

# Noticeboard

## Church Member Meeting

At the Church members meeting on Tuesday Marion Delancy, Amy Growcott-Smith and Bob & Alison Hughes were accepted into membership.

Justin Day our treasurer will send out a summary of the financial decisions taken at the meeting.

## Food for Thought

This Thursday  
June 16th 2.30pm  
Guest Speaker is  
Andrew Chapple

## Foodbank needs are:

- ◆ Orange/Blackcurrant Squash
- ◆ Orange/Apple Juice
- ◆ Long Life Milk
- ◆ Tinned Potatoes
- ◆ Tinned Tuna
- ◆ Shower Gel, soap, deodorant and toilet rolls.

## 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

*If you are not receiving emails from Emmanuel and wish to, please let the office know and we can add you to our mailing list!*

## Grill the Pastor

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

## Sunday 12th June 2016

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**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.

## Sunday 19th June

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

**Main Door** Dan Pearce

**Inner Door** Chris & Wendy Tabb

**Easy Worship** Vicki Kneebone

**Coffees Before Service** Chris & Kristine Trueman

**After Service** Chris & Kristine Trueman

## The Church office

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## Sermon outline notes:

### John Chapter 11 vv 1-44 “The raising of Lazarus”

#### Introduction

We are introduced to a family, Lazarus, Mary and Martha who live at Bethany near Jerusalem. A message is sent to Jesus that his friend Lazarus is sick. It is important to realise that by the time Jesus got that message Lazarus was already dead and I think Jesus would have known that!

#### 1) Why did Jesus remain two more days?

- It was not to allow more time for Lazarus to die—in order to make the miracle possible.
- It was almost certainly to make clear that Jesus’ action in going up to Jerusalem was not made necessary by an incident like an illness: Jesus’ going up to Jerusalem was all part of a timetable in a sense set out from eternity (consider the concept of the ‘the hour’ in John’s Gospel)
- It was to make clear that Lazarus was dead see v17, 39.

2) Do notice that throughout this story the words death and die are constantly repeated v13, 14, 16, 21, 25, 26, 32, 37, 39. We are not allowed to escape from the reality of this final experience of us all!

#### 3) The sorrow of Martha and Mary vv 17-33

- An unequivocal belief that Jesus could heal the sick (v21)
- Martha believes in the orthodox Jewish belief of future bodily resurrection—she was not grieving as one who had no hope!
- v25 In his reply Jesus directs Martha’s thinking to the fact that ‘real death’ is the death that is spiritual. I think that is shown by the following :-
  - (i) v 25 literal translation ‘he who believes in me will live even though he be dead’
  - (ii) v 26 ‘whoever believes in me will never die’ but believers do die! In what sense do believers never die—answer: spiritually.
  - (iii) v 25 Jesus uses present tense—in my person the life of the world to come has arrived—its available here and now.Resurrection life for the Christian is not just a future promise, it’s a possession now.

#### 4) The sorrow of Jesus vv 33-37

- ‘deeply moved in spirit and troubled’
  - (i) original Greek word used for deeply moved, is the word used to describe a horse snorting—there’s a sternness to it! a disapproval, an anger.
  - (ii) Jesus here is angry with the whole phenomenon of death; the whole tragic ruin that sin had wrought in the world.
  - (iii) ‘troubled’ - this word is used several times in the following chapters and always is associated with the prospect of the cross looming up in front of Jesus.

#### 5) Lazarus raised!

- Lazarus here! That’s the literal words
- Note Jesus calls Lazarus by name and shows his own great power.

#### Conclusion

This is a wonderful story which repays deep study and reflection. It is a story which John the writer tells us results in the religious leaders coming together to get rid of Jesus.

#### Points to Ponder

- 1) Was anything said you did not understand? What points drew your attention? Why? Did you disagree with anything said? Why?
- 2) ‘Resurrection life for the Christian is not just a future promise, it’s a possession now; its not just a future hope, its an experience now; here and now, men women are living with either the resurrection, or death implicit in their existence’ Would you agree with this statement?