

Noticeboard

Grill the Pastor, Food for Thought & Craftea

Have shut down for the summer

Church BBQ
Next Sunday 24th July we are having a Church BBQ following a family communion service. This will be a Bring & Share meal so bring meat & buns to share!

EBC Annual Church Members Meeting THIS

Tues 19th July 7.30pm.

Please make every effort to be there. This meeting gives members the opportunity to nominate for the office of Elder and the office of Deacon.

Paediatric First Aid course

here at EBC on **Mon and Tues 5th & 6th Sept.**

The course will run on both dates from 9am – approx. 3.30pm. This is an OFSTED recognised course and we are allowed to have a maximum of 12 delegates. To get the qualification delegates must attend both days. To book please contact Charles Blizzard

Foodbank needs are:

- ◇ Orange/Apple Juice
- ◇ Squash
- ◇ Rice Pack (for microwaves)
- ◇ Jam
- ◇ Tinned Tomatoes
- ◇ Toothpaste
- ◇ Dog Food

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!

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

Sunday 24th July

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

Main Door Barry Woodward

Inner Door Barry & Betty Hearn

Easy Worship Doreen Fraser

Coffees Before Service & After Service Nigel & Kate Bird

Sunday 17th July 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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Sermon outline notes: John 17

Introduction

This is a remarkably deep and profound passage. It is a prayer of Jesus and is often described as the 'high priestly prayer', that is, Jesus is acting as the high priest would do in interceding for the people of God.

If you stand back and consider particularly the opening verses there is no other person in history who could say such things! I am reminded of the words of C.S. Lewis:

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

1) Glory in John's Gospel

The key to the role or meaning of 'glory' in John's gospel is to understand it has to do with the way God is made known to human beings. The theme of glory has to do with the way revelation takes place.

1. Jesus glorified God by finishing the work God gave him to do (17:4)
This means Jesus honoured God through his obedience to God's commands. During his ministry Jesus taught what the Father wanted him to teach, and performed the healings and other works that the Father wanted him to do.
2. Jesus revealed divine glory by revealing divine power, 11:40
3. The glory Jesus had before the world existed, 17:5. It was out of love that the Father gave the Son such glory 17:24.
4. John's gospel links glorification to the process that leads to the crucifixion 12:20-36; 13:31; 19:30.

2) A Prayer for His Immediate Disciples verses 6-19

What Jesus does in these verses is to distinguish his disciples from 'the world'. This distinction can be expressed under two headings.

- (i) **Identity**—What distinguishes the disciples from the world is very simply they belong to Jesus and do not belong to the world. The world here means something like a system of values and life commitments: that which opposes God and God's values.
- (ii) **Mission**, verse 17 – Here we have a distinctiveness not in withdrawal, but in service of others, the way in which Jesus himself modelled for them. To belong to Jesus is to take part in his mission from God to the world.

3) A Prayer for All Believers 17:20-26

1. **Objective**—that the world may believe that you have sent me, verses 21,23.
2. **Strategy**—that they may be one, verse 21.
3. **Tactics**—The unity of the church is visible where Christians love one another, verse 26' 13:35; 1John 5:2

Points to Ponder

- 1) Was there anything said with which you did not understand or with which you would disagree?
- 2) 'So that they may be one as we are one' Verse 11, verse 22
'May they be brought to complete unity...' verse 23
What kind of unity exists between the Father and the Son that we should copy?
Have these prayers of Jesus been answered? What are the implications if you answer No?