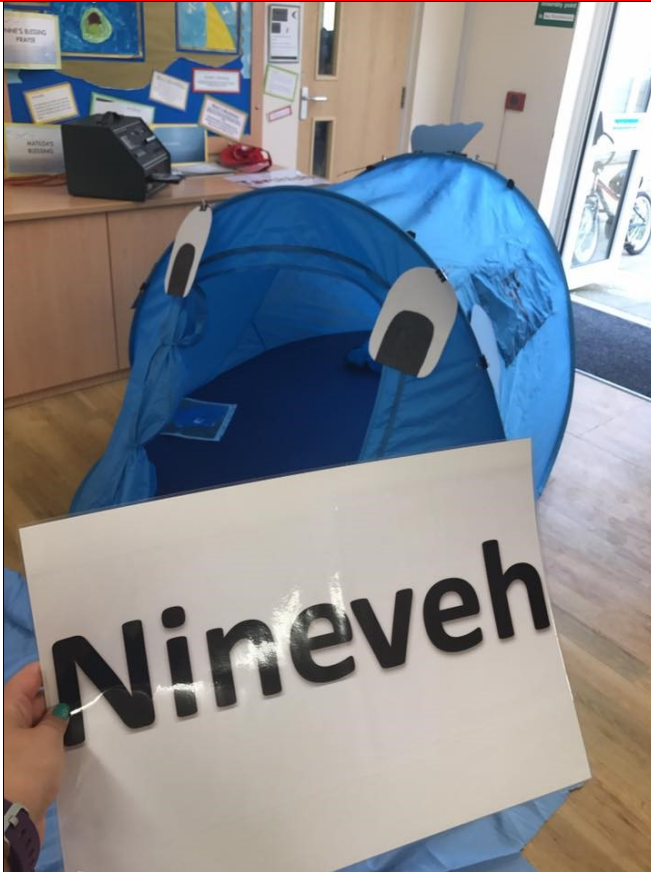


Renhold Chapel July 2017 Newsletter



The Renhold Chapel Team were out with Open the Book this month for assembly at Renhold Lower School.

Jonah and the whale as you have never seen it before!

See page 5 for more.

Prayer Point

Please pray for all our friends that are unwell at this time. Pray for the Lord's blessing upon them and that they will be restored to health quickly

Once again, we have witnessed a terrorist attack, this time on people leaving a mosque following evening prayers. We have also seen a major fire in London where over 70 people are still missing. Please pray for all those that have lost family members or friends, have been injured or have lost their homes as a result of either event. Please also pray for the firefighters who had to make some agonising decisions over who to rescue & who to leave.

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Items for inclusion in the newsletter.

If you have any items you would like to share with the rest of our readers, please email them to graham.smith1@btinternet.com or pass them to Graham at the chapel. Preferred formats are Microsoft word, .docx or text files but we can handle most formats

Items that are date sensitive need to be submitted by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

Do You Want Your Church to Grow?

‘...And the Lord added to the church daily...’

Acts 2:47

God doesn't mind your church having a small congregation. What He objects to is your church having a small vision, for that limits what He can do through you. The story's told of a tourist visiting a small English village. He asked an old gentleman, 'Is there anything special about this place?' The old man smiled and said, 'Yes, you can start here and go anywhere else on earth.' In Acts chapter 5 verse 28 the New Testament church was accused of '...filling Jerusalem with your doctrine...'. And in chapter 17 verse 6, Paul and Silas were accused of '...turning the world upside down...' What impact! God has a plan for church growth and you have a part to play. You are called to: invite them. You say, 'Isn't that my pastor's job?' No, your pastor is a shepherd. Shepherds don't give birth to sheep; sheep do that. When was the last time you brought someone to church? If you discovered a cure for cancer or Alzheimer's, wouldn't you share it? Jesus said, 'A certain man gave a great supper and invited many and sent his servant...to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready'' (Luke 14:16-17 NKJV). When the invited guests started making excuses as to why they couldn't come, 'The master said to the servant, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled"' (v. 23 NKJV). Note the words 'compel them to come'. Pick them up in your car, arrange breakfast before church or lunch afterwards. Get creative, but whatever you do, bring them to church!

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News from the Prayer, Praise and Bible Study Group. (May Notes)



This month we had Roger Eaves with us who decided to look at Jehovah's Witnesses-what they teach and what our attitude should be when we encounter them.

They were founded in 1879 by Charles Russell, but it was a long while after he had died that they took the familiar name of Jehovah's Witnesses. :they are deceived, but are very sincere that what they believe is right, They regard themselves as the exclusive community of the saved which is a mark of a cult. When they come knocking on our doors we should always try to show the attitude of the Lord Jesus, not just seek to score points, but to try to win them, as the Bible teaches us to go to all. Some former Jehovah's Witnesses have said that it was people's attitude to them and sharing scripture with them which made them think about who Jesus really is and to search the scriptures for themselves.

They believe in God, but that his name is Jehovah, and in the infallibility of scripture, however they do not believe in the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, the deity of Christ, Hell, Heaven, the second coming, and that we are saved by grace alone, which is why they have to build up favours by talking to people and seeking to make them Jehovah's Witnesses. They believe Jesus returned to earth in 1914, but invisibly, and is now reigning over the world and the end will be when he will usher in God's Kingdom on earth which will only be for Jehovah's Witnesses.

We then looked at two of these doctrines that they deny in more detail:

the physical resurrection of Christ, -they believe that Jesus was resurrected in spirit form only, and we looked at John's gospel, 1Corinthians 15 and 2 Peter and talked of the specific problems they have.

The doctrine of the Trinity- they believe that the Holy Spirit is an influence not a person. Although the word Trinity is not in the Bible the doctrine most certainly is. We looked at a number of scriptures in John's gospel, Matthew 28, Revelation 1 Romans, and the prophetic verse in Isaiah 9, and talked of how they would deal with this issue.

We then looked at what they call Kingdom of God on earth- we looked at a number of scriptures mainly in Isaiah and Revelation which talk of a new heaven and earth and talked of what they mean, particularly from Revelation 21 and 22. There is a lot more talk now of a new earth and, we know it will be heaven on earth because the Lord will be there.

News from the Prayer, Praise and Bible Study Group. (May Notes) Continued

The Jehovah's witnesses do not believe that there will be a personal presence of the Lord in the Kingdom and they don't know for certain that they will be there. The great difference between Christians and Jehovah's Witnesses, and indeed any other religion is that only evangelical Christians have the assurance of salvation and a wonderful future of eternal life with Christ.

For Roger's final week this month he took the vision that Isaiah had in Chapter 6, and how this is relevant to us today. This was written at a time of anxiety in the nation as the King had just died, when the throne of earth is empty. Isaiah looked up to the one on the throne in heaven, which is always occupied-**the Lord is still on the throne in every change.** There is a picture of becoming a Christian as Isaiah became overwhelmed by the **holiness of God**-something that is often lacking today, and he **realised his own unworthiness as he had an awareness of how God hates sin.** We see a picture of **Jesus work on the cross** as the coal from the altar applied to his mouth **purges his sin.** There is no greater joy than to know our sins are forgiven. This should lead to **obedience and service**-”here am I”. Isaiah said this before he knew what a difficult task he was to be given, and we should be willing to go and keep on even though we don't always see any results.



Open the Book

Open the Book began in Bedford in 1999, when a group of Christians started presenting Bible stories in school assemblies. It was so popular it grew and grew, becoming a national charity.

In 2013 Open the Book became part of Bible Society.

Now members of local churches go into schools and tell stories in a 10-15 minute presentation.

Open the Book presents the Bible in primary schools in an accessible and enjoyable way, which helps schools meet their statutory collective worship obligations. We equip, encourage and enable volunteers from churches to deliver good quality assemblies.

The group based around Renhold Chapel has been performing at Renhold Village School for several months now & consists of 3 members of the chapel and 3 from other churches. Talk to Albert for more details.



Coffee Morning
Tuesday
11 July
10:00 - 12:00

Ladies Meeting
6 & 20 July
2:30 pm



Ladies Meeting Programme

Date	Quote	Speaker
06/07/17	Doris	Bernard Hicks
20/07/17	Audrey	Dave Brown

Men's Meeting Programme

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Saturday 15th July	Milton Keynes Museum	Ladies Welcome	TBA
Saturday 12 August	Coach trip to York	Ladies Welcome	TBA

Noticeboard

Birthdays in July

17 Gloria Browning
23 Dick Keech

Diary Dates

2	July	Family Service	10:30am	Renhold Chapel
6	July	Ladies Meeting	2:30pm	Renhold Chapel
11	July	Coffee Morning	10:00am	Renhold Chapel
16	July	Afternoon Tea	4:00pm	Renhold Chapel
20	July	Ladies Meeting	2:30pm	Renhold Chapel

Prayer, Praise and Bible Study

Prayer, Praise and Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 7:30pm.
The venue will be announced in the Sunday notices, or ring 01234 870831 for more details.

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Preachers for July 2017

2nd	10:30	Mr M. Baker	Family Service
	6:00	Mr M. Popplestone	Evening Service

The monthly collection will be taken during both services

9th	10:30	TBA	Morning Service
	6:00	TBA	Evening Service

16th	10:30	Mr N. Jephcote	Morning Service
	4:00		Afternoon Tea

A Missionary Collection will be taken during the morning service

23rd	10:30	Mr R. Keech	Morning Service
	6:00	Mr R. Webb	Evening Service

30th	10:30	TBA	Morning Service
	3:00		Open Air Service

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