

Renhold Chapel

December 2018 Newsletter



**Happy Christmas from all at
Renhold Chapel**

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 all those that will be alone this Christmas, particularly those that have been bereaved this year and will be facing their first Christmas without their loved one.

Porch redecoration

The fund for the porch work currently stands at just over £1000
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

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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.

What is Christmas all about?

‘Nothing...can separate us from God’s love.’

Romans 8:39 CEV

That first Christmas, God did something extraordinary. Max Lucado puts it this way: ‘Stepping from the throne, He removed His robe of light and wrapped Himself in skin: pigmented human skin. The light of the universe entered a dark, wet womb. He whom angels worshipped nestled Himself in the placenta of a peasant, was birthed into the cold night, and then slept on a cow’s hay. Mary didn’t know whether to give Him milk or give him praise, so she gave Him both – since He was, as near as she could figure, hungry and holy. Joseph didn’t know whether to call Him junior or father. But in the end he called Him Jesus, since that’s what the angel said, and since he didn’t have the faintest idea what to name a God he could cradle in his arms.’ Lucado continues: ‘Don’t you think their heads tilted and their minds wondered, “What in the world are You doing, God?” Or better phrased, “God, what are You doing in the world?” “Can anything make Me stop loving you?” God asks. “You wonder how long My love will last? Find your answer on a splintered cross, on a craggy hill. That’s Me you see up there, your Maker, your God...That’s how much I love you.”’ Paul asks, ‘Can anything separate us from the love of Christ?’ (v. 35 CEV). Then he answers his own question: ‘Nothing can separate us from God’s love – not life or death, not angels or spirits, not the present or the future, and not powers above or powers below. Nothing in all creation can separate us from God’s love’ (vv. 38-39 CEV). And *that’s* what Christmas is all about!

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News from the Prayer, Praise and Bible Study Group.

(October Notes)



On the first Wednesday of the month we met at Brickfield Road at the home of Albert & Gloria for our usual prayer meeting. Gloria gave us encouraging words from our readings to us, also praise for the blessings from 'Samaritans Purse' the organisation run by Franklin Graham they concerned a mission run by William Graham, Billy's Grandson.

On the second week we met at Ruth & John's to, listen to a CD of a beach mission address given by Vinny Commons on Psalm 1. It starts 'Blessed is the man that does not –'

Walk in the council of the wicked. How easy it is to walk in life with those that are not Christians. To go where they go.

Stand – now we are standing with them, they are our colleagues now, we are numbered with them, and perhaps we do not wish to speak out against the things of the wicked. Finally we are now

Sitting – with them while they scorn the things of God. We are being gradually drawn down into the ways of the wicked. Blessed is the man who does not get involved in the ways of the ungodly. But our delight is in reading God's word, or do we ignore it?

On the third week of the month our meeting was cancelled due to sickness. Graham Went was our speaker for the 4th week and chose to speak on 2 Samuel Ch. 15. The chapter speaks of Absalom and his dealings with his father David. We read that Absalom devised a plan to win the hearts to him, rather than King David his father.

In a similar way the devil plans schemes to trap us to follow him. Absalom's plans worked and he did indeed win the hearts of many people. Although there were some who were loyal to their king.

Absalom became powerful so powerful that David was compelled to run for his life out of the city of Jerusalem; for fear that Absalom would overpower the city. King David fled toward the desert with his followers. Do we stick with our King when things get tough?

This message is not unlike the message from the first week. It would be easy to defect to the more popular side.

Blessed is he who endures to the end.

Unfortunately this was our last Bible study for the year. Together, we have decided that as our numbers are so small it would not be worth having a speaker come out during the winter months for so few.

We hope to have our usual meetings with Albert & Gloria on the first week of the month. D.V.

HOLLY'S STORY



"The people at the foodbank were wonderful, they understood and saved us."

Having always worked and never claimed benefits, Holly, 29, from Chichester was bringing up her four-year-old daughter, Phoebe alone. She was determined to give her the best possible start in life, but when Phoebe suddenly fell ill, Holly was forced to turn to a foodbank for help.

The council flat that Holly was living in was in a deprived area with drug dealing and dog fouling taking place in the corridor outside her door. Holly was adamant that her daughter should have a better environment to grow up in and was offered alternative accommodation near her parents but at double the cost. As well as borrowing money from her parents to meet the cost, Holly was working part time. At the same time, she had been selling second-hand clothes online and the shop she was working in noticed its success and offered her a space selling clothes in their shop. Under normal circumstances, Holly could just about scrape by, but when her daughter became poorly and had to spend three weeks in hospital, she was forced to close the shop temporarily. When Phoebe recovered, they returned home to empty kitchen cupboards, bills racking up and no income to support them.

Holly felt unable to ask her family for help again and after discussions with the local Citizens Advice Bureau she was referred to the foodbank.

Holly said: "The people at the foodbank were wonderful, they understood and saved us."

Although Holly's situation is still precarious, knowing the foodbank is there in an emergency is a huge weight off her shoulders.



This Christmas we will again be collecting for the Bedford Foodbank



The Foodbank provides three days nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. The Bedford Foodbank is part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. The Foodbank depends totally on donations of food and money in order to operate. If you can help this Christmas please deliver your items to the chapel by Sunday 16th December.

Suggested Items for the Christmas Collection

Chocolate Selection Packs	Carton of Custard
Box of Chocolates	Coffee
Long life Sponge Pudding	Tinned Fruit
Tinned Meat	Washing Up Liquid
Jam	Gravy Granules
UHT Fruit Juice	Squash
UHT Milk	Tinned Tuna
Tea Bags (40s/80s)	Toothpaste
Rice (Small, 250g/500g)	Toothbrushes
Deodorant	Cutlery Sets
Shampoo	Tinned Rice Pudding
Savoury Biscuits	Washing Clothes Tablets

***They have plenty of -
Baked Beans, Cereal & Porridge***

The Meaning of Christmas

Far away in Bethlehem, a Baby Boy was born;
Born with neither riches nor with fame,
Yet Wise Men came from all around to
bring Him their gifts,
And peace was felt by all who heard His name.

Angels watched Him as He slept,
And gently rocked His bed;
Their voices singing softly in His ear;
His Mother and His Father both gave thanks to God above
For the greatest gift of all, their Son, so dear

They knew His life upon this earth
Would not be filled with wealth,
They also knew He would encounter strife;
But most of all, they knew that He would be a loving Child,
And teach the love of God throughout His life.

At Christmas, as we celebrate
This Birth of Jesus Christ.
Let's keep in mind the truth of Christmas Day;
For it's not the Christmas wrappings
Nor the gifts that lie within,
But our gift of love to others in every way....





Renhold Remembers



A selection of pictures from the
village act of remembrance





Renhold Chapel

Woodfield Lane
Renhold

You are invited to Our

Carol Service With The Salvation Army

On 14th December At 7.30pm

With refreshments

Any further details

Please contact Albert Browning
on 01234 772689

www.renholdchapel.org.uk





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

Men's Meeting Programme

Date	Event	Venue	Time
4 December	Singing Afternoon	35 Becher Close Renhold	2:30pm

Jesus was Born on Christmas
Author Unknown

Jesus was born on Christmas,
on a very holy night,
and in the sky above Him,
shone the very brightest light.

All of the heavenly angels,
Sang a song to praise His name.
They told the lowly shepherds,
so they left their sheep and came.
From the east the wisemen roam,

bringing precious gift to share.
Riches for the King of Kings,
to show the Saviour that they care

Now we celebrate His birthday,
in our hearts and everyday.
Jesus in your humble manger,
your true love is here to stay.

Noticeboard

Birthdays in December

6 John Flood

Diary Dates

2	December	Family Service	10:30am	Renhold Chapel
4	December	Men's Meeting	2:30pm	35 Becher Close
11	December	Coffee Morning	10:00am	Renhold Chapel
14	December	Carol Service	7:30pm	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

Secretary	Albert Browning	01234 772689
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Newsletter	Graham Smith	01234 344544
Outreach Group	George Morrow	01234 303159

Preachers for December 2018

2nd	10:30	Mr C. Johnson	Family Service
	6:00	Mr A. May	Evening Service

The monthly collection will be taken during both services

9th	10:30	DIY Service	Morning Service
	6:00	No Service	

16th	10:30	Mr D. Mead	Morning Service
	6:00	Mr A. Palmer	Evening Service

A Missionary Collection will be taken during the morning service

23rd	10:30	DIY Service	Morning Service
	6:00	No Service	

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

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