

<p><b>Live Nativity</b> More help is needed for the Live Nativity, they are looking for stewards to walk along with the procession. If you can help please email: <a href="mailto:Livenativity@outlook.com">Livenativity@outlook.com</a></p>	<p><b>Christmas Fun and Craft Fair</b> Saturday 1st Dec 10am -2pm. Here at Emmanuel .Craft Stalls, Indoor snow ball fight kids activities and café. Free entry</p>
<p><b>Food for Thought This</b> Thurs 29thNov. Guest Speaker is Doreen Fraser Starts at 2.30pm</p>	<p><b>OASIS Groups</b> Fri 30th Nov is Junior Bake Off. See Claudia, Duncan or Amy for more info</p> <p><b>Foodbank Collection</b> In order to help our clients to eat well over Christmas. We are required to man the donation collection points at Tesco in Falmouth on the 29th and 30th Nov and the 1st Dec If you can help, could you please contact the foodbank on 01326 618575</p>
<p><b>Church Members Meeting</b> To be held on Tues 27th Nov 7.30pm. Please make every effort to be there.</p>	<p><b>Food Bank - This week's needs are</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Carrier Bags</li> <li>* Washing up liquid</li> <li>* Shaving foam</li> <li>* Toothbrushes</li> <li>* Toothpaste</li> <li>* Deodorants</li> <li>* Pasta Sauce Jars</li> <li>* Tin Potatoes</li> <li>* Sweets /Chocolate</li> <li>* Dog and Cat food</li> <li>* Jam/Marmalade</li> <li>* Fruit squash</li> <li>* Toilet Rolls</li> <li>* Christmas food</li> <li>* Wrapping Paper</li> <li>* Toys</li> <li>* Gifts</li> <li>* Toiletries</li> <li>* Christmas Cards</li> </ul>

## Sunday 25th November 2018

**10.30am** **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**  
This morning we welcome the family and friends of Alfie Pearce who is being dedicated in the first part of the service. Towards the end of the service Alfie's Great Grandfather Keith Whitaker will be baptised.

**11am** **Children and youth groups leave**  
*Nippers:* Pre-school 2+  
*Buzz:* Reception, school years 1-5  
*Salt:* School years 6-11



**10.30am** **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**  
*Main Door* Brian Green  
*Inner Door* Barry & Betty Hearn  
*Easy Worship* Doreen Fraser  
*Teas & Coffees* Before & after Chris & Kristine Trueman

### 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.

## SERMON OUTLINE NOTES:

### Understanding Christianity The Holiness and Love of God

#### Introduction

God had revealed his attributes and character in his interaction and engagement with mankind which are recorded for us in scripture. Scripture is God's revelation of himself. We must let that revelation 'speak' to us, and avoid saying 'Well I like to think of God this way!'

God has revealed himself to be a 'holy God' and a 'God of love'. If we are to understand the Christian Gospel we must understand these two attributes of God.

#### 1) The God who is holy.

- Both the Old Testament and the New Testament reveal God to be absolutely righteous, perfect in all his ways, pure and always doing what is right.
- In the Scripture it is recorded that two men have had visions of God—Isaiah in the Old Testament (Isaiah chapter 6) and John in the New Testament (Revelation chapter 1). In both visions the holiness of God is emphasised—Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty.
- Both Isaiah and John are afraid in their visions as they realise they are flawed and fallen men now standing in the presence of the God who is awesome in holiness.
- Scripture teaches that all of us will have to give an account of our lives to this holy God and because of our failure, our sin, we will stand condemned at the last judgement.

#### 2) God is Love I John 4 v8.

- At the heart of the Christian gospel is the truth that God desired to rescue humanity from the consequences of sin. This rescue can be summed up by the word salvation. God 'moved' into our world in Christ to deal with the judgement and punishment demanded by God's holiness.

- See John 3 vv 16-17; Romans 5 v8; I John 4 v9 as the classic expressions of the love of God expressed in the giving of Jesus.
- In Jesus' death on a cross God dealt with the sin of mankind and 'reconciled' the world to himself not counting men's sins against them. See 2 Corinthians 5 v19. Believers in what God has done in Jesus Christ stand forgiven, are declared to be members of his family, and are at peace with God. Believers in Christ no longer stand under God's condemnation (Romans 8 v1) but have a future hope of eternity in God's new heaven and earth.

#### Conclusion

Without understanding the holiness of God and the love of God we will never really understand the mission of Jesus, the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection. We need to believe in what God has done, i.e. have faith and when we do so we enter into 'a whole new dynamic of life' and we will be people who have real hope for the future

#### Points to Ponder

- 1) Share reaction to the sermon. What points stand out for you? Why?
- 2) In our presentations of the gospel have we 'underplayed' the holiness of God and the fact that without Christ we stand under God's condemnation?
- 3) What do you understand by the New Testament words :- reconciliation, redemption, justification, salvation?