

Noticeboard

Food for Thought

This Thurs Nov 25th
2.30pm. Guest Speaker
is Peter McIver

Grill the Pastor-

will not be running
any more this year.

Foodbank needs are:

- ◇ Tinned Soup
- ◇ Tinned Potatoes
- ◇ Tinned Fruit
- ◇ Biscuits
- ◇ Cereal
- ◇ Coffee
- ◇ Tea
- ◇ Shower Gel
- ◇ Deodorant's
- ◇ Toilet Roll
- ◇ Christmas Treats

Casa Mia Orphanage Every year the children of EBC send presents to the children in Casa Mia. There are 8 children aged from 4 - 13 and this year they have asked for sportswear. We are asking for donations from the wider church to go towards the cost. There will be a basket at the front of church over the next two weeks for you to give as you feel you are able.

Falmouth Live Nativity Sunday 11th Dec

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: For more information or to volunteer, please email livenativity@outlook.com Follow us on Facebook.com/[falmouthlivenativity](https://www.facebook.com/falmouthlivenativity)

Kernow Carers Service The next meeting of the Falmouth Carers Forum will be held in The Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, **Tuesday 6th December** 2016 from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. For further information please contact : Chris Watkin, Forum Administrator Telephone: 01872 243531 or e-mail: chris.watkin@cornwallrcc.org.uk

Sunday 27th November

10.30am **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**

Main Door Barry Woodward

Inner Door Rick & Mel Cookman

Easy Worship Sue Wilson

Coffees Before Service Gordon & Doreen Fraser

After Service Bryan & Hazel Green

Sunday 20th 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: Romans 15:1-7

New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

15 We who have strong faith should help the weak with their problems. We should not please only ourselves. 2 Each of us should please our neighbours. Let us do what is good for them in order to build them up. 3

Even Christ did not please himself. It is written, "The bad things people have said about you have been aimed at me also." (Psalm 69:9)

4 Everything written in the past was written to teach us. The Scriptures give us strength to go on. They encourage us and give us hope.

5 Our God is a God who strengthens and encourages you. May he give you the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had. 6 Then you can give glory to God with one mind and voice. He is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Christ has accepted you. So accept one another in order to bring praise to God.

Excerpt from: ODB

The apostle Paul recognized the power of Christians working together in many of his letters to the early churches. He urged the Roman believers to accept each other the way Christ had accepted them and said, "[May God] give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 15:5–6).

Our unity comes from our union with Christ.

Unity with other believers enables us to broadcast God's greatness and helps us to endure persecution. Knowing that the Philippians would pay a price for their faith, Paul encouraged them to strive "together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you" (Phil. 1:27–28).

Satan loves to divide and conquer, but his efforts fail when, with God's help, we "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3).

Dear God, please let Christians everywhere experience the blessing of unity in You. Remind us of what we have in common: one hope, one faith, and one Lord—Jesus Christ.

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The Roman believers were in need of building on the sense of unity they enjoyed. Our reading for today concludes on an essential ingredient in interpersonal relationships, that of acceptance. "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." Certainly a subtle sensing of rejection will inhibit all healthy relationships. We are to accept others as Christ has accepted us.

Points to ponder:

1. The passage today reminds us that we are not on this earth to please ourselves. The flesh wants spoiling and the Spirit wants obedience to His leading.
Discuss your thoughts on this question in the context of your daily walk?
2. Human nature can direct us to certain people who we might normally socialise, hang with or speak to in church - We are called to accept one another as Christ accepted us.
Discuss your thoughts on this question in the context of Church unity?
3. Paul says in v.5, "5 Our God is a God who strengthens and encourages you. May he give you the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had." Notice the relation between this verse and the next. Without the enabling grace of God, this urging to deny self and please others will not bear fruit. God Himself is the ultimate source of unity. As He fills us with love, we will put into practice the principles of our text, which will lead to unity. – What can we do different as a small group to actively live this out!