

# Noticeboard

## Foodbank needs:

- TINNED POTATOES
- LONG-LIFE WHOLE MILK
- TINNED HAM
- CAT FOOD
- SHAMPOO
- SHAVING FOAM
- TOILET ROLLS

## New F&PCT Project—Bereavement Café

Planning Meeting on Wednesday 24th January from 7pm at The Huddle Café (below KCM church). Come and help us create the template for this. It will be a non-religious evening Café for all ages who have experienced bereavement at any time. All members of the community are welcome at this planning meeting.

**OASIS meeting** this coming Friday 26th January **Night Hike**. See Duncan or Amy for more info

**JOB VACANCIES** We are seeking to appoint two positions to specifically focus on Youth and Families within the Church family at EBC link with the wider community. Ask the office for more details

**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 Doreen Fraser or Hanna Oakes

**We have a report** from the school in **Bangladesh** that this church supports. We have some copies in the

**.....and we have a report from Casa Mea** also more available from the church office

front Foyer or ask Sue in the office

**Craftea** meet again Tuesday 6th February 1-3pm See Alison Hodges or Sue Misselbrook for more info

## Sunday 21st January 2018

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**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**  
**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.

## Sunday 28th January

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

**Main Door** Lynne Pellow

**Inner Door** Rick & Mel Cookman

**Easy Worship** Vicki Kneebone

**Coffees Before Service** Gordon & Doreen Fraser

**After Service** Chris & Wendy Tabb

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## The Church office

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## Sermon outline notes: Learning to Pray from Paul—Part 2 Open Your Eyes—Ephesians 1:15-23

### Introduction

In understanding this prayer we need to keep glancing back into chapter 1 : 3-14 for those verses lead into this prayer. Paul begins his prayer by telling them that he has heard of their faith and love and he has therefore not stopped giving thanks for them. Yet in some way Paul is not satisfied with them, so he goes on to pray for them. The burden of his prayer for them can be summed up like this '***He does not ask God to give them what they don't have, but prays to God to reveal to them what they already have***'.

#### 1) A Prayer for Knowledge

- Knowledge in the full biblical sense of that word which includes both understanding and experience.
- Verse 17—asking for a particular ministry of the Holy Spirit to be given.
- The eyes of their heart—a phrase referring to their inner understanding their 'spiritual sight'. They need their eyes opened; they need their knowledge expanding; they need to know and understand at a deep level.

#### 2) Paul Prays:-

- (i) That they may know the hope to which he has called you.
  - The call of God takes us back to the beginning of our Christian lives and God has called us for a purpose—God has called us to something and for something and it is this 'something' that is meant by hope of his calling. The New Testament speaks frequently of this hope. That xx may -
- (ii) That they may know the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints
- (iii) That they may know the greatness of God's power.
  - In verses 20—23 Paul refers to four successive historical events which demonstrate God's power:-  
The power demonstrated when God raised Jesus from the dead  
The power demonstrated when God exalted Jesus to his right hand.

The power demonstrated when God made Jesus head over all things.

- Now this great power that God displayed in Christ can be displayed in us. Notice the 'us' in verse 19.

### Conclusion

An amazing and challenging prayer. What would be the effect in our church if we prayed this prayer for each other. Paul does not tell us what he expected the outcome to be as God answered this prayer, but I think he expected to see a deeper and deeper commitment to the Kingdom of God and a lifestyle that honoured and pleased God.

### NOTES