

**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.

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

**OASIS Groups** Fri 21st Dec is the Christmas Meal. See Claudia, Duncan or Amy for more info

**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.

**Christmas at EBC – Christmas Eve**  
Christingle Carol Service 4.30- mulled drink and eats - 5pm service  
**Christmas Day 10.30-11.15**  
Christmas Celebration

All ages welcome

**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
- \* Spare carrier bags

**Christmas Items**

- \* Christmas food
- \* Wrapping Paper
- \* Toys
- \* Gifts
- \* Toiletries
- \* Christmas Cards

## Sunday 16th 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.

**11am** Children and youth groups leave

*Nippers:* Pre-school 2+

*Buzz:* Reception, school years 1-5

*Salt:* School years 6-11

**NEXT WEEK:**  
23rd December  
Is Christmas  
Celebration

**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.

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*Main Door* Bryan Parr

*Inner Door* David & Angie Pascoe

*Easy Worship* Sue Wilson

*Teas & Coffees* Karen Campbell & Kye Childs- After - Carrie Holmes & Mary Jones

## 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'

Matthew 5:17

### 1) Introduction

Fulfil the Prophets—What does Jesus mean? I want to suggest that what Jesus means when he says that is far deeper and far more significant than just fulfilling predictions.

### 2) Who were the Prophets?

- The Prophets we are dealing with this morning belong to a particular stage in the Israelite history of prophecy. They are called the 'latter prophets'.
- There were 8th century prophets— Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah who anticipated the destruction of the northern Kingdom of Israel. There are also 6th century prophets who can be divided into three groups— pre-exilic (Jeremiah), exilic (Ezekiel), post exilic (Haggai, Zephaniah etc.)
- The latter prophets all come from an historical period fairly late in the history of Israel –they belong to the closing stages of the Old Testament story of Israel.
- The true prophet was a check and balance to the king.

### 3) The Message of the Prophets

- The 8th century prophets began to announce the end has come for the northern kingdom of Israel. The 6th century prophets then announce also the judgement upon the southern Kingdom of Judah. The prophetic books are dominated by gloom and doom.
- However in the midst of the terrible message of judgement, there began to be heard a message of a new future: there is still a future to look forward to.

- The way the prophets spoke about the future was distinctive. It was not just a restitution of the past, not just a reversal of exile— No it was going to be a new age, a new day.

### 4) 'Jesus fulfilled the words of the prophets because the purpose of God for both judgement and salvation was realised in Jesus'.

- The message of judgement that we hear ringing through the Old Testament prophets point to the cross .
- The promises of God for salvation have been fulfilled in Jesus. A new exodus was promised and the gospel says you have now been set free from your sins. A new land was promised and the gospel says you have now been set free from your sins. A new land was promised and the gospel announces that God has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints. A new king was promised and the gospel announces the Kingdom of this world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ. A new temple was promised and the gospel announces that we are God's temple and God's Spirit lives in us.

### Conclusion

Jesus fulfilled the words of the prophets in a far deeper and more significant sense than just fulfilling predictions. Jesus fulfilled the words of the prophets because the purpose of God for judgement and salvation in the words of the prophets were realised in Jesus