

Noticeboard

Don't forget to bring something next Sunday for the Food Bank - Needs are

- Washing Powder
- Shampoo
- Jam
- Fruit Juice/ and Squash
- UHT milk
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Ham
- Toilet Rolls
- Sweets and Chocolates
- Tinned Dog Food
- Dried Dog Food
- Men's and Ladies Deodorants

OASIS Groups Fri 19th Oct

GO – Den & Donuts 3
KIDS - & OASIS – at Raze the Roof. See Claudia, Amy or Duncan for more info

'STEPPING-OUT' Men's Walking Group

Saturday 27th October 'Beech + Beach!'
 Join us for a 6 mile'ish circular walk, meeting at EBC at 08:45. Bring a packed lunch, with coffee en-route. Names to Bryan a.s.a.p. please (01326-312115 or bryanandhazel@hotmail.co.uk) to enable 'sensible' transport to be arranged

Craftea this

Tuesday 16th Oct
 1–3pm. Contact Sue Misselbrook for more info

Food for Thought

This Thurs 18th Oct
 Guest Speaker Peter Mehaffey
 Starts at 2.30pm

Start thinking about filling a shoebox for this Year's appeal!

At the Church Members Meeting

last Tuesday 9th Oct Will & Claudia Evans Cox and Bill & Margo Hushwaite were welcomed as members into the fellowship of Emmanuel

B:Beautiful Sat Oct 27th at the

Princess Pavilion Falmouth 1–3pm.
 Tickets £10 available from Church office.
 Includes afternoon tea

Sunday 21st October

10.30am Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

Harvest Service followed by a Fellowship Lunch

Main Door Bryan Green

Inner Door Dot Jones & Michael Miners

Easy Worship Vicki Kneebone

Coffees Before Service and After Service Bryan & Hazel Green



Emmanuel
 Baptist Church

Sunday 14th October 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.

Children and youth groups are out to their classes from the start of the service

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

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Minister Rev'd Charles Blizzard

Sermon outline notes:

Forgive One Another: Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13

Introduction

- In the original language of the New Testament the word ‘forgiveness’ literally means ‘to release or set free’. That usage or meaning is particularly found in the gospels and is often linked with the concept of debt. Sin or wrongdoing against someone is pictured as a debt, a debt which must be paid, and what we do when we forgive one another is release others from that debt to us.
- In the New Testament forgiveness is always relational, that is it has as its ultimate and final goal the reconciliation and restoration of relationships

1) Step to Forgiveness

- A change must take place in the forgiver as well as in the one who is being forgiven, a recognition that in any relationship breakdown no one is entirely the innocent party.
- For the one offering forgiveness there is pain in recalling the hurt.
- We need to work very hard in putting ourselves into the mind of the offender.
- A step of endurance in which the forgiver steps across the gulf that divides, but which may expose the forgiver to attack or an aggressive response.

We do not wait for the person who has wronged us to come to us asking for forgiveness. No, we go to those who we think have wronged us– Matt 18:15

2) Consequences of not forgiving

- It will prevent us from receiving God’s forgiveness—Matt 18:21-35
- Our personal ministries will be fundamentally affected, our ministries will be marginalised.
- Unforgiveness will mean continued separation from those I have not forgiven.
- Unforgiveness is a breeding ground for wrong attitudes.
- Unforgiveness can cause bodily, mental, emotional, spiritual sickness.

3) Why do people refuse to forgive?

- A very deep hurt—‘I can’t forgive after what they did to me!’ but remember Christ died for them; the journey of forgiveness putting yourself in their shoes; distinguishing between what the person did and not what the person is.
- Sometimes pride is an issue—‘Why should I forgive? Why should I make the first move—I’m in the right, they should come to me!’. The answer is to humble yourself.
- Our natural desire is to demand our rights, to demand justice rather than to have love of mercy— Micah 6:8.

4) The fruits of forgiveness

- (1) Peace with God
- (2) Peace with others
- (3) Peace with yourself

Forgiveness releases love and the transforming power of Christ into our fellowship life. ‘Forgiveness is the real answer to a child’s dream of a miracle, by which what is broken is made whole again, and what is soiled is again made clean’.

Points to Ponder

- 1) Share reactions to the sermon. What particular points spoke to you? Why? What points challenged you? Why?
- 2) Study carefully Matthew 18: 21-25. Based on this parable is God’s forgiveness of us limited or unlimited? Conditional or unconditional?
- 3) Study carefully Matthew 18: 15-17. What happens when this process is short-circuited by ‘going public’ right away?