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<p>Clothes Swap 22nd Nov @ EBC 7pm-9pm £3 entry (drink and cake included) Items in good condition to be dropped to church office 18th-21st November. See Kate bird or Rachael for further info</p>	<p>F&PCT Men's Breakfast at Membly Hall Hotel Sat Nov 10th @ 8.30am-£8. After Breakfast Speaker: - Lyndsey Hayman. Please book through EBC office</p>	<p>Food Bank - Needs are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit Juice • Pasta Sauce • Tin Tomatoes • Crisps • Savoury Biscuits • Tin Potatoes • Jam • Wash up Liquid • Dog Food • Cat Food • Deodorants • Toilet Rolls
<p>OASIS Groups Fri 9th Nov Oasis Go –Not meeting Kids + OASIS–Film Night. See Claudia, Duncan or Amy for more info</p>	<p>Craftea Tuesday 6th Nov 1–3pm. Contact Sue Misselbrook for more info</p>	<p>Food for Thought This Thurs 8th Nov is an Open Meeting Starts at 2.30pm</p>
<p>Shoebox Appeal Please bring your filled and labelled Shoeboxes (+ £5 for costs) to Emmanuel up to next Sun 11th Nov (being the last day...) This allows time for all the shoeboxes you have generously given to be delivered to our designated drop off point.</p>		

Sunday 11th November

10.30am	Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.
Main Door	Bryan Parr
Inner Door	Dennis Bennett & Sara Short
Easy Worship	Becky Brown
Coffees Before Service & After Service	Nigel & Kate Bird



Sunday 4th November 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

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Sermon outline notes: Pray for One Another

Introduction

The Quakers have a practice which they encourage their members to participate in which is called 'Uncomfortable Questions'. In this practice an individual is encouraged to ask himself or herself a series of questions which are designed to test and reveal the real attitudes and motivations of that individual's life. In the context of our recent studies on the 'One Anothers', we are asking some uncomfortable questions: How committed are we really to one another/ how committed are we to the growth of one another? How much are we prepared to do and not do, to say and not to say to see others grow in their Christian faith? One way of considering that commitment is our theme this morning 'Pray for one another'.

In 1 Samuel 12: 23 Samuel regarded not praying for his fellow believers as a sin!

1) Prayer in General

- One of the greatest hindrances to prayer is busyness—'The barrenness of a busy life'.
- We have to see prayer as a priority.
- Praying like so many other spiritual exercises is an act of the will. The Bible instructs in command language—pray, watch and pray, pray without ceasing.

2) Getting our motives right when we pray for one another.

It is all too easy when we pray for one another to not pray *for* one another but to pray *at* one another!

- There are only two adequate motives for praying for other people:
 - 1) The glory of God—that God's name, God's Kingdom, may be glorified in and through that other person's life.
 - 2) The good of the person we are praying for.
- What would I be willing to give up to see my prayer answered? See Moses in Exodus 32:32 and Paul in Romans 9: 3

3) Who should we be praying for?

- a) encouraged to pray for our enemies Matthew 5 :44
- b) encouraged to pray for government leaders—1Timothy 2: 1-2

- c) encouraged to pray for fellow believers— Phil 1:9-11;Colossians 1:9-12; Ephesians 3: 15-19; Ephesians 1: 15-21. do notice Paul's emphasis - he's praying for growth in spiritual understanding, in our understanding of God's love for each of us, knowledge of God's will for us.
- d) encouraged to pray for one another for God's protection from the devil, from evil and wicked men— 2 Thessalonians 3: 1-2; Romans 15:31 .
- e) encouraged to pray for one another regarding the missionary and evangelistic opportunities God gives to us: Ephesians 6:19 not for safety but for boldness. Phil 1: 6 active in sharing his faith; Colossians 4:2 God may open a door for our message.
- f) Prayer for physical healing James 5
- g) Encouraged to thank God for one another in our prayers 2 Thessalonians 1 : 3; 1 Thessalonians 1:2

4) Practical Considerations

- What people want and what they need are two quite different things. It's all too easy to pray for the symptoms rather than the cause.
- We are not to think longer prayers are more effective—it's the depth of prayer that counts and scripture often links prayer and fasting .
- Pray for the key people in a particular situation— John 17 where the emphasis is on the disciples of Jesus.

Points to Ponder

- 1) Share reactions to the sermon. Were there any points made with which you would disagree? Why? Was anything left out?
- 2) Praying for protection from the devil's attacks—do we do this enough