

Noticeboard

Foodbank needs:

- Pasta sauce
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned potatoes/ Smash
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned rice pudding
- Jam/marmalade
- Savoury treats
- Fruit juice
- Squash
- Toilet rolls
- Pet food
- Washing up liquid

Food for Thought

This Thurs 28th September. Guest Speaker is Peter Richards. Starts at 2.30pm.

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

Date for your Diary Tues 10th Oct 7.30pm

Church Members Meeting Please make every effort to be at this important meeting.

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

OASIS

This coming Friday 29th Sept is Raze the Roof see Amy or Duncan for more information

Live Nativity 2017 - Sun 10th Dec. There are a raft of different jobs that need to be done to make sure the Live Nativity continues to be a huge success, there is pre-event administration, jobs that can be done sitting down on the day or helping with the animals, catering, being a character or stewarding. E-mail livenativity@outlook.com to volunteer

Sunday 1st October

10.30am Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

Main Door Rob Wood

Inner Door Chris & Wendy Tabb

Easy Worship Sue Wilson

Coffees Before Service & After Service Chris & Kristine Trueman

Sunday 24th 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.

11am **Children and youth groups leave**
Parent and Baby Room available with a visual link to the service.
Nippers: 2-4 years
Buzz: Reception - Year Five
Salt: Year Six - Year 11+

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

Telephone 01326 315249

Email mail@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk

Website www.emmanuelbaptist.co.uk

Minister Rev'd Charles Blizzard

Sermon outline notes: **Jonah Part 2 -Jonah goes to Nineveh**

Introduction

As far as Jonah was concerned, here we have the most gracious word in the whole book—'Then the Word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time'. This word comes without a hint of recrimination or irony (compare Peter and Jesus in John 21).

But the third chapter does not focus on Jonah but on the remarkable response of the people of Nineveh.

- 1) **The heart of Jonah**—Although Jonah obeyed I don't think his 'heart' was in it! I think his reaction in chapter 4 shows that clearly.
- 2) **Jonah's message** in verse 4 presents us with a theological problem! There's no word of love and grace, or message of hope—simply 40 days and you will be destroyed. No ifs no buts, no unless, just a simple prediction. Did God 'change' his mind? Or did Jonah get the message wrong and not give the whole message?
Its here in considering the message of Jonah and the response of the people of Nineveh that we get to the real message of Jonah.
- 3) **Jonah predicted** the end of Nineveh, but it did not happen. Was he a false prophet? There are in the Old Testament other times when predictions are made that don't come true— because whenever God speaks, whether explicitly or not there is always a condition. God is always looking for a response from the people to whom that word is addressed, and when he gets the appropriate response he 'changes his mind'.
- 4) **God changes his mind!** From Jonah's point of view something had changed; from the Ninevites point of view something had changed; but with God nothing had changed because in the heart of God there was forgiveness and mercy for the people of Nineveh.
- 5) **The repentance of Nineveh**
 - It was not merely a decreed repentance. The Ninevites believed God (trusted!) They declared a Fast and put on sackcloth. The king then himself issued a proclamation.

- This repentance would not be long lasting - it certainly did not last into the next generation (see the Old Testament Book of Nahum).

6) **Jonah's reaction**

As we will see next week Jonah was 'pretty fed up' about God's mercy to Nineveh. He would have rather seen Nineveh destroyed. He was embarrassed about his prophecy not coming true and thought he would be considered a false prophet.

7) **Summary**

Jonah despite his half-heartedness, his outward obedience at best, he nonetheless was the means by which God touched these people.

NOTES