

# Sermon Notes

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

### Being Church: Serving and growing



**Summary of last week** –being a spirit empowered community. This means being filled with God’s Holy Spirit, and being open to the gifts God spirit gives the church.

#### Introduction



- Is the logo on the left familiar to you?
- Email this week asking me to join the gym.
- ‘Everyone active’ -You could believe this was the motto of the church as well at times! Come do lots of things in the church and it will be great! Is that what church is about?

#### 1. Church is a body.

- Ephesians 5:29-30 ‘After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church – for we are members of his body.’
- We are members of Christ’s body on earth.
- We are the body of Christ in the world -but we don’t do it on our own!
- Church is not to be an ‘everyone active’ gym – with super fit active people and then on the edge those that feel guilty they are not doing enough.

#### 2. The body is to serve.

- We have different roles to play in the whole – we have different gifts and skills.
- Children & older people have a part to contribute not just those who seem super fit and skilled.

#### 3. The body is to grow.

- As physical bodies grow and as we grow in skills and knowledge – so as a body of Christ we are to grow.
- We are to ‘work out our salvation’ Philippians 2:12.
- How are you staying spiritually alive?

#### Your notes

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