

# Noticeboard



<b>Next Church Members Meeting is on Tuesday 9th October at 7.30pm.</b> Please make every effort to attend this important meeting	<b>F&amp;PCT Men's Breakfast</b> Saturday 6th Oct 2018 @ 8.30am £8 After Breakfast Speaker:- Roy Hendy. Please book through EBC office
<b>Food Bank Needs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dry Dog Food</li><li>• Tinned Meat</li><li>• Coffee</li><li>• Meat Soups</li><li>• Pasta Sauce</li><li>• Noodles</li><li>• Tin Meat Balls</li><li>• Tinned Stewed Mince</li><li>• Rice Pudding</li><li>• Biscuits</li><li>• Crisps</li><li>• Washing Powder</li><li>• Toilet Rolls</li><li>• Shampoo</li></ul>	<b>'Turning the Tide' Bereavement Café.</b> Meet at The Huddle (below King Charles the Martyr) from 5:30pm – 7:30pm this Wednesday 3rd Oct. Volunteers are on hand to chat, listen, and signpost to further support. It is a relaxed space where you can read, craft, play board games or just sit. All ages welcome.
	<b>Food for Thought</b> This Thurs 4th Oct Guest Speaker Claudia Evans Cox Starts at 2.30pm
	<b>Craftea</b> meet THIS Tuesday 2nd Oct 1–3pm. Contact Sue Misselbrook for more information
	<b>OASIS this coming Fri 5th Oct is a Treasure Hunt</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 & above –7pm– 9pm See Duncan or Amy for more info

## Sunday 7th October

**10.30am** **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**  
**Main Door** Jayne Gray  
**Inner Door** Barry & Betty Hearn  
**Easy Worship** Sue Misselbrook  
**Coffees Before Service & After Service** Nigel & Kate Bird

## Sunday 30th 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.  
**This morning's service is followed by a Fellowship Lunch to welcome the Students. Please feel free to stay and join us**

**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

Open Monday–Friday, 9.30am–12.30pm  
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**Minister** Rev'd Charles Blizzard

**Sermon outline notes: Revelation 2 and 3 Hearing What the Spirit say to the Churches**

**1) The Portrayal of the Lord Jesus Christ**

- The opening to each letter is drawn from the magnificent description of the risen glorified Jesus found in chapter 1
- This is not the 'gentle Jesus meek and mild' but the 'Alpha and Omega.' This is the one who in chapter 19 ride's out with the title 'King of Kings and Lord of Lords'.

**2) I Know Your Deeds**

- This phrase occurs in 6 of the 7 letters.
- There is an emphasis on 'deeds', because deeds are the measure, the criterion of the genuineness of faith.

**3) A constant repetition of the word 'repent' - 2:5; 2:16; 2:22; 3:3, 3:19.**

- We need to reflect on our own lives and express repentance for our failings.
- Elements of repentance—a knowledge of sin, a knowledge of failure, a confession of that failure, a turning away from wrong doing, putting right wherever possible what has been wrong.
- See 2 Corinthians 7: 8-13 a contrast drawn between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow .

**4) The use of the word 'tolerate'**

- Twice used negatively—2:14 and 2:20 and once positively—2:2
- There are certain issues on which the church cannot be tolerant and on which it must speak out!

**5) A challenge to 'reassess' our understanding of 'success'**

- Smyrna described as poor but rich; Laodicea described as rich but poor. There is no correlation between material prosperity and spiritual riches.

**6) 'To him who overcomes' - a challenge to the individual.**

- Overcomes is a significant word because it does indicate the fact that our Christian lives will meet opposition.

- But linked to that challenge to overcome there is a tremendous series of rewards—acquitted at the last judgement— 2:10; 3:5, the gift of eternal life— 2:7, 2:16, 2:27, 3:5; a share in Christ's rule— 2:26, 3:21; a place in the City of God.

**Points to Ponder**

- 1) Was anything said with which you disagreed? Why?
- 2) Last week I asked for you to draw up a list of common themes from these letters. How did they compare with the list mentioned in the sermon?
- 3) Hebrews 10:24 'Let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds'. Work out practically how we do this.
- 4) How has the series on the seven letters spoken to you? Has it changed your understanding in any way? Have you determined to be different in any regard? Share with your group.

**NOTES**