

Noticeboard

OASIS this coming Friday 10th Nov Film night. Oasis Kids meeting later 5 to 6.30 pm. Oasis 7 to 9pm .

Food for Thought Meeting this Thursday 9th November. Guest Speaker is Margaret Dancer. Starts at 2.30pm

Foodbank needs:

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned rice pudding
- Jam/marmalade
- Savoury treats – crisps etc.
- Fruit juice
- Washing Powder
- Washing Liquid
- Shaving foam

Craft Fair here at Emmanuel Saturday 18th November 10am –2pm
See Sue Misselbrook for more details

The Turning

continuing
This week-
Thursday
9th
November
@ 7.30pm
here at
Emmanuel

If you are interested in a more intense Bible study group, meeting during the week

**please see
Michael Caddick**

Shoebox Gift Box

Instructions on how to pack a shoebox are outside the Sports hall on the small notice board. Please bring them to the church by next Sunday 12th Nov

The next meeting of the Falmouth Carer's Forum

Will be held in The Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth TR11 2RT on Tues 21st Nov from 2pm-4pm. For further information please contact: Chris Watkins, Tel 01872 or email Chris.Watkin@cornwallrcc.org.uk

Sunday 5th November 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**
Nippers: 2-4 years
Buzz: Reception - Year Five
Salt: Year Six - Year 13

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.

Sunday 12th November

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Main Door Jayne Gray

Inner Door Dot Jones & Michael Miners

Easy Worship Becky Brown

Coffees Before Service & After Service Chris & Kristine Trueman

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Introduction

We do not know who Joel was. We know he was the son of Pethuel, but we don't know when he lived and therefore we don't know the date of his prophetic message. However we do know why he gave his message, why he preached, why he wrote this book. It was as a result of a terrible catastrophe in nature which was causing widespread famine– a plague of locusts.

1) The Plague of Locusts

- This particular plague was extreme-verse 2
- Joel describes in poetic terms this plague
 - 1) stages of development
 - 2) appearance like lions
 - 3) number—like an army
 - 4) sound– chariots
 - 5) movement—like a disciplined army
- The Plagues of Locusts does 4 things
 - 1) plants eaten up
 - 2) animals affected—no food
 - 3) humans affected—no food
 - 4) offerings no longer brought
- It's a terrible picture, and Joel says this plague is not a 'natural event' alone, it has been caused by God—it is a direct intervention by God in nature.

2) Why should God send a plague of locusts?

- Looking at the plague Joel saw in it a foreshadowing and foretaste of what he refers to as the Day of the Lord– that final day of judgement and reckoning when God will call all people to account for their evil ways and punish accordingly.
- But what had Israel done? What sin lay behind this? There is no mention of idolatry or immorality, both of which are mentioned in other prophetic writings!

- The reason for the plague comes out in two phrases
 - 1) Return to me—repeated twice in verses 2:12-13. The people of God had moved away from God being at the centre of their national and individual life.
 - 2) Rend your hearts and not your garments 2: 13; stop putting on an outward show of religion and get the inward reality. They had liturgy/ritual rather than life, the form of godliness but not the power. Basically they had a God-less religion

3) The position is not hopeless as Joel sets out a 'programme' of getting back to God.

- 1) Come back to God together—call an assembly, summon the elders and all who live in the land. Proclaim a fast. In other words drop everything, make this an absolute priority.
- 2) Instruction for the priests—weep for the situation.
- 3) Get the priests to pray, and the prayer is given:- that the people may be spared any more calamity; that mockers may be subdued; and that God may be vindicated and nobody to say "Where is their God".

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