

# Noticeboard

## Our next Church Members

**Meeting** will take place on **THIS Tues Feb 28th.**

At this meeting we need to appoint a new treasurer following Justin's stepping down due to work commitments. Jeff Mount has been nominated. Please make every effort to be at this important meeting

## Foodbank needs are:

- \* Tinned tomatoes
- \* Tinned potatoes
- \* Tinned Rice Pudding
- \* Long Life Whole Milk
- \* Jam
- \* Toilet Rolls
- \* Soap
- \* Shampoo
- \* His and Her Shower Gel

**HELP!** 

*If you are not receiving emails from Emmanuel and wish to, please let the office know and we can add you to our mailing list!*

## Food for Thought

This Thurs 2nd March at 2.30pm.  
This week will be an Open Meeting

## Women's World Day of Prayer

Praying for the Philippines  
**THIS** Friday 3rd March 2017 from 10.30am at Falmouth Methodist Church on the Moor Refreshments afterwards—**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## Volunteers STILL Needed

Oasis Kids and Oasis need more leaders due to an increase in the number of children attending. Just one or two weeks a month (term time only) for the following times please get in touch with Emma or Tony. Friday's:  
Oasis Kids 4.45-6.30pm  
Oasis: 6.45pm - 9.15pm

## Sunday 5th March

**10.30am** **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**

**Main Door** Bryan Parr

**Inner Door** David & Angie Pascoe

**Easy Worship** Doreen Fraser

**Coffees Before Service & After Service** Nigel & Kate Bird

## Sunday 26th February 2017

**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.

**Part One of the Care for the Family Parenting Teenagers DVD is being shown at 11am in the Lounge, all welcome.**

**11am** **Children and youth groups leave**  
**Parent and Baby Room** available with a visual link to the service.

**Nippers:** Age 2-4 (Parents please collect your children at 12:00).

**Buzz:** Reception to Year 6

**Salt:** Year 7 and up (meets in the Power House)

## 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: Romans 15: 1– 13 'A Good Atmosphere!'

### Introduction

As Paul draws his letter to a close he outlines four features of church life which he regards as tremendously important.

- 1) Church should be a place where there's an 'atmosphere' of mutual help, verses 1-3.
  - Following on from what he said in chapter 14 about the strong and the weak, Paul is picking up that theme in a more general way.
  - Bear—literally to carry
  - Verse 2 Weaker members of society should find help and support in church. Unlike the law of the jungle which is survival of the fittest, in church the principle is the unselfishness of the fittest.
  - Verse 3 In the supportive ministry about which Paul is speaking we have a powerful example in Jesus. Jesus did not seek his own comfort, he willingly gave himself that we weak sinners might be saved.
  
- 2) Church should be a place where there's an 'atmosphere' of Bible study
  - Paul here is simply taking for granted the authority of the scriptures.
  - Note the extent—everything meaning the whole of the Old Testament .
  - Note the purpose - to teach us  
For the ignorant Christian the scripture will instruct us  
For the persecuted Christian the scripture will give endurance  
For the downcast Christian the scripture will give encouragement  
For the doubting Christian the scripture will give confidence and hope.
  - The Christian church must be a place where the Bible is not simply revered, but is used and seen to be at the centre—where it is studied.
  
- 3) Church should be a place where there is an 'atmosphere' of communal worship– verse 5

- Spirit of unity—literally think the same things among yourselves. (see Philippians 2: 1).
  - The test of Christian unity is not total unanimity, agreement on every issue, the test is worship in the sense that when a stranger comes into a church he/she ought to feel that here is a community of people totally united in their devotion to God and their expression of it.
- 4) Church should be a place where there is an 'atmosphere' of radical social harmony, verse 7.
    - It is almost impossible to over exaggerate the gulf that separated Jews from the Gentiles in the ancient world. The Jews were involved in a double hatred—they hated the world and the world hated them. But in Christ says Paul there is no Jew nor Gentile.
    - The church for Paul was a new society where old social distinctions had become irrelevant .
    - Paul quotes four Old Testament scriptures each containing the word 'gentile', showing that all through the Old Testament period the gentiles were in God's mind. It was always God's intention to bring the non-Jewish world into the blessing of knowing him.

### Homework

#### Read chapter 16

- 1) What points stand out for you?
- 2) Go through verses 1–16 listing all the things for which Paul commends these people. What does this show about the way we ought to measure a person's success in life?
- 3) Verses 17–18 What do you think Paul has in mind here?
- 4) Verse 19 What does it mean to 'be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil' ? How do we do this?