

Noticeboard

Lent Lunches are currently running at St Mary's Church Hall on Wednesdays until 12th April at 12.30-1.30pm. Lunch is provided (Soup & Roll) and donations are in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care.

Easter Events

Good Friday breakfast with Communion here at Emmanuel at 8.30am. Walk of Witness Starts here from 10am. **Easter Sunday** – F&PCT on the Moor 2-4pm a free event for all the community. Refreshments, Children craft and giant garden games.

Foodbank needs are:

- * Tinned Rice
- * Pudding
- * Tinned Potatoes
- * Long Life Fruit Juice
- * Long Life Milk
- * Savoury Snacks
- * Rice
- * Cereals
- * Sweet Treats
- * Toothpaste

'STEPPING-OUT' Men's Walking Group

Saturday 22nd April 'And Lo there Came Walkers'. Join us for an eight mile (approx!) circular walk in Cornwall's green and pleasant land. Bring a packed lunch, but we'll pick up coffee/tea en-route. Names 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, 20th May

Socks Needed! If you have any old or odd socks (clean ones please) you no longer need we would love them for Create Station at Easter. Please drop to Sue in the office before 31st March.

Food for Thought

This Thurs 23rd March guest speaker is Alan Offord Meeting starts at 2.30pm.

Sunday 26th March

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

Main Door Dave Ball

Inner Door Peter Richards & Michael Miners

Easy Worship Gill Lister

Coffees Before Service Karen Campbell & Kye Childs

After Service Carrie Holmes & Mary Jones

Sunday 19th March 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.

The Church office

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Minister Rev'd Charles Blizzard

Sermon outline notes: 2 Corinthians 5:21 Remarkable!

Introduction

Christians make such a lot about the cross– we put crosses on the walls of our churches, we hang crosses round our necks. However Jesus' death on a cross is a perplexing thing for many, both those inside and outside the church. why did it happen? Here in 2 Corinthians 5:21 Paul gives an answer and he says three things that are remarkable.

1) A Remarkable Person—'Him who had no sin'

- Jesus was morally perfect
- Jesus lacked any personal sense of sin—he never repented
- Jesus' incorruptibility was attractive –there was something winsome about his personality, it captured people hearts

2) A Remarkable Exchange—'to be sin for us'

- Most people know in a vague way that Jesus' death has something to do with our sins and about our being forgiven. But they don't know how exactly Jesus' death on a cross and the forgiveness of our sins are connected.
- Some people try to interpret the cross simply as if it were some kind of example, or influence on us. But if there's going to be a connection between dying and love, then somehow somebody's got to benefit from the dying in some tangible way .
- Paul is telling us here that Christ's death was a substitution.
- Jesus takes the punishment and what happens to us? -that 'we in him might become the righteousness of God' - a remarkable exchange.

3) A Remarkable Appeal- 'We implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God'

- What Paul is saying here is that God through the cross reconciled himself to us—there was a problem but that problem has been dealt with.
- 'Pardon is a deal to the validity of which delivery is essential and delivery is not complete without acceptance. It may then be rejected and if it be rejected we have discovered no power in a

court to force it on a person. It may be supposed that one being condemned to death would not reject a pardon, but the rule must be the same'.

This is why Paul says 'we implore you'.

Points to Ponder

- 1) Was anything said which you did not understand?
- 2) Was anything said with which you disagreed? Why?
- 3) What does reconciliation mean?
- 4) What does verse 17 mean for you?
- 5) What does 'not counting their sins against them mean'?

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