

# Real Unity in God's Church

*Sermon Series*

## Key Verses of the Series

"And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be Head over EVERYTHING *for* the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way."

Ephesians 1: 22-23

Dear All,

Over the last three years we have followed an intentional set of themes, each leading from one to the next in a God ordered progressive manner. We began by focusing on God Himself, then the Church and then our lives as Christians. We then looked at the gifts He has given us and how they can and should be used for His glory. This led us to His Mission and our Obedience. In turn this has directed us towards putting all into practice in our lives for His glory. As this focus on teaching has been progressed we have also been working on and developing the structures of St Aidan's, her Ministries and Priorities.

The next step God is leading us upon is putting all this into reality and practice in the part of His Church He has placed us in here at St Aidan's. The focus is on the Unity in His Church that He desires - no commands - for His glory.

In this series we will confirm what we **Believe** (in our Real God), we will grow to understand what it is to **Belong** (in His Real Church) and we will determine how to **Be Alive** (living Real Lives of faith and action). In our **Café Church** we will collectively work to answer the questions these topics raise and understand the issues; working then to put the outcomes into practice. The series will conclude with a **service of Commitment**; commitment to God, one another, His mission and our service.



I cannot stress how important it is for all of us to take this seriously. Our relationship with the Lord and our membership of His Body are our utmost priorities; not just a spiritual part or aspect of our lives. He is EVERYTHING. Do we really see ourselves as His Children in His family?

I therefore encourage you to commit: to this series; to attending the services; to utilising the study notes; to discussing the content in your Small Groups; and to seeking God in your Quiet Times.

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Date	Focus	Bible Readings
25 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Believe &amp; Belong</b>	Ephesians 4: 1-16 Ephesians 1: 15-23
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Belong</b>	Ephesians 2: 11-22 Ephesians 3: 14-21
9 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Be Alive</b>	Ephesians 4: 17 – 32 Ephesians 3: 7-13
16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Be Alive</b>	Ephesians 5: 1-21 Ephesians 6: 10-20
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>Café Church</b>	Ephesians 1: 15-23
30 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Commitment Sunday</b>	Deuteronomy 30:11-20, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Acts 14:21-28

You will also hear and contribute to the practical implications of this teaching for St Aidan's: our Priorities; our Mission; our Structures; Financial Implications; and Staffing requirements.

May we as His Body be 'joined and held together,' 'grow and be built upon love,' (from Eph. 4: 16) as we seek God, His Will and Purposes in this series. Let's be inspired by our Lord!

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