

# Noticeboard

## Help ! Bakers needed for 'Pebbles' !

Are you able to provide a cake, biscuits, or traybake for our lovely Parent/Toddler group each week ? Donations can be left in the Pebbles Cakebox in the Church kitchen on a Sunday or delivered to the Church kitchen during term time on a Mon, Tues, or Fri before 9.20am. Please see Nessa or Nicki for more details.

**Pre Service Prayer** You are welcome to join Yinka in the prayer room from 10am on a Sunday morning

## Foodbank needs are:

- \* Long life milk
- \* Long life fruit juice
- \* Tinned spam
- \* Cup a soup
- \* Jam
- \* Cereals
- \* Rice
- \* Shower gel
- \* Soap

*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!*

## Level 2 and Level 3 Safeguarding will take place at Emmanuel Baptist Church on: Saturday 16th September 2017.

Level 2 is for the Minister, Trustees/Deacons/Leaders/ Volunteers/, Designated Person for Safeguarding and all those who work with children, young people and/or adults at risk this includes those who visit people in their homes.

To register for this event please contact Sue Misselbrook by the end of July. If you have any questions about safeguarding, or if you are not sure if you should be attending, please contact Peter McIver on 07796 518872 or via email: peter.mciver@hotmail.co.uk

## Sunday 28th May

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

**7pm.** Open Worship 7 - 8pm. In the lounge

**Main Door** Bryan Parr

**Inner Door** Rick & Mel Cookman

**Easy Worship** Sue Misselbrook

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

## Sunday 21st May 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.

**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)

**7pm** Open Worship 7 - 8pm. An opportunity to pray and praise together; to listen and give space to the Holy Spirit.

## 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

Open Monday-Friday, 9.30am-12.30pm

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**Minister** Rev'd Charles Blizzard

## Sermon outline notes: Acts 1:1-11 & Acts 2:22-36. Resurrection Pt 4 Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus

### Introduction

Hardly anyone doubts that Jesus lived; there are some who doubt Jesus died; there are many who doubt his resurrection - they try to 'explain away' the claim that Jesus rose bodily from the dead. I think the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus is strong and that any person who looks at that evidence fairly, objectively and seriously will be convinced. This morning we will look at that evidence.

### 1) What kind of evidence is available?

- We cannot 'prove' the resurrection of Jesus scientifically. Scientific proof depends on actual observation or repetition or both and neither of those things can be done.
- The kind of evidence that can be produced is circumstantial—the kind of evidence given often in our law courts, namely the testimony of those who claim to have observed what happened.
- Our evidence is in the Bible, so some say it is unreliable, as it is written by people who believed in the resurrection! But that approach clearly shows a bias and prejudice. Can you imagine what would happen in a law court if a lawyer said 'we cannot accept what this witness is saying because he believes in what he is saying'.

### 2) There are three options about the resurrection stories of Jesus .

- i) What they wrote is false and a pack of lies!
- ii) What they wrote is partly false and partly true
- iii) What they wrote is totally true

### 3) What they wrote is false

If someone held this view then they must hold one of two positions:

- a) the disciples were deceived by others or deceived themselves.
  - 'swoon theory'- Jesus did not die
  - went to the wrong tomb
  - hallucinations—in the mind, but not in reality
- b) the disciples got together and knowingly produced a false story.
  - But what would be the motivation for doing this? Was it simply to save face? This seems very unlikely as most of them were martyred for their faith— why die for a lie?

### 4) What they wrote is partly true and partly false

If someone holds this view then they must hold one of two positions:

- a) Myth—these stories are not literally true but express a truth. That truth is that in some way they believed that Jesus' influence continued after his death and they expressed that belief through the resurrection stories. A subjective reality but not an objective reality
- b) Séances—Jesus 'appeared from the other side' and communicated to the world of the living from the world of the dead. An objective spiritual reality but not bodily resurrection.

### 5) What they wrote is true

- a) Testimony as a whole is convincing
  - Details are convincing— burial customs; appearing to a woman first; nothing said for six weeks.
  - Duplication of details
  - Discrepancies of details
  - Dignity of the accounts—no attempt to sensationalise, very 'down to earth'
- b) People who wrote them
  - Transformation of outlook. What changed them?
  - Content of their preaching
  - Day of worship
  - Meaning of their ceremonies—the Lord's Supper and Baptism

### Conclusion

J Stott- 'God Almighty confronts us with shattering directness in the resurrection of Jesus'.

Prof. C Joad 'If Jesus rose from the dead it changes everything'.