

Noticeboard

<p>Alpha course Wed Evenings May 2nd, 9th, 16 & 23rd. Bring a friend, meal included at 6pm followed by course at 7pm. Contact Nigel Bird for more info 01209 822270</p>	<p>'STEPPING-OUT' Men's Walking Group Saturday 19th May, more information next week</p>
<p>OASIS meeting this coming Fri 4th May Club Night. Please see Duncan or Amy for more info</p>	<p>Foodbank needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Life Milks • Tinned Tomatoes • Fruit juice • Tinned Soups • Tinned Potatoes • Coffee • Sweets • Crisps • Tinned Fruit • Jams • Pies • Tinned meats • Deodorants • Washing Up Liquid • Nappies ,sizes 7 • Shower Gels • Pasta sauce • Long grain rice • Biscuits • Savoury Biscuits • Cat Food
<p>Men of the Church.. See Kye about a Men's Weekend Away from Friday 12th – Saturday 13th Oct at Treloyhan Manor Hotel in St Ives.</p>	<p>Join us for a litter pick on Castle Beach Sunday 13th May after Church. Bring a packed lunch Cold drinks provided</p>
<p>Food for Thought Thursday 3rd. Guest speaker is Jay Horsley Starts 2.30pm</p>	
<p>Our Children & Youth Need You! OASIS,BUZZ & SALT Groups are in need of helpers. Please see one of the following to volunteer: Emma Munden, Duncan Wilson, Nathan Stephens, Jo Koopmans or Amy Growcott-Smith</p>	

Sunday 6th May

10.30am Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.
7pm Prayer & Praise in the Lounge
Main Door Lynne Pellow
Inner Door Dot Jones & Michael Miners
Easy Worship Vicki Kneebone
Coffees Before Service & After Service Chris & Kristine Trueman

Sunday 29th April 2018

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

7pm **Prayer & Praise 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:

Songs of Experience Part 3 Psalm 51 Dealing with Guilt

Introduction

The heading of this Psalm gives us the context and reason why David wrote it. David had committed adultery with Bathsheba, planned the death of Bathsheba's husband and was then confronted with his sin by God's prophet Nathan. After that confrontation he experienced the pain of guilt and he expresses that pain in this psalm. But also in the psalm he expresses the experience of pardon and forgiveness. If we are going to deal with guilt successfully and find pardon with God we must do four things:-

1) We must face something

- We must face the guilt itself– verse 3
- So often people try to 'cover up' their guilt :-
 - ⇒ they rationalise their sin by blaming others.
 - ⇒ they hide behind 'righteous indignation'
 - ⇒ they repress their guilt

2) There is something we must do—we must have dealings with God!

- Note what David says in verse 4—he realises his sin ultimately is against God.
- Guilt is something objective, something real, something that comes between me and my maker.
- Guilt is not just a psychological 'hang-up'. We stand accountable and we need to have personal dealings with God.

3) There is something we must want—we must want to change!

- David talks about his desire to change, to be different in verse 7. hyssop was used in religious ceremonies when a leper was declared 'clean' by a priest.
- David is under no illusion just how radical God's solution to the problem of guilt is but he wants it. note in verse 10 the word 'create'
- It is a sign of God's grace that we want to change, that we say 'create in me a clean heart'.

- 4) **There is something we must believe**– we have to believe that God will accept us –verses 16-17.
 - There's an extraordinary confidence flowing through this psalm! This psalm is an affirmation of faith, just as much as it is a plea for mercy.
 - David knew that God would accept 'a broken and contrite heart'

Points to Ponder

- 1) Share reactions to the sermon. Was anything said with which you disagreed? Why?
- 2) What do you think about verses 10–12 where David asks God to 'create', 'do not cast me away', 'restore' and 'grant me'. What is David doing here?
- 3) Has covering up sin backfired in your life? How have you seen God's mercy when you have owned up to your sin?
- 4) How would you define repentance? Paul in 2 Corinthians 7 speaks about 'a godly sorrow that brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret and a worldly sorrow that brings death'. What does he mean?
- 5) How did Psalm 51 speak to you?