

Noticeboard

Foodbank needs:

- Savoury treats (crisps etc.)
- Sweet treats
- Packets of long grain rice
- Packs of 40 tea bags
- UHT/long life semi skim milk
- Fruit juice (long life)
- Meat soups
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned ham
- Jams/ marmalades
- Deodorants and shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toilet paper

Craftea

meet This Tuesday 6th March 1-3pm See Alison Hodges or Sue Misselbrook for more info

Church Members Meeting

Tuesday 13th March 7.30pm
Please make every effort to be there

Alpha course

Wednesday Evenings
Bring a friend, meal included at 6pm followed by course at 7pm. Contact Nigel Bird for more info
01209 822270

Food for Thought

This Thurs 8th March guest speaker is Michael Caddick.
Starts at 2.30pm

OASIS meeting

this coming Friday 9th March
Nerf Wars. See Duncan or Amy for more info

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 Doreen Fraser or Hanna Oakes

Sunday 4th March 2018

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

7pm **Prayer & Praise in the Lounge**

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 11th March

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

7pm **Prayer & Praise in the Lounge**

Main Door TBA

Inner Door TBA

Easy Worship Sue Wilson

Coffees Before Service Gillian Pringle & Sue Misselbrook

After Service Bryan & Hazel Green

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Sermon outline notes:

1 Corinthians 1:18– 2:5 We Preach Christ Crucified

Introduction

Jesus was crucified outside the city walls of Jerusalem; to the sound of jeering, yelling and cheering; to the sound of soldiers gambling. I doubt very much if any of us had been there 2000 years ago watching the crucifixion of Jesus that we would have said 'here we have God reconciling the world to himself, not counting men's sins against them'. But that is indeed what was happening and so Paul unashamedly proclaims 'Christ crucified'. In the cross of Christ we encounter God, we see what God is truly like, who God truly is! In a world where people still seeks signs and rely on human wisdom, where success is an idol Christ crucified makes no sense. Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote 'in a world where success is the measure and justification for all things, him who was sentenced and crucified remains a stranger'. Those words written in the late 1930's remain true today.

1) The Foolishness of the Cross, verse 22

- Paul takes the terminology of his opponents and puts new context in their words—he 'captures' these words for Christian use.

Wisdom- righteousness, a word from the law courts because the problem of our world is guilt

- **holiness**, a word from the temple because the problem of our world is defilement

- **redemption**, a word from the slave market because the problem of our world is bondage to evil.

- It is in Christ Jesus that we find true wisdom

2) The Foolishness of the Church, verse 26

- The church does not need to live up to some kind of image to impress the world
- Paul asks the Corinthian Christians to think of what they were, their social status etc. when they were called.
- Notice the use three times of the words 'God chose' (verses 27,28)
- Paul does not tell us why God chose but he does tell us that

He did not choose because they were wise, strong, influential, of noble birth.

- The consequence of realising that God's choice is based on grace and nothing about ourselves is that is 'that no-one may boast before him'

3) The Foolishness of Preaching

- Paul realises that humanly speaking his preaching may be considered ineffective as it is not with 'wise and persuasive words'.
- However paradoxically Paul's preaching about Christ crucified comes with a demonstration of the Spirit's power—that is with the ability to repent and believe.

Notes