

# Noticeboard

**Next Church Members Meeting is THIS Tuesday 9th October at 7.30pm.**

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting

***Start thinking about filling a shoebox for this Year's appeal!***

**B:Beautiful Sat Oct 27<sup>th</sup>** at the Princess Pavilion Falmouth 1–3pm. Tickets £10 available from Church office. Includes afternoon tea

## 'Turning the Tide'

**Bereavement Café.** Will meet at

The Huddle (below King Charles the Martyr) from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Wednesday 17th Oct. Volunteers are on hand to chat, listen, and signpost to further support. It is a relaxed space where you can read, craft, play board games or just sit. All ages welcome.

## Food Bank Needs

- Toilet Rolls
- Long Life Milk
- Custard
- Rice Pudding
- Meat Soups
- Squash and Juice
- Shampoo
- Washing Powder
- Washing up Liquid
- Deodorants
- Dry Dog Food
- Pasta Sauces
- Tinned Potatoes
- Jams
- Coffee
- Shower Gel
- Rice, long grain

## Food for Thought

This Thurs 11th Oct  
Guest Speaker  
Laurence Taylor  
Starts at 2.30pm

## Craftea next meet

Tuesday 16th Oct  
1–3pm. Contact  
Sue Misselbrook for  
more information

## OASIS this coming Fri 5th Oct is Club Night

**OASIS GO**– School yrs R– 3 3.45pm–5.15pm

**OASIS KIDS** - School yrs 4-6 –5pm-6.30pm

**OASIS** -School yrs 7 & above –7pm– 9pm

See Claudia, Duncan or Amy for more info

## Sunday 14th October

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

**Main Door** Lynne Pellow

**Inner Door** Ingram & Anne Bright

**Easy Worship** Sue Wilson

**Coffees Before Service** Karen Campbell & Kye Childs

**After Service** Carrie Holmes & Mary Jones



**Emmanuel**  
Baptist Church

## Sunday 7th October 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:** 2-4 years  
**Buzz:** Reception - Year Five  
**Salt:** Year Six - Year 13

## 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: John 15: 1-17 ; 13: 34-35 'Love one another'

### Introduction

In the New Testament there are a number of 'one another' statements; Love one another; accept one another; bear one another's burdens; spur one another on....; forgive one another. Today and over the next several weeks we will study and unpack these statements so that we deepen our family life together.

### 1) The Christian life is about community

- When we became Christians we received the life of God by the Holy Spirit coming to live within us. We are therefore immediately related to every other Christian believer and so we should think in terms of family, gathering, fellowship.
- The church is a 'living organism' controlled by its life within; its not an organisation simply of like minded people or a club for people with the same spare time interests—it is a family related to the same heavenly father.

### 2) Love's essence—what does it really mean when Jesus says 'Love one another'?

- In our society the word 'love' has been devalued.
- Note it is a command—the word 'command' is stated twice. In our study passage—verses 12, 17 .
- Love is not about feelings. It has been defined as 'that steady attitude of will that leads me always to act for the other person's lasting good'. Love does not depend on attractiveness or approval.
- Floyd McClung: 'God does not intend us to live by our feelings or for our feelings.' God intends us to exercise our will irrespective of our feelings in obedience to his command.
- Love's essence—self giving, self sacrificing.

### 3) Loves example

- Jesus never calls us as his disciples to anything which he has not done himself. He never says 'do as I say'; he says 'Be what I am' - verse 34

- 'As I have loved you' - see 13: 1 about to go to the cross; 10:11 the shepherd lays down his life ; 13:4 willing to do what none of the other disciples were willing to do.
- Love costs something!

### 4) Love's effect

- The relationship between Christians is one of the most powerful weapons for the advance of God's kingdom. When we fail to love one another as Christians, the watching world has every right to question the reality of the Christian faith – 13:35.
- In the first century the mutual love of Christians for one another was well known. Tertullian reports how the phrase 'see how these Christians love one another' was a common saying.

### Points to Ponder

- 1) Share reactions to the sermon. Was anything said with which you disagreed? Why?
- 2) What other scriptures are relevant to this theme 'Love one another'?
- 3) What do you think of the definition of Christian love as 'that steady attitude of will that leads me always act for the other person lasting good'.
- 4) 'Love approaches differences with a desire to resolve them, not simply to win the argument'. How far would you agree with this statement?