

Noticeboard



Fun Day 23rd Sept - Help is needed! Don't forget to sign up in the time slots on volunteer sheet in the front foyer.	Food Bank Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shampoo• Shower Gel• Deodorants – Ladies and Men's• Washing Powder• Toilet Rolls• Sanitary Towels• Toothpaste• Dry dog food• Savoury Snacks• Tinned Fruit• Meat Pies (tinned)• Meat Meals (tinned)• Rice Pudding• Jam• Chocolates and Sweets
Food for Thought This Thurs 13th Sept. Guest Speaker is Alan Offord. Starts at 2.30pm	
Craftea Will meet again on Tuesday 18th September. Contact Alison Hodges or Sue Misselbrook for more information	
OASIS this coming Fri 14th Sept Is Club Night OASIS GO – School years R– 3 3.45pm–5.15pm OASIS KIDS - School years 4-6 –5pm-6.30pm OASIS -School year 7 & above –7pm– 9pm See Duncan or Amy for more info	
'STEPPING-OUT' Men's Walking Group Sat 29th Sept 'Circumnavigation' Meet Prince of Wales Pier at 08:30 (prompt) for an 11 mile'ish walk, incorporating 2 ferry crossings and a boat trip. Bring a packed lunch, coffees/teas en-route. Names to Bryan a.s.a.p. please 01326-312115 or bryanandhazel@hotmail.co.uk	

Sunday 16th September

10.30am Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

Main Door TBA

Inner Door Rick & Mel Cookman

Easy Worship Becky Brown

Coffees Before Service Sue Misselbrook

After Service TBA

Sunday 9th September 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. During this morning's service we will be commissioning Claudia Evans Cox as our Youth Worker and Amy Growcott-Smith as our Community Facilitator

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.

The Church office

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Minister Rev'd Charles Blizzard

Sermon outline notes: The Letter to Sardis– Revelation 3:1–6

Introduction

The church at Sardis had a reputation of 'being alive' but in reality it was 'dead'-verse 1. As Jesus probed the inner life of the church at Sardis he saw that the church's reputation was out of all proportion to the church's true merits—the church did not deserve the reputation and therefore Jesus challenges the church deeply.

1) Why the reputation?

- ◆ Sardis was a large city and impregnable to attack.
- ◆ Sardis had a name for great wealth.
- ◆ The church at Sardis had no 'theological' problems—Christ does not rebuke them for heresy or false teaching.

'Can a church give every outward impression and indication of being vibrantly possessed by the Spirit of God and yet be nothing but a spiritual corpse? Christ says it is so—spiritual life can be counterfeited'.

2) Asleep or Awake– verses 2–3

- ◆ Although revival is a sovereign act of God, a church has a responsibility in its own revival and renewal. A church does not simply wait for God to work.
- ◆ Christ tells the church at Sardis to:
 - Wake up—complacency, negligence, lack of vigilance implied here in this command
 - Strengthen what remains—a command of reconstruction, to build, consolidate those things which have a potential for spiritual life.
 - Remember what you have received and heard; obey and repent.

3) Few or Many-verses 4–6

The wool trade was one of the major industries in Sardis and there were many launderers in Sardis. The whole city was sensitive about clean garments!

Christ challenges the church about holiness—faithful Christians ought to refuse to take their values from anywhere except heaven! Note the move from a corporate challenge to the individual in verses 4-6.

Points to Ponder

- 1) Was anything said which you did not understand or with which you disagreed?
- 2) What was your reaction to the sermon? Did you feel encouraged, challenged or 'guilty'? Why?
- 3) Did you feel Jesus was addressing a wake up call to you?
- 4) There seems to be a threat of judgement in verse 3. What form do you think this judgement might take?

Notes