

Noticeboard

Christmas Services:

Sunday 18th December at 10.30
All Age Christmas Special
Christmas Eve at 5.30pm
Christingle Service
Christmas Day Celebration at
10.30- 11.15am

Casa Mia Orphanage

we collected a total of £201.50 for
the Casa Mea children's presents

Don't forget....we collect used
stamps for Baptist Missionary
Society. So hand yours in to the
Church Office

Footsteps Coffee Shop :

Christmas Closure
Footsteps will be open as usual on
Thursdays up to and
including 15 Dec.
It will be closed on Thursdays 22 & 29
Dec and during January, reopening
on Thursday 2 February 2017.

Craftea will not be
meeting again until
Tuesday 17th January
2017

Foodbank needs are:

- ◇ Long Life Milk
- ◇ Cartoned Orange
Juice
- ◇ Cartoned Apple Juice
- ◇ Hot Chocolate
- ◇ Tinned Potatoes
- ◇ Tinned Pies
- ◇ Jam Crisps
- ◇ Men's Deodorant
- ◇ Ladies Deodorant
- ◇ Christmas Treats

Create Station

Wednesday 21st Dec
10am -12
Christmas crafts ball
games etc.
refreshments
£1 per child

Sunday 18th December

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

Main Door TBA

Inner Door Zoe Symons & Nathan Offord

Easy Worship Vicki Kneebone

Coffees Before & After Service Chris & Kristine Trueman

Sunday 11th December 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.

Children and youth groups are out to their classes from the start of the service, with the exception of Nippers (aged 2-4) who will go out at 11am.

Parent and Baby Room available with a visual link to the service.

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.

1:30pm **Falmouth Live Nativity TODAY!** Starting at Events Square & finishing on The Moor.

The Church office

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Minister Rev'd Charles Blizzard

Sermon outline notes: Philippians 2: 9– Therefore God has exalted him to the highest place.

Introduction

We are oddly choosy as Christians? Most of us would count it odd not to celebrated Christmas Day; likewise we would not let Good Friday or Easter Day pass unnoticed. But Ascension Day often passes us by, and yet the Ascension of Jesus foretold in passages such as Luke 22:69 ; John 7 : 33 and described in Luke 24 : 50 and Acts 1 :9 –11 and referred to in many other passages lays behind this great verse. We will study this verse by asking who, what, why and to what end?

1) Who ?- Jesus from beginning to end

This verse we have studied in previous works reveal first a pre-existent Jesus, a Jesus before Bethlehem who was truly and fully God (verse 6) Secondly they reveal a Jesus who without ceasing to be truly and fully God became truly man (verse 7). Jesus experienced death, in particular a death of shame and rejection on a cross (verse 8). From beginning to end there was continuity of person.

2) What happened at the ascension?

God is expressing a value judgement about his son: nothing will do but that he should be lifted up to the highest of all, for in the Father's eyes he is the highest of all.

3) How did this event happen?

These verses say that the ascension was the act of God and a very deliberate divine action

4) Why did God lift Jesus up?

It was a response, something linked to what went before it by a 'therefore' verse 9. To what was God responding? It is interesting to note that in the original, verses 5–8 are one long continuous sentence and that sentence begins with the attitude of the mind of Christ Jesus. The ascension of Jesus is the divine response to the sort of person Jesus is, the way he looked at things, the values he cherishes, the principles he observes—his 'mind' Jesus showed both obedience and love and the Father responds. It is a principle with God that he who humbles himself will be exalted.

5) To what end is all this leading?

- a) Jesus was 'crowned' the day he ascended. There is nothing 'incognito' now about the Lordship of Jesus Christ, about who he is.
- b) Paul has in mind here not only the ascension, but the second coming of Jesus a day when every tongue will acknowledge who Jesus is. At that time all will submit, all will confess, but not all will be saved.

Application

- 1) We have proclaimed here the present reality of the reigning Lord Jesus Christ. There is an appropriate response to this truth—that we his followers give gladly our worship and praise and that we declare his name and nature to show that we are his people.
- 2) There is a limit set on evangelistic opportunity. When Jesus returns it is the day of accounting, not of continuing opportunity! All that stands between our unsaved friends and that 'dread day' are our tongues telling about Jesus'.

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