

Renhold Chapel April 2018 Newsletter



The Bedfordshire Open The Book team act out the Easter Story for local school children

A weeks worth of performances have brought the Easter story to around 500 local school children.



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

Please pray for the children and teachers that saw the Easter story acted out by the Open The Book team. Pray that they will be encouraged to seek the Lord

Please pray for a quick resolution to the current unrest between the U.K. and Russia.

Please remember to pray for our brothers and sisters in North Korea and other countries where the church is persecuted. Pray that our friends will be strengthened as they seek to worship.

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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.

He Won!

‘...He made a public spectacle of them...’ [Colossians 2:15 NIV](#)

The cross is universally recognised as symbolising the Christian faith. We’ve all seen baseball players crossing themselves before going to bat...jewellery stores selling gold crosses...and bakers celebrating Easter with hot cross buns. One author says: ‘Christianity has become a religion of the cross - the gallows, the electric chair, the gas chamber, in modern terms. Normally we think of someone who dies a criminal’s death as a failure. Yet Paul would later reflect that “Christ...forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the written code...that was against us...He took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross”. On one level I think of individuals in our own time who disarmed the powers. Racist sheriffs who imprisoned Martin Luther King Jr...the Soviets who deported Solzhenitsyn... the authorities who imprisoned Nelson Mandela...all thought they were solving a problem. Instead they ended up unmasking their own violence and injustice...When Jesus died, even a gruff Roman soldier was moved to exclaim, “...This man truly was the Son of God” (Matthew 27:54 NIV)...He saw the contrast between his brutish colleagues and their victim Who forgave them in His dying gasp. The pale figure nailed to a crossbeam revealed the ruling powers as false gods who broke their own lofty promises of piety and justice. Religion, not irreligion, accused Jesus; the law, not lawlessness had him executed. By their rigged trials... scourging...and violent opposition to Jesus, the political and religious authorities exposed themselves for what they were... Each assault...laid bare their illegitimacy, yet in the end - He won!’

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



In February we welcomed Michael Abbott as our speaker. Last time Michael was with us he spoke of the early church from the book of Acts.

To continue that study we aimed to be looking at the lives of 3 men.

1st week the life of Steven, 2nd week the life of Paul the 3rd week the life of Apollos

1st week - Steven 'The servant of God' ref Acts 6 v8

His Faith – Hebrews 11 v1

Where does his faith come from? Heb 12 v2

Why is it important? Heb 11 v6

Remember: Forsaking All I Trust in Him F.A.I.T.H

His Power

Where did it come from? Power comes from the Holy Spirit Acts 1 v8

We need the Holy Spirit in our lives.

His Wisdom

Where does wisdom come from? Psa 111 v10

True wisdom is given by God – see James ch1 v5

The scriptures are able to make us wise. 2 Tim 3-16

His Spirit

A spirit in tune with the Holy Spirit. Is that evident in us?

Gal 5 v16 tells us to walk in the spirit by obedience in prayer, worship and bible study.

His Countenance - Acts 6 v15 'as an angel' What does an angel look like?

In Exodus 34 vv29-30 we read that when Moses had been in the presence of God his face was radiant. This comes when we spend time with God.

What do people see in us?

'Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me'

His message

What did he preach? He preached Jesus Act 16 v14

The just & righteous one. Acts 7 v52

Phillip also preached Christ. Act 8 v55

His Steadfastness See Acts 7 v55

How do we face persecution? 1 Cor 15 v58 What is the secret?

His Vision See Acts 7 vv55-56

What did he see?

We need a vision of Christ with our eyes firmly fixed on Him.

His Assurance

Ready to die for Christ. Acts 7 vv59-60.

Christians don't always have long lives. In many parts of the world

Christians are facing death. Remember to pray for the persecuted Church.

His Compassion - Acts 7 v60

In moments of death he prays for himself and also for his persecutors as Jesus did.

His Esteem Acts 8 v2

He 'fell asleep' and was buried by 'Godly men' who mourned deeply for him with much honour and respect.

On the second week we were pleased to have Michael back with us again and this week we looked into the life of Paul originally called Saul.

Subdued

Saul began to destroy the church Acts 8 v3

The hand of Saul Acts 9 vv1-2. Breathing of murderous threats.

The hands of God Acts 9 vv3-4 – Suddenly a light from heaven blinded Saul.

Saved - on the Damascus road

Who are you Lord?

If Saul, the Chief of sinners can be saved, we all can, anyone can.

Submissive

What must I do to be saved? His way of life saw a great & rapid change.

Selected - Acts 9 v15

The Lord said "This man is my chosen vessel". See Romans 1 v1 – Set apart for the gospel of God.

What is God's purpose for us?

Strengthened – See Acts 9 v19

Physically and spiritually

His sight was healed and his body equipped for service. See Gal 5 v17, Philippians 4 v13, 2 Tim 2 v17 & Eph 3 v16.

Served – Acts 9 v20

Paul at once began to preach that Jesus is the Son of God. What a change!

Suffered – See Acts 9 vv16 & 23

In 2 Cor 11 vv23-28 we read a list of Paul's sufferings. What are we prepared to suffer for the Lord? See 2 Tim 3 v12.

An African proverb: 'Smooth does not make skilful sailors'.

On the third Wednesday the meeting was called off due to the snowy weather. We all considered it unwise to venture out. However, Michael offered to come on another occasion and continue with the life of Apollos.

We will welcome him back.

K.S.G



Coffee Morning
Tuesday 10 April
10:00 - 12:00

**A representative from Sue
Ryder Homes will give us talk**

Ladies Meeting
12 & 26 April
2:30 pm



Porch redecoration

The members of Renhold Chapel will be replacing the inner front door with a glazed door opening inwards. This will improve access to the building & avoid the two sets of doors clashing with each other.

At the same time we will be redecorating the porch area to make it more welcoming. It is estimated that the works will cost around £4000 including redecoration & changes to the electrics.

If you are able to donate towards the cost of this work, please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Porch' into the box at the back of the chapel. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation, the chapel can reclaim the tax you have payed on that income & will increase your donation by 20% at no additional cost to you. Gift Aid forms are also at the back at the chapel

Noticeboard

Birthdays in April

21 Albert Browning
23 Keith Harvey
24 Ken Gurney

Diary Dates

1	April	Family Service	10:30am	Renhold Chapel
10	April	Coffee Morning	10:00am	Renhold Chapel
12	April	Ladies Meeting	2:30pm	Renhold Chapel
19	April	Men's Fellowship: Trip to Burghley House	10:00am	Meet at Renhold Chapel
26	April	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.

Contact Points

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Preachers for April 2018

1st	10:30	Mr R. Smith	Family Service
	6:00	Mr A. Folkes	Evening Service

The monthly collection will be taken during both services

8th	10:30	Mr I. Markey	Morning Service
	6:00	Mr M. Popplestone	Evening Service

15th	10:30	Mr P. Alley	Morning Service
	6:00	Mr S. LePage	Evening Service

A Missionary Collection will be taken during both services

22nd	10:30	Mr J. Garside	Morning Service
	6:00	Mr J. Rimes	Evening Service

29th	10:30	SASRA	Morning Service
	6:00	Mr J. Rimes	Evening Service

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