



A Passion for Jesus - A Love for Others

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Sunday 24th November 2024 Including Communion

Today's Speaker: Andy Machin

Leading Worship: Tom & Rosemary Batts

The Armour of God 8 : Pray in the Spirit Ephesians 6:18-20

Please join us for refreshments downstairs after the service

Well-Seasoned

You may have noticed that Christmas is in the air? If nothing else the adverts for Christmas food proliferate as do, on the same theme, Christmas cookery programmes. Clearly for many 'Jesus the reason for the season' has little or no meaning. We know however that Christmas is about the coming of Jesus, the Word of God. Literally God has spoken to us through His Son.

This leads me to ponder again how important words are in our lives, spoken or written.

We have moved on a lot since there was one language and few words in Genesis 11:1 and we can be overwhelmed in a flood of words that are mistakenly termed communication but are really aimed at serving the purposes of the speaker not the recipient. If we are honest, we can fall into this trap to use words to hide the truth or to get our own way or make ourselves look better in other people's eyes.

And now it's back to where I started with Christmas food (I bet you wondered what the connection was?). Paul told the Christians in Colossae "Let your speech always be gracious, (well) seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person". There's the phrase 'seasoned with salt'. Paul is advising us that our words should always be full of grace and kindness, and that we should know how to respond to others with wisdom and compassion. Salt, a preservative to stop the rot and a flavour enhancer in food but also to bring richness to our communication. In fact, Jesus told us that we are 'the salt of the earth'.

So, can we determine that in all our speaking, verbal and written, we will seek these objectives?

To build up and not pull down

To encourage not discourage

To bless not to curse

To be loving not hateful

To be modest not boastful

And most importantly,

To be Christ-centred not self-centred.

I'm sure you've heard the saying 'sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me'? It is absolutely not true is it? James lays bare the horrible alternative to well-seasoned speech in James 3:1-12. Let's not go there this Christmas season, or any season. Speech is a wonderful gift to be guarded.

Use it well.

Roger Case

Our duty Leadership Team member today is **Jim Howell**

Prayer Focus: We remember Sharon Giles and her family as they grieve for Eddie, following his sudden death last week.

Family Focus: Peter Fickweiler, Chrissy Freeman, Kevin & Lilly Gardener, Roy Garrod, Rose Godfrey, Joe & Pat Gordon, Bill & Leslie Griffiths, Pat Grimley, Darren Gunn, Raeffe & Lynda Halford-Maw, Geoff & Lindsay Hall, Robin Harman.

If you want to make a direct payment/donation/standing order to the church the church account details are **sort code: 20-49-76 Acct no: 00143618**



Thank you SO MUCH for the generous gifts and lovely cards! We are overwhelmed! We love you all and are sad to leave!

Phillip and Sheila White



Church Diary

Tuesday 26th November

Oasis Choir @ 1:30pm
Oasis @ 2.15pm - Etherton Hall
Speaker: Ralph from the Salvation Army

Thursday 28th November

Held @ 9:45am - Lounge

Friday 29th November

Scallywags @ 9.30am - Hall
Youth Groups @ 5pm-9pm

Saturday 30th November

Men's Breakfast @ 9am - Etherton Hall



Men's breakfast
Saturday 30th
November @ 9.00am

Come and experience fellowship together with our brothers in Christ.
Please contact Darren Gunn to book

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

Angel tree Lewes

Presents for the children of dads in Lewes Prison. Donations in marked envelope to church office or via offering boxes. Cash or cheque payable to J. Saunders. Ring or text 07426570039 for information.

Closing date 1st December.





Bring & Share
LUNCH


We will be holding a church lunch on November 24th at 12.30. Please bring items of food, sweet or savoury and enjoy fellowship with each other. Please bring your donations to the church kitchen before the service.
Any queries see Angela Ayres.



The Bradbury Centre
Annual CHRISTMAS Coffee Morning
Tuesday 3rd December
10am-12noon

CAKE STALL | RAFFLE | TOMBOLA
The Bradbury Centre, St. Peter's Road
Seaford BN25 2HS 01323 873423

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Coffee Stop

Are you able to serve coffee to Earlybirds mums/carers? If you are please see Angela Ayres for more information. We need two people who can make possibly 6 cups of coffee, so no heavy lifting.

FREE an Electric Vicks humidifier.
Contact John Butler 07885484408



Church Flowers
Colin & Linda Lord

Care and Share

Available: Hotpoint Fridge Freezer height 6ft depth 30" Top 33" high fridge, below 33" high freezer. Needs to be collected.
Contact Patricia on 01323 891158 (Please note you will now need to ring the area code to get through)