

**New Year's Eve Party** A celebration for the fellowship of EBC and their families on 31st Dec at 7.30pm-12.30am. £1 each. Bring & Share supper. Games: Film room: Chill out area: Disco and Photo booth.

All ages welcome

**The Garden Preschool** needs raffle prizes for our Christmas performance by Mon 17th Dec. Please see Emma for more info

**OASIS Groups** Fri 14th Dec is Festive Fun for the 'Go' group and 'Quiz Night' for the others. See Claudia, Duncan or Amy for more info

A Service of thanksgiving for Cyrus will be held at EBC on Thurs 13th Dec at 7pm.

**Gifts for the homeless/vulnerable**

As part of our service on Sun 23rd Dec we ask you to bring in a small gift that we will gift tag and pass on to the Salvation Army and others for those who will be in need over the Christmas period. Items such as hygiene items, non-cook food items, sleeping bag, socks, gloves, hats.

**Food Bank - This week's needs are**

- \* Toilet Rolls
  - \* Tinned Potatoes
  - \* Long Life Milk
  - \* Washing Powder
  - \* Dog Food
  - \* Wash Up Liquid
  - \* Shaving Foam
  - \* Fruit Squash
  - \* Dried Pasta Meals
  - \* Tinned Meat
- Christmas Items**
- \* Christmas food
  - \* Wrapping Paper
  - \* Toys
  - \* Gifts
  - \* Toiletries
  - \* Christmas Cards

## Sunday 9th December 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

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**NEXT WEEK:**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A HOUSEGROUP?**

Email [housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk](mailto:housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk) and one of our Housegroup co-ordinators will put you in touch with a group.

**WOULD YOU LIKE US TO PRAY FOR YOU?**

Please come and ask the service leader and they will find one of our prayer team to pray with you.

**10.30am**

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*Main Door*

Hazel Evans

*Inner Door*

Dot Jones & Michael Miners

*Easy Worship*

Vicki Kneebone

*Teas & Coffees*

Terry & Lynne Pellow- After - Chris & Wendy Tabb

## SERMON OUTLINE NOTES

‘Do not think I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them’

### 1) Introduction

The phrase ‘the Law and the Prophets was a typical Jewish way of referring to what we as Christians call the Old Testament. Notice carefully what Jesus says about his relationship to the Law and the Prophets—he does not say that he has come to endorse, enforce extend them, but to fulfil them. ‘To fulfil them’ seems to me to be a ‘deeper and larger comment’.

### 2) The History of Israel

- Genesis 1 -11 . After the creation of the world, a creation which God said was good, we have the tragic story of mankind turning away from God and the consequence of that was evil and wickedness entering the world. In the strange story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis chapter 11 we see man’s attempt to build a monument to his own glory and God steps in to judge and the story ends with confusion and nations scattered all over the earth.
- In that judgement has God finally abandoned mankind? The answer is No!
- In Genesis chapter 12 God chooses Abraham to be the start of a vast project through which God would rescue humanity and restore his blessing upon humanity.
- Israel fails to live up to what it means to be the people of God and be a blessing to the nations. The history of Israel in the Old Testament is a sad history, corrupt kings, corrupt priests, false prophets all contributed to Israel’s failure to be a blessing to the nations.
- In the midst of this sad history a yearning arose that God would deal with this situation through a person called The Messiah—

(Greek: The Christ)- the anointed one. The Messiah would put things right! The New Testament claim is that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah of the Old Testament.

- However the way Jesus the Messiah fulfilled the purposes of God for blessing was not through power and might but through death on a cross and resurrection. In 1 Corinthians 1:22 Paul states that ‘ we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles’.
- Paul after his encounter with the risen Jesus on the Damascus road went back to the Old Testament with fresh eyes and inspired by the Holy Spirit he began to read the Old Testament differently and began to obtain new insights.

### Conclusion

Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, fulfilling the promise of God to Abraham to bring blessing to all the nations. A unique person has come into our world with a unique mission and purpose to bring forgiveness and hope to all nations.

### Points to Ponder

- 1) Share reactions to the sermon. Was anything said with which you would want to question or did not understand?
- 2) What difference does it make to know the background to the title Messiah/Christ? Would it be more helpful to say Jesus the Christ rather than Jesus Christ?
- 3) Study carefully Galatians 3: 6-9 - what is Paul saying here?