

**Word Puzzle - Ephesians 4:11-16**

E H T R O F U P U N T I L  
M B O D Y U P R E P A R E  
O F R S E L P O E P E L V  
C Y Y T I N U P E G H D O  
E R U S A E M H D V C R L  
B E B I D S R E H C A E T  
U V P L A S L T F P E G I  
I E B E P W Y S F R R N T  
L L A G O N I T U F F O O  
T O C N S R O T S A P L S  
W H K A T T A I N I N G S  
O W A V L M U T I T R P E  
R R G E E U S N E H T H D  
G E M O S E R V I C E R C

It was he who **gave some** to be **apostles**, **some** to be **prophets**, **some** to be **evangelists**, and **some** to be **pastors** and **teachers**, to **prepare** God's **people** for works of **service**, so that the **body** of **Christ** may be **built up until** we all **reach unity** in the **faith** and in the **knowledge** of the Son of God and **become mature**, **attaining** to the **whole measure** of the **fulness** of **Christ**. **Then** we will no **longer** be **infants**, **tossed back** and **forth** by the waves, and blown here and there by **every** wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in **love**, we will in all things **grow** up into him who is the Head, that is, **Christ**. From him the **whole body**, joined and held together by **every** supporting ligament, **grows** and builds itself up in **love**, as each part does its work.

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# NTCOG NEWS

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Please read this newsletter carefully, make a note of the regular meetings, the special dates on the enclosed diary and make every effort to attend.

## Weekly Meetings

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Popley Fields Community Centre

Carpenters Down

Popley

RG24 9AE

Monday Prayer Meeting

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday Bible Study

8:00 p.m.

Thursday – Open Door

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

## Our Mission

To present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the local community in a powerful, practical and relevant way.

To encourage every member of the Church to develop their God given ministry and to fulfil their potential.

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## **A Prayer**

The following prayer was written by Chris' son in law some years ago and was read by him at the funeral of her husband Terry on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

As we bow our heads today  
Lord Jesus hear us as we pray

Take all our cares and sins away  
And cleanse us for another day

If we seek You help us find  
Your happiness and peace of mind

If we find You let us be  
Evermore Lord close to Thee

Ian Challis

## **...And Finally**

The fourteenth and last statement of our denominational Basis of Faith addresses the subject of Heaven and Hell, it says that we believe:

In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous  
and eternal punishment for the wicked.

As Christians we are looking forward to a future life in Heaven with God. This life was promised by Jesus shortly before He was crucified.

"In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:2-3 (NASB)

There are many references to Heaven throughout the Bible both in the Old and New Testament. These passages give us a glimpse of what we can expect but they do not give us enough detail to know what Heaven will be like.

What we do know from the Bible is that life in Heaven will be very different from life on Earth. Revelation tells us that there will be no night and that God Himself will be Heaven's light source.

And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever. Revelation 22:5 (NASB)

In the same way that that the Bible gives us a glimpse of heaven; it also gives us a glimpse of an alternative place known as Hell. From the Bible we understand that Heaven is for those who choose to believe in Jesus and Hell is for those who reject Jesus.

"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." John 3:36 (NASB)

Like Heaven the Bible does not tell us much about Hell but what it does tell us indicates that it will not be a good place.

...and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 13:50 (NASB)

Having a future in Heaven when this life is over is one of the great hopes of our faith and gives us something to look forward to in addition to the joy we find as Christians every day. As Paul says in his first letter to the Corinthians:

If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. 1 Corinthians 15:19 (NASB)

Pastor Graham

## **Gift Aid**

If you are a UK Tax Payers then the Government will give us 25 pence for every pound that you give so please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes for your tithe and offering.