

# Noticeboard

**Alpha course** Wednesday Evenings Mar 28; Apr 11, 18, 21 (Sat), 25; May 2nd, 9th, 16 & 23rd. Bring a friend, meal included at 6pm followed by course at 7pm. Contact Nigel Bird for more info 01209 822270

**Men of the Church..** See Kye about a Men's Weekend Away from Friday 12th – Saturday 13th Oct at Treloyhan Manor Hotel in St Ives.

**OASIS NOT meeting** this coming Friday 30th March  
**Food for Thought** back on Thursday 12th April

**Good Friday** breakfast with Communion here at Emmanuel at 8.30am. Walk of Witness Starts here from 10am.

## 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

**'Stepping-Out' Men's Walking Group** Saturday, 14th April 'A Beacon Of A Saint'. Join us for a 7 mile'ish circular walk amongst some of Cornwall's best. Meet EBC at 08.45, back mid-afternoon'ish. Coffee en-route, but bring something for lunch. Names to Bryan a.s.a.p. please ([bryanandhazel@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bryanandhazel@hotmail.co.uk) or 01326 312115) to enable 'sensible' transport to be arranged. *Next walk: Saturday, 19th May TBC*

## Sunday 1st April

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

**7pm –8pm** Prayer & Praise in the Lounge

**Main Door** Bryan Green

**Inner Door** David & Angie Pascoe

**Easy Worship** Doreen Fraser

**Coffees Before Service & After Service** Chris & Kristine Trueman

## Sunday 25th March 2018

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**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.

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## The Church office

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**Minister** Rev'd Charles Blizzard

## Sermon outline notes: Revelation Chapters 4 & 5

### Introduction

The study of the scriptures is all about trying to see things from God's perspective—attempting to think God's thoughts after him, to look at reality as God looks at reality. In all the chapters in scripture which help us to do that, Revelation 4 and 5 are among the most profound and powerful in this respect.

### Chapter 4 God Enthroned

After the visions that generate the letters in chapters 2 and 3 John writes 'I looked and there before me was a door standing open in heaven'.

#### What did John see?

1. He sees the centrality and majesty of the Almighty (verses 2 and 3) John wants his readers to understand and remember that above all the earthly thrones there is The Throne standing in the heavens.  
We cannot draw a picture of what John describes as we are not given enough details, and actually its not meant to be a pictorial image. The language is meant to overpower, to captivate, to overwhelm.
2. John sees the divine throne surrounded by spectacular heavenly beings.
3. John sees the holy separateness of Almighty God. Through a series of metaphors John speaks of the transcendence of God, a God separate from his creation.  
'Our modern world seems to find it easy to believe in the love of God but that's not the perspective of the biblical writers; they find it easy instead to think of his transcendence and greatness and in that framework his love becomes marvellous, a surprise even!'
4. The worship of heaven Verses 8–11

### Chapter 5 Worthy is the Lamb

There is a hesitation in the vision, someone is asking a question and it's a question which does not seem to have an immediate answer!

#### 1) The Scroll

- Similarity between this scroll and the one in Ezekiel 2
- As the seals are broken things happen in history

- Further mention of a scroll in Revelation 13: 8 and 17: 8  
The scroll contains the purposes of God both for salvation and judgement and those purposes cannot be fulfilled until the seals are broken. But who can break the seals?

#### 2) The Lamb

Here is a lamb, a beast of weakness, a beast of harmlessness; innocent; most of all for the Jew a beast of sacrifice – a lamb as if it had been slain. But this lamb is not lying prostrate on a butchers slab, he is standing regal, he has horns, seven of them, symbols of power; he has eyes seven of them, symbols of those archangels which serve the throne of heaven; this is no mild and dreamy baa lamb – he bears the mark of recent suffering but these are the wounds of war, for this is the conquering ram that John sees. With prophetic genius John has fused two images- the image of the Passover lamb of the Old Testament and the image taken from apocalyptic literature of the triumphant he – goat. He has brought them together to demonstrate to us how in this paradoxical economy of God, victory comes out of suffering; achievement has come out of apparent failure; I want you to notice 2 things about the lamb – just two, but they could arguably be the two most important things in the book of Revelation.

- (1) The pivotal significance of the cross in human history. Heaven sees the Cross as the turning point of history and ever since a new song is sung in heaven.
- (2) The unique position of Jesus. Jesus is on the throne and he shares the chorus of adoration that surrounds the throne.