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'Stepping Out' Men's Walking Group

Saturday 11th June 'Black Head' Join us for 8 1/2 mile 'ish circular walk, exploring more of our beautiful coast line. Meet at EBC at 08:30 with a pack lunch.

Name to Bryan a.s.a.p. please on 01326 312115 or

bryanandhazel@hotmail.co.uk to enable 'sensible' transport to be arranged.

Next walk: Saturday 9th July

If you see any Health & Safety issues

or any repairs needed around the church building, please let the church office know or contact Rick Cookman-roderick@cookman.me.uk

Food for Thought

This Thursday June 9th 2.30pm
Guest Speaker is Peter Richards

Foodbank needs are:

- ◆ Cartoned Orange Juice
- ◆ Tinned Tuna
- ◆ Tinned Potatoes
- ◆ Rice

Family Fun Day here at Emmanuel for the church and the community on **NEXT Saturday 11th June.**

10.30am–1.30pm

If you are able to help with this please speak to Emma or contact her on emmaandpaul2000@yahoo.co.uk

Grill the Pastor

Monday evenings 7.30 in the Portable cabin. At this meeting you can come and ask any question.

Church Members Meeting THIS Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm

Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Sunday 12th June

10.30am Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

Main Door Dave Ball

Inner Door Rick & Mel Cookman

Easy Worship Sue Misselbrook

Coffees Before Service Terry & Lynne Pellow

After Service Terry & Lynne Pellow

Sunday 5th June 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.

7pm Prayer for Healing Service Time for worship and prayer, to reflect on the Lord, and receive prayer for healing

The Church office

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Minister Rev'd Charles Blizzard

Sermon outline notes:
John Chapter 4 vv 43-54 “Authentic Faith”

Introduction

Again and again we read in the Gospels that the rural masses followed Jesus because of the miracles they saw. Jesus’ attitude to that was not one of unqualified approval, because that approach did not reflect the kind of authentic faith that He was looking for. In this narrative we have an official who displays the kind of unconditional faith for which Jesus was always looking!

1) A faith that seeks Jesus vv 46-47

- Sometimes that unconditional faith begins its growth through an experience of deep need.
- The official sought Jesus with humility.

2) A faith that is satisfied simply with Jesus’ word vv 48-50

- What does faith rest on if it is to be authentic faith? We have the answer— this man was content with the word of Jesus. He came for a miracle, but what did he go away with—just a promise, just a word, but that was enough.
- There’s only one explanation for the official’s confidence in Jesus word—he must have had a profound insight into who Jesus was. Authentic faith does not rest on miracles it rests on the authority of Jesus’ person.
- This kind of faith cannot be manufactured, it is a gift.
- Jesus issues a word of command—Your son lives— from twenty miles away. This official went home at peace for he had grasped who Jesus was and a word from Jesus was enough.

3) A faith that recognises Jesus’ power vv 51-53

- Here was a man whose faith in the word of Jesus was confirmed by the evidence. It would be easy to call this coincidence, but this man acknowledges that the hand of God has been at work.

4) A faith that surrendered to Jesus v53

- The first stirrings of this man’s faith sprang up in his deepest hour of need while his son was dying, it grew as he sought Jesus and believed in Jesus word; but it did not reach the ‘Fruit bearing’ stage until the emotional crisis was over, when he declared himself as a believer.

Points to Ponder

- 1)** Share reactions to the sermon. Was anything said with which you disagreed? Why?
- 2)** ‘Faith cannot be manufactured it is a gift’ Do you agree with this statement? If not, why not? If so, what are its implications?
- 3)** ‘Jesus’ miracles are not to make people believe, but to draw out and identify those in whom God has placed the seed of faith. They are sign posts that point ‘seeking people’ to Jesus and call them to conscious discipleship’
Would you agree with this statement? What is the place of miracles (signs and wonders) in evangelism today?