

# Noticeboard

## Needs for Foodbank

Pasta Sauce  
Meat Soups  
Potatoes  
Noodles  
Cereal  
Long Life Whole Milk  
Tinned Custard  
Tinned Fruit  
Jam  
Marmalade  
Crisps  
Biscuits for Cheese  
Sweets/Chocolates  
Biscuits  
Men's Deodorant  
Toilet Rolls  
**Not Needed:**  
Sweetcorn  
Tinned Tuna  
Baked Beans

## Ladies Time Out

Could you please hand in your booking forms and deposits ASAP so Hazel can hand in numbers to the hotel.

**OASIS** this coming Fri  
22nd June Club Night  
Please 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 Hanna Oakes.

## EBC Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 17th July 2018 at 7.30pm.  
Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

## Big SWYM Training Day -

Sat Oct 13th 2018 - Exeter. 'The Big SWYM Training Day'. This day is open to anyone. Please book with Emma Munden **ASAP** if you would like to go.

## Food for Thought

Thursday 21st June  
Guest speaker is Pat Whittaker. Starts 2.30pm

**Kidz Klub** from Sept does not have enough team members and will not be able to start. If you feel able to help, please contact Alan Offord 01326 312399 afal4j@gmail.com

## Sunday 24th June

**10.30am** **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**  
**Main Door** Lynne Pellow  
**Inner Door** Rick & Mel Cookman  
**Easy Worship** Sue Wilson  
**Coffees Before Service** Hazel Evans & Kathy Payne  
**After Service** Bryan & Hazel Green



## Sunday 17th June 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 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.

## The Church office

Open Monday-Friday, 9.30am-12.30pm  
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## Sermon outline notes: Revelation Chapter 2vv1-7 Yes, but!

### Introduction

The church at Ephesus had enjoyed the ministry of some outstanding men—the apostle Paul spent three years there teaching the church; then later on Timothy went there and still later on according to a very strong tradition, the apostle John made it his home based church. It's John, who is now writing to them, under the command of Jesus in Revelation 2. Much is going well in the church, but not everything—it's a case of Yes, but!

#### 1) The vigilance of Jesus v1

- 'I know' - nothing can be hidden from Jesus. He sees the good as well as the bad and he is willing to congratulate as well as rebuke.

#### 2) The praise of Jesus v2, 3 and 6

- I know your deeds—Jesus praises their activity.
- Jesus praises their hard work—the words used here imply toil.
- Jesus praises their stick ability—their work for Christ was a long term commitment and although enduring hardships for Christ's name they had persevered !
- Jesus praises their soundness in doctrine. That comes out in two ways. Firstly the discernment they exercised in identifying false apostles and secondly the intolerance they showed towards heresy which displayed itself in wrong practices (v6)

We have here a church militant for the truth, in which there was no laziness in their service, no compromise in their confession. Surely this must be the perfect church, but no there was something wrong.

#### 3) The disappointment of Jesus v4

- 'You have forsaken your first love' - Jesus expects of his church not simply a dutiful faithfulness but a warm and loving attachment.
- The church at Ephesus still hated heresy, still was militant against false teaching, but no longer was that militancy softened and balanced by a warmth and affection for Christ and therefore for one another. Her zeal was no longer motivated by love but now by duty.

#### 4) The warning of Jesus v5

- Remember—we need to recall those days when we were 'On fire for the Lord' We need to re-ignite and nurture our love for Christ through prayer, bible study, witness for him.

#### 5) The final words from Jesus—the reward v7

- Notice the plural 'to the churches' - although written to Ephesus this is relevant to every church in every age.
- Notice the personal pronouns he, him. Jesus switches from addressing the church collectively to addressing the individual Christian.
- Notice the word 'overcomes' - there's no promise here for backsliders, the half hearted, those who have forsaken their first love. For the overcomers there is a great reward.

### Points to Ponder

- 1) Was anything said with which you disagreed? Why?
- 2) How did you react to this letter to the church at Ephesus?
- 3) 'Jesus is not a tolerant person . . . . to tolerate evil is to condone it, to tolerate error is to endorse it—Jesus does neither! What do you think of this statement?
- 4) How can we help one another to 'recapture' our 'First love'?