business as much attention as they gave God's business they would be bankrupt very quickly!
- 2) If I cultivated my spiritual life as ardently as I cultivated my garden, what would I be now?
- 3) If I was as concerned to keep the world 'clean' as I am to keep my car clean, what would the world be now!

<p>NOTES</p>
