

# Noticeboard

<p><b>Craftea are Meeting again.....</b> THIS Tues afternoon 17th Jan 2–4pm so join us if you can. We will be in the front foyer area of the church.</p>	<p><b>Foodbank needs are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Tinned tomatoes</li> <li>◇ Tinned potatoes</li> <li>◇ Toothpaste</li> <li>◇ Men's toiletries</li> <li>◇ Dog Food</li> <li>◇ Cat Food</li> </ul>
<p><b>Volunteers Needed</b> Oasis Kids and Oasis need more leaders due to an increase in the number of children attending. If you can commit to one or two weeks a month (term time only) for the following times please get in touch with Emma or Tony. Friday's: Oasis Kids 4.45-6.30pm approx. Oasis: 6.45pm - 9.15pm approx.</p>	<p><b>Food for Thought</b> This Thurs 19th Jan at 2.30pm. Guest Speaker is from Foodbank/Helping Hands</p>
<p><i>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!</i></p>	<p><b>If you see any Health &amp; Safety issues</b> or any repairs needed around the church building, please let the church office know or contact Rick Cookman roderick@cookman.me.uk</p>
<p><b>House Groups</b> are important to the Church Life. Small groups are an ideal way to get to know one another on a deeper level. If you are interested in joining a group see Doreen Fraser</p>	

## Sunday 22nd January

**10.30am** **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**  
**Main Door** Bryan Parr  
**Inner Door** Barry & Betty Hearn  
**Easy Worship** Doreen Fraser  
**Coffees Before Service & After Service** Nigel & Kate Bird

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## Sunday 15th January 2017

**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.

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### The Church office

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## Sermon outline notes: Romans 12:1-2 Consecration

### Introduction

Practical Christianity is not an alternative to doctrine but a consequence of doctrine 'so therefore'. Authentic Christian living flows out of correct Christian understanding—its our beliefs which control our behaviour; its our convictions which moulds our conduct. One word summarises the opening verses of Romans 12—consecration (dedicated to a sacred purpose). This is where our response to all the doctrine that has gone before starts: dedication to God.

- 1) The emphasis on motive—'In view of God's mercy.' Christian ethics do not always seem to differ so very much from the ethics taught by other groups of people, but the motive for living out such ethics does differ. We are motivated by gratitude. If we lack motivation to live out Christian ethics the answer is to read again the story of the cross.
- 2) Offer your bodies—offer everything you are; the body is simply the organ of expression of the whole personality.
- 3) Notice the attitude with which this consecration is to be made—it is your spiritual worship. The original word here really means logical. The Christian offers himself/herself in a voluntary intelligent way to God.
- 4) 'Do not conform' - conform is to take the external shape of something. Paul says there is the danger we will take the shape of the world and in the absence of other influences this happens unconsciously and almost inevitably. Christians must be non-conformist.
- 5) 'Be transformed' - Greek word metamorphosis. It means to change your shape on the inside, to take on a new inner nature. The vital element in this transformation is the renewal of our mind—the secret of Christian living is Christian thinking and the implication of that is we have to be careful what we feed our minds on

- 6) The consequence of this transformation and renewal is that we will know God's will. Knowing the will of God for Paul never seems to be a demanding task. Why not? - because knowing the will of God, and what we call guidance, for Paul was simply what naturally followed and accompanied consecration to God!

### Homework

In preparation for our next study please study verses 3–7 and think about the following questions.

- 1) If you are asked to paraphrase this section, what would you write?
- 2) Is there an underlying problem that Paul is addressing in these verses.
- 3) Verse 3—What does 'in accordance with the measure of Faith God has given you' mean in context?
- 4) Verse 7 'if it is ..... let him....' what is Paul saying here? What potential danger is he speaking about?

### Notes