

# Noticeboard

## Foodbank needs are:

- \* Long life milk
- \* Cartoned fruit juice
- \* Savoury snacks
- \* Tinned tomatoes
- \* Tinned Tuna
- \* Tinned soup
- \* Tinned Spam
- \* Tinned Meatballs
- \* Children's Sweets
- \* Jam
- \* Coffee
- \* Shower gel
- \* Toothpaste
- \* Soap

## Food for Thought

This Thurs 22nd June. Open Meeting.  
Starts at 2.30pm.

**Pre Service Prayer** You are welcome to join Yinka in the prayer room from 10am on a Sunday morning

**Craftea** Meeting Tuesday 20th June at the new time of 1-3pm. See Alison Hodges for more info

**If you see any Health & Safety issues** contact Rick Cookman  
roderick@cookman.me.uk

## Safeguarding Course

Don't forget to sign up for this course on 16th September. It is free to the people of Emmanuel

## Date for your Diary

Emmanuel Baptist Church  
Annual Church Members  
Meeting  
18th July 2017 at 7.30pm  
Please make every effort to be at the important meeting

## Sunday 25th June

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

**Main Door** Rob Wood

**Inner Door** David & Angie Pascoe

**Easy Worship** Becky Brown

**Coffees Before Service** Amy Growcott-Smith & Hazel Evans

**After Service** Bryan & Hazel Green

## Sunday 18th June 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)

**7pm** **Open Worship 7 - 8pm.** An opportunity to pray and praise together; to listen and give space to the Holy Spirit.  
**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

Open Monday-Friday, 9.30am-12.30pm

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**Sermon outline notes: Resurrection Part 6**  
**The Uncomfortable Truth of Easter Act 10:9-38; John 20: 1-18**

**Introduction**

The Easter stories are full of people getting the wrong end of the stick. Mary thinks Jesus' body has been stolen. Peter sees the linen wrappings and can't work out what it's all about. The disciples didn't understand the scriptures. Mary thinks Jesus is the gardener, then she reaches out to him and he tells her she mustn't. You could hardly get more misunderstandings into a couple of paragraphs if you tried.

And the point is of course Easter has burst into our world, the world of real history and real people, but our minds and imaginations are too small to contain it and so we do our best to fit the explosive fact of the resurrection into the possibilities we already know about.

**The Cornelius Story (Acts 10:9-48)**

- God calls Peter to go and speak to Cornelius, a gentile, and tell him about Jesus and particularly about Jesus' death and resurrection.
- Peter does not say 'I gather you've got a wonderful faith already, isn't that marvellous, we're all on different paths up the same mountain.' He says 'The God you've been worshipping from afar has come near to you in Jesus and has done something in Jesus which gives a new shape to world history and new meaning to life.'
- Cornelius believes and is baptised and receives the Holy Spirit. Real Christianity is both the truth that makes sense of all other truth and the truth that offers itself as the framework within which those other truths will find their meaning. The one thing it doesn't do, unfortunately for today's pluralistic, multifaith world, is to offer itself as one truth among many, or one version of a single truth common to all.
- Peter's message to Cornelius was that through his resurrection Jesus had been constituted/appointed as the judge of the living and the dead. The resurrection of Jesus is the beginning of the final 'putting to rights' of all things.
- In the light of the resurrection the church must never stop reminding the world's rulers and authorities that they themselves will be held to account, and they must do justice and bring wise order to God's world ahead of that day of account.
- Peter's message to Cornelius was that through the cross and

resurrection of Jesus the one true and living God was welcoming all people into his family.

'The church is the original multinational corporation copied but not outdone by the empires of this world both territorial and financial.'

**Resurrection and the Kingdom**

- A lot of people don't associate the phrase Kingdom of God with resurrection or vice versa. Yet the whole dynamic particularly of the first three gospels is driven by Jesus' claim that the Kingdom of God is bursting in upon the world. The resurrection of Jesus means that what God has done for Jesus, he is beginning to do, in and through Jesus for the whole of the rest of the world. The resurrection of Jesus is the coming of the Kingdom of God.
- But if God is becoming king, why are so many things still wrong in the world. The answer is that the way God becomes king is precisely through sowing seeds, not through bulldozing everything down and planting ready formed trees and shrubs. The way God becomes king is through the transformation of persons and communities who then become transforming persons and communities in their own right.

**Points to Ponder**

- 1) Was anything said which you did not understand? Was anything said with which you disagreed? Why
- 2) *'Easter is about God's judgement, calling the world to account and setting up his new, glorious creation of freedom and peace, and summoning all people everywhere to live in this new world'. 'The resurrection of Jesus is the launch pad of God's new creation purposes'.*  
Would you agree with these statements?
- 3) Will this sermon change anything for you?