

Noticeboard

Foodbank needs:

- ◆ Pasta sauce
- ◆ Tin spaghetti
- ◆ Tin tomatoes
- ◆ Tin potatoes/ smash
- ◆ Tin fruit
- ◆ Tin rice pudding
- ◆ Jam/marmalade
- ◆ Biscuits
- ◆ Savoury treats
- ◆ Fruit juice
- ◆ Squash
- ◆ Loo rolls
- ◆ Pet food
- ◆ Toothpaste

Food for Thought

This Thurs 21st September. Guest Speaker is Jean Cook. Starts at 2.30pm.

Date for your Diary Tuesday 10th October 7.30pm Church Members Meeting

Please make every effort to be at this important meeting.

If you see any Health & Safety issues contact
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House Groups 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 should go to Hanna Oakes

Craftea are back this Tuesday!

We will meet in the main worship area 1-3pm.
See Sue Misselbrook for more information

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This coming Friday 22nd Sept is Club Night!

Sunday 24th September

10.30am Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

Main Door Dave Ball

Inner Door TBA

Easy Worship Becky Brown

Coffees Before Service & After Service Nigel & Kate Bird

Sunday 17th September 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. *We especially welcome the friends and family of Steve and Amanda to the dedication of their children Jaiden, Benjamin, Joshua and Ellie-Louise.*

11am **Children and youth groups leave**
TODAY all children and youth (ages 2-16) are invited to join us in the sports hall at 11am to meet your group leaders and commence the new term with lots of games, activities and food!

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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Sermon outline notes: The Book Of Jonah

Introduction

Today we start a series of studies on the minor prophets and we begin with the Book of Jonah. We shall study Jonah over three weeks. Jonah is a book with 'unfortunate associations' - if I mention Jonah people immediately think of a whale or great fish and this is unfortunate because the whale or great fish can distract from the real story. We need to ask questions like—why is this book in the Old Testament; what can we learn from it; and how is it relevant to us?

Background

- The word of the Lord came to Jonah—we don't know how that word came but it is a direct and clear word.
- Nineveh was the capital city of the empire of Assyria where Northern Iraq is today. Tarshish was a port in the Mediterranean. Jonah was in Northern Israel. Jonah goes in the totally opposite direction from Nineveh.

The Storyline

- Jonah goes to Joppa and there he found a ship bound for Tarshish. Did he think 'well, it must be alright a door has opened up for me, a way out has been given'?
- Notice in the reading that the writer of Jonah provides a very interesting distinction between what Jonah does and what God does (see 1:3; 1:4; 1:7; 4:6; 4:7; 4:8.) Notice how the word 'But' is also used to emphasise what Jonah does and what God does.
- The sailors—they are pagans but are religious; they are reasonable men; they seek forgiveness for throwing Jonah overboard. The sailors are presented in a positive light! God uses the situation to bring pagans to acknowledge him.

One last thought!

On the day of Yom Kippur (the holiest day of the Jewish year) Jews gather to pray for personal atonement and for forgiveness of sins. On that day usually in the afternoon service the Book of Jonah is read out.

Why? Because in this book we have:-

1. A God of infinite mercy both to Jonah and the people of Nineveh
2. Here we have a model example of repentance—fasting, prayer, abandoning evil deeds
3. The entire world and all nature is shown to be in God's hands
4. God hears and answers prayer

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