

Noticeboard

There will be a **Church Members Meeting THIS Tuesday 8th May @ 7.30pm** where a recommendation will be brought to the Church to offer Claudia Le Picq the Youth Worker role.

Food for Thought
Thursday 10th.
Guest speaker is Nicki Tumbridge
Starts 2.30pm

NEXT Sat 12th May
Men's Breakfast £8
Guest Speaker is David Gray. Book now! See Sue Misselbrook

Munden, Duncan Wilson, Nathan Stephens, Jo Koopmans or Amy Growcott-Smith

Alpha course Wed Evenings May 9th, 16 & 23rd. Bring a friend, meal included at 6pm followed by course at 7pm. Contact Nigel Bird for more info 01209 822270

Join us for a litter pick on Castle Beach NEXT Sunday 13th May after Church.

Bring a packed lunch
Cold drinks provided

OASIS meeting
this coming Fri
11th May
Carnival Night.
Please see Duncan or Amy for more info

'STEPPING-OUT' Men's Walking Group
Saturday 19th May 'The Beautiful South'. Join us for a 9mile-ish circular walk amongst Cornwall's beautiful scenery. Meet EBC at 08:45 with a packed-lunch, coffees/teas en-route. Names a.s.a.p. please to Bryan (01326-312115 or bryanandhazel@hotmail.co.uk) to enable 'sensible' transport to be arranged.

Our Children & Youth Need You! OASIS, BUZZ & SALT Groups are in need of helpers. Please see one of the following to volunteer: **Emma Munden, Duncan Wilson, Nathan Stephens, Jo Koopmans or Amy Growcott-Smith**

Sunday 13th May

10.30am Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

7pm Prayer & Praise in the Lounge

Main Door Hazel Evans

Inner Door Chris & Wendy Tabb

Easy Worship Becky Brown

Coffees Before Service Sue Misselbrook & Gillian Pringle

After Service Carrie Holmes & Mary Jones

Sunday 6th May 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.
We welcome the family and friends of Hugh White who will be baptised this morning.

11am **Children and youth groups leave**
Nippers: 2-4 years
Buzz: Reception - Year Five
Salt: Year Six - Year 13

7pm **Prayer & Praise 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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Minister Rev'd Charles Blizzard

Sermon outline notes: 1 Corinthians 15: 1– 11 'Of first importance'

Introduction

We are often a forgetful people - we need to be reminded again and again of the most important things. The same could be said of the Corinthian believers and so Paul begins chapter 15 with the words I want to remind you of the most important things in the Christian faith.

1) A Person

- Christianity is fundamentally about a person, Jesus Christ

2) The Gospel (Good News)

- The Gospel that Paul preached to them to them centres around a particular period in the life of Jesus Christ. The Gospel centres around a period of just three days long, and covers three events that happened to Jesus Christ– his death, his burial, his resurrection.

3) Meaning of the death of Jesus

- Jesus died for our sins—Paul does not explain it here but elsewhere he explains Jesus' death deals with a holy God's judgement against all of our wrongdoing (see 2 Corinthians 5:17-21)
- 'according to the scriptures'—the death of Jesus was not a random/accidental event but planned by God and declared in the Old Testament (Isaiah 53, Psalm 22).

4) Proof of the resurrection!

- Jesus after his resurrection appeared to many - Peter, the disciples, 500 believers who saw Jesus at the same time, James and then to 'all the apostles'. Jesus appeared to Paul—3 times in the Book of Acts Paul recounts his conversion experience which is all about Paul encountering the risen glorified Jesus. This encounter totally transformed Paul.
- The resurrection of Jesus was for Paul the absolute proof that Jesus was who Jesus claimed to be– the Christ, the Son of God and that his death had eternal meaning.

Conclusion

The gospel is the good news that our sins are forgiven, that we can have a relationship with God and that death is not the end! Christians look forward to a resurrection existence in a 'new heaven and a new earth'.

Points to Ponder

- 1) Was anything said with which you disagreed or did not understand?
- 2) 'Christianity is fundamentally about a person. Jesus Christ. It is not about a system, an organisation, nor is it a philosophy of life. That's why evangelism for me is easy because its much better to talk about a person than talk about a system or organisation.' Would you agree with this statement?
- 3) What views about the 'afterlife' do we encounter today in our multifaith society? Do you feel confident about explaining Jesus' resurrection and our own?

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