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Falmouth Live Nativity Sunday 11th December

Be part of this amazing community event. Now in its 5th year and a firm favourite in the Town Christmas calendar. Starting at Events Square at 1:30pm & finishing on The Moor. Our theme this year is "Let Your Light Shine" We need some volunteers: Stewards: Basically walking along with the crowd handing out & collecting carol sheets. Photographers: People to take photographs and videos for us to use in the future. For more information or to volunteer, please email

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Food for Thought

This Thurs Nov 10th 2.30pm. Guest Speaker is Charles Blizzard

'STEPPING-OUT' Men's

Walking Group NEXT Saturday
12th November

'North Coast Wander'

Meet EBC at 08:45 with a packed-lunch for an 8 mile (approx.) circular walk taking in another helping of this lovely county. Names to Bryan (01326-312115 or bryanandhazel@hotmail.co.uk) a.s.a.p. please, so 'sensible' transport can be arranged.

Craft Fare on Sat 19th November

Jenni Crozier's glass will be on sale. There are still a few stalls available. Please contact Mary Jones maryodairy@hotmail.com

Rob Parsons The Wisdom House Live THIS Thurs 10th Nov 7.30pm-10pm at Truro Methodist Church Tickets £4 and Booking is essential 02920810800 or www.careforthefamily.org.uk/wisdomhouselive

Sunday 13th November

10.30am Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

Main Door Dave Ball

Inner Door Barry & Betty Hearn

Easy Worship Gill Lister

Coffees Before Service Gordon & Doreen Fraser

After Service Carrie Holmes & Mary Jones

Sunday 6th November 2016

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**
Parent and Baby Room available with a visual link to the service.
Nippers: Age 2-4 (Parents please collect your children at 12:00).
Buzz: Reception to Year 6
Salt: Year 7 and up (meets in the Power House)

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: Spiritual Warfare Part 7 Revelation 13 -Rage Against the Church Part 2

Introduction

In Revelation chapter 12 Satan is pictured as a great red dragon violently enraged against the church. Satan has been hurled out of heaven (12:9), his sphere is limited, he is defeated and knows that his time is short (12:12). In the drama of chapter 12 Satan goes after the woman, the woman symbolises the Messianic community.

But Satan does not work in isolation and Revelation 13 introduces the two agents through whom Satan carries out his war on God's people.

1) The Beast out of the Sea

- The power of Satan expresses itself in concrete historical opposition to God's people
- The sea is a symbol of chaos or evil.
- The message is that this beast attacks God's people, then is wounded fatally yet somehow comes back to continue the attacks.
- The beast is full of blasphemy, it slanders God's name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven
- The beast commands allegiance—it wants to be God and to have universal authority.
- As a result of all this, there is great suffering among the people of God. The existence and threat of this beast call for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.

2) The Beast Out of the Earth verses 11–18

- This beast is far less daunting—a lamb with two horns. Yet his danger is precisely that he is deceptive
- Elsewhere in Revelation this beast is called the false prophet (see 16:13; 19:20; 20:10). The activity and ministry of this second beast is in the religious sphere!
- With the dragon, the first beast and the second beast we have an 'unholy trinity' being described.

3) Reflections

What does this mean for us? It means that Satan may use quite different forms of evil to reinforce one another and achieve his vicious aims. We have here violent physical opposition to the people of God, i.e. what we call persecution but also deception and deception by its very nature is hard to discern.

Points to Ponder

- 1) Did you understand the basic ideas contained in the sermon?
- 2) Homework—please read the letters to the seven churches contained in chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation. This will give you practical examples of both beasts at work! What things stood out for you in your reading.
- 3) Patient endurance and faithfulness—what do you understand these phrases to mean in everyday life.
- 4) How do we identify false prophets/ teachers? (consider Matt7: 15–23; 2 Corinthians 11:1–14)

Notes