

# Noticeboard

## Community Fun Day NEXT SUNDAY 23rd Sept

Items are still needed for the tombola and toy stall, please drop to the church office.

**Cakes/biscuits** will also be needed for the day.

It has been decided that all funds from the cake stall will be for Macmillan Cancer Coffee morning event.

**Craftea** Will meet again THIS Tuesday 18th September. Contact Alison Hodges or Sue Misselbrook for more information

## OASIS this coming Fri 21st Sept Is Club Night

**OASIS GO**– School yrs R– 3 3.45pm–5.15pm

**OASIS KIDS** - School yrs 4-6 –5pm-6.30pm

**OASIS** -School yrs 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

## Food for Thought

This Thurs 20th Sept. Guest Speaker is Revd. Liz Harris. Starts at 2.30pm

## Food Bank Needs

- Tinned Rice
- Fruit Juice
- Tinned Meatballs
- Tinned Stewed Steak and Mince
- Fray Bentos Pies
- Jam
- Crisps
- Biscuits (Cheese)
- Dried Dog Food
- Washing Powder
- Shampoo
- Toilet Rolls
- Toothpaste



**Emmanuel**  
Baptist Church

## Sunday 16th September 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.  
**Today we welcome Sarah Chaplin who will be bringing us the Word today**

**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.

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**Main Door** Bryan Green

**Inner Door** David & Angie Pascoe

**Easy Worship** Sue Wilson

**Coffees Before Service & After Service** Bryan & Hazel Green

## The Church office

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## **Sermon outline notes: Revelation 3:7 -13**

### **The simple message to the Church in Philadelphia:**

If you cut short, you will miss out on the doors God has opened, the reward of the crown for those who are faithful, and being made strong like a pillar. Enduring is better than quitting!

#### **Background:**

The letter to Philadelphia is one of the most encouraging of the letters to the 7 Churches.

Sardis in previous accused of looking alive but being dead, Ephesus lost first love, Thyatira was becoming too tolerant, Ephesus had lost her first love....but this chapter is just 100% encouragement.

#### **Philadelphia:**

It was located about 30 miles southeast of Sardis. Means 'brotherly love'. The city of Philadelphia was built for a special purpose. It was a border town. The city stood in a wine-producing area and was the gateway to central Asia Minor.

#### **Breakdown of bible verses:**

- 1.v7. Starts with the credibility of Jesus...He is Holy and true.
2. v7. Open door..... Ever known God open a door for You? New job? Relocation? Opportunity?
3. v8. I know that you have little strength. ...Weary....exhausted....like Elijah. Isaiah 40.
4. v8 Yet you have kept my word and not denied my name.  
(v 10 kept my command to endure patiently).

Are you going to keep up? Or bail out?

I'm going to keep on track.....and then God says 'I will keep you'.

#### **Psalms 121:5 KJV**

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

## **Jude 24**

He is your keeper when you want to be a quitter

5. v 11. Hold on to what you have so that No one will take your crown. Don't give up.

6. v 12 him who overcomes I will make a pillar. Support. Strength. One others lean on.

7. v 12. Given new name.....not a quitter but a finisher.

#### **Conclusion:**

Being faithful to the Saviour is worth it. The end results far outweigh the present challenges.

2 Corinthians 4:17 – “For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison...”

#### **Points to ponder:**

1. This letter is much more encouragement than rebuke. How does this approach feel?
2. In what ways have you known God opening doors for you? Are closed doors Gods guidance too? What open doors do you hope for? 1 Cor. 16:9 Acts 14:27. Discuss.
3. Think about people in the Bible who at some time felt like throwing in the towel....for different reasons. Elijah, Jeremiah, Jesus. What were the reasons? What was the result of them deciding against quitting?
4. What does it mean to be a pillar? (Philadelphia was prone to earthquakes!).