

#Where's your head at?

“Know your part, play your part, trust your part and then

let the HEAD lead”

In the final part of our series on UNITY – we will be looking at TRUST.

The body is made up of many parts and each part has a function no matter how big or small – each part has a vital role to play. The stapedius is the smallest muscle in the human body which helps to protect your inner ear from loud noises. The largest organ of the body is the skin – whilst you can see the skin and understand its function, you can't see the stapedius but still have a vital part to play. So is it the same for the body of Christ – all have vital part to play.

The body cannot function without a head – Christ the head of the church and we can only learn to be an effective and healthy body – A healthy body is realising that we cannot trust others if we cannot trust Christ first.

“He is the head of the body, which is the church. Everything comes from him”- Colossians 1:18

REFLECTION

1. What is your understanding of trust?
2. Is trusting others something you find easy? If not why?
3. Why do you think the body of Christ can suffer with a lack of trust in Christ and each other?
4. Is there something you would like to get involved with in church that could help it function more effectively? Take time to pray about this
5. What is the one thing you would like to develop in your spiritual walk with Christ – integrity, humility, encouragement, trust, service

Prayers

- For church members who are unwell and/or who can no longer attend.
- For the Lunch Club and all who attend
- For Sarah, Sarah and their families
- For CGL and the continued growth & positive influence in the community
- For opportunities to share the gospel in our community and home lives
- For Amy, Ben and their families
- For open doors/opportunities to serve/help our community
- For the governmental challenges and Brexit negotiations at this time
- For 3 people you know or know of that need to come to know the Lord
- For the floods in Bangladesh & parts of Asia, Caribbean, U.S., Mexico
- For Amy and Dan as Amy undergoes treatment for cancer
- For peace in our world
- For our emergency services
- For Moya's granddaughter Sarah and her friend who has lost her life by tragic family circumstances
- For the challenges & tragedies of increased gun/knife crime in our city
- For North Korea as tensions continue to rise

Today's Service

- Bible Reading

John 17:20-26 & 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

- Songs

- ❖ You laid aside Your majesty
- ❖ Blessed be Your name
- ❖ Overwhelmed by love
- ❖ Heart of worship
- ❖ O church arise

Notices

Sunday 1st October 2017

- Next Lunch club will be on **9th October 2017**
- Please continue to support our emergency food parcel cupboard by bringing in some things off the list in the foyer when you can
- Thursday morning prayer meeting **9.30am – 10.30am** (1st Thursday of the month)
- Pickleball every Monday **@7.00PM (term times)**
- Wednesday bible study every week **@7.30PM (term times)**
- Church Away Day – **7 October 10.30AM – 4PM** – please pick up your invite for the day and a donation of around £20 on the day would be appreciated if you are able
- Next Strategy Meeting – **10 October @7.30PM – Nicodemus presentation – all church members welcome**
- Next Church Meeting – **22 October 2017 – after the service**
- **Samaritans Purse** – shoebox collections. 13-17th November between 11am – 2pm. If you can help with a session – please see Sarah.
- **Harvest Sunday** – 8 October – Please bring in an offering of food if you are able

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- **Flower Rota** - 8 October – Cyrilene
 - **Prayer** - 8 October – Sarah
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Prayer for the Week

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body
of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of
reconciliation and reveal you to the world: forgive
us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage
to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which
is your gift and your will.

Help us to follow your ways and help us to rid ourselves
of ours – for your ways are not our ways and your
thoughts are not our thoughts. May we learn to walk
freely with one another as we seek your truth and your
will.

In Jesus name - **Amen**

Notes

Series – Theme Song

O church arise

O Church, arise, and put your armour on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

“But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.” – 1 Corinthians 12:24-26