

# Noticeboard

<p><b>OASIS this coming Fri 21st Sept Is Club Night</b>  <b>OASIS GO</b>– School yrs R– 3 3.45pm–5.15pm  <b>OASIS KIDS</b> - School yrs 4-6 –5pm-6.30pm  <b>OASIS</b> -School yrs 7 &amp; above –7pm– 9pm          See Duncan or Amy for more info</p>	<p><b>Food for Thought</b>          This Thurs 27th          Sept. Guest          Speaker is Nicki          Tumbridge.          Starts at 2.30pm</p>
<p><b>'STEPPING-OUT' Men's Walking Group</b>          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</p>	<p><b>Food Bank Needs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Meat Soups</li> <li>•Shower Gel</li> <li>•Long life milk</li> <li>•Fruit juice cartons</li> <li>•Toilet rolls</li> <li>•Men's and ladies deodorant</li> <li>•Dry dog food</li> <li>•Dry cat food</li> </ul>
<p><b>Next Sunday 30th September</b> there will be a  <b>Fellowship Lunch</b> after the service to          welcome Students. Vegetable Soup will          be provided. Please bring a pudding!</p>	
<p><b>Falmouth &amp; Penryn Churches Together</b>          Saturday 6th Oct 2018 @ 8.30am  <b>Men's Breakfast</b> £8 After Breakfast          Speaker:- Roy Hendy.          Please book through EBC office</p>	<p><b>Next Church          Members Meeting is          on Tuesday 9th          October at 7.30pm.</b>          Please make every          effort to attend this          important meeting</p>

## Sunday 30th September

**10.30am** **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**  
**Main Door** Bryan Green  
**Inner Door** David & Esme Willoughby  
**Easy Worship** Sue Misselbrook  
**Coffees Before Service** Terry & Lynne Pellow  
**After Service** Chris & Wendy Tabb



## Sunday 23rd 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.

**11am** **Children and youth groups leave**  
**Nippers:** 2-4 years  
**Buzz:** Reception - Year Five  
**Salt:** Year Six - Year 13

**The service is followed by a 'Fun Day'** so stay if you can and take part and enjoy some fellowship! Pasties available for lunch (£2 med and £1 cocktail)

### 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

Open Monday–Friday, 9.30am–12.30pm  
**Telephone** 01326 315249  
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**Website** www.emmanuelbaptist.co.uk  
**Minister** Rev'd Charles Blizzard

## Sermon outline notes: Revelation 3:14–22 The Letter to Laodicea Introduction

Here is the last of the seven letters sent by Jesus to the seven churches in Asia Minor. It is the most rebuking and challenging of the seven letters.

### 1) The Background

- (a) There were many banking houses in Laodicea—it was a wealthy city.
- (b) It was a centre for a widely known type of black clothing made from the wool of the local breed of sheep.
- (c) The city was famous for its medical school and the production of ointment for eyes.

The local circumstances are vividly used in this letter.

### 2) Christ's rebuke—verse 16

- (a) This is not just a rebuke—it's almost an insult. What could they have done to deserve such words - the answer is that the church was lukewarm!
- (b) Neither hot nor cold  
Some think hot water symbolises a ministry of healing and cold water a ministry of refreshment. Laodicea was doing neither. Others think Jesus is rebuking indecision in the church. My own view Jesus is not rebuking negligence or indecision but mediocrity, her lack of passion. Hot and cold have one thing in common –they are both extremes; touch either of them and you can get a shock, but there was nothing extremist about the church at Laodicea at all.

### 3) The One who speaks

- (a) The 'Amen; Isaiah 55:16 Amen was a word used to confirm the genuineness of what had been said.
- (b) Faithful and true witness is just another way of expressing the same thought as the Amen.
- (c) Ruler of Creation—a better translation is 'the source or origin of all creation.' the point made here is how can we be lukewarm about following Jesus when we realise who he is.

### 4) You say I am rich .... Verse 17.

Wealth it seems had led to self sufficiency which led onto luke warmness. Wealth does that—it makes us conservative and complacent.

### 5) The invitation—verses 19–20

It is important that when it comes to discipline that discipline is imposed in the context of a caring and loving relationship. Discipline has to be an act of love. Jesus' criticism is not condemnation, his word are not rejection. For all its severity this is still a message of hope and not of despair. :

**Verse 16** There's still time

**Verse 17** Note the word pitiful—this is not so much a description of the Laodiceans but how Christ feels towards them—he's full of pity.

**Verse 18** Counsel—here is the advice of a concerned friend

**Verse 20**— is a famous verse often used by evangelists. But please do note here the context is not evangelistic—the verse is addressed to Christians. If you read verse 20 on its own you may get the impression that Jesus is some homeless beggar desperate for our hospitality, tapping weakly in the hope that someone will let him in. Not so. Jesus hammers with the authority of a king, because that is what he is. He knocks not that we may favour him, but that he may favour us, that we may share his throne.

### Points to Ponder

- 1) Share first reactions to the sermon. Were there any particular points which struck you? Why?
- 2) Do you agree with the statement that wealth makes us self sufficient and complacent.? As 'rich people' how we avoid this?
- 3) Next week I am going to preach a sermon entitled 'What the Spirit is saying to the churches' based on Revelation 2 and 3. Draw up a list of the common themes/concepts that you think the Spirit is saying to the churches in Revelation 2 and 3.