Renhold Chapel January 2018 Newsletter

and

Scenes from the 2017 Carol Service



Happy New Year!

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

<u>2018</u>

Pray that the situation between North Korea the United States, and indeed the rest of the world will be peacefully resolved. Pray also for our government as the Brexit negotiations draw to a close.

We do not know what the year has in store for the Chapel, but pray that we can extend our membership and that the Word of the Lord can be extended to all the village over the coming year'

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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, .ocx 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.

Be Passionate About It

'...I am doing a great work...'

Nehemiah 6:3

Nehemiah was passionate about rebuilding Jerusalem's walls. So when his enemies tried to sidetrack and discourage him, he answered, '... I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down...' Passion is the starting point for all achievement. There has never been anyone who achieved anything of value, who wasn't passionate about it. It's the energy that fuels your dream. The road to success is cluttered with detours, problems and disappointments. And if you don't have the right mindset, your dreams can die there. Indeed, there are days when the needle on your passion metre will be on empty. On those days you need to remember that God gave you your dream to begin with; go back to Him and ask for the strength to keep moving toward it. The Psalmist wrote, 'For You will light my lamp; the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, by my God I can leap over a wall' (Psalms 18:28-29 NKJV). Who gives you the power to run and leap? God! But you can't sit back, fold your arms and think that He will do it all for you. Between your dream's inspiration and its manifestation, there's going to be a lot of perspiration. As every new parent finds out—it's much harder having and raising a baby than conceiving one. But if you have the passion for your dream, the price tag won't stop you. You'll get up every morning, draw on God's grace and take one more step in the direction of the thing you know God put you on this earth to do.

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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

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



This month we watched a DVD by Charles Price which was entitled "Living from the inner Core" and was based on Matthew Chapter 6. The first week we looked at the "Acts of Righteousness -giving, praying, Fasting-which can be acts of self righteousness if only done to be seen by men-we should be doing these to be seen by God. Righteousness, Charles Price says, is an attribute of God as it is all that God says, does, thinks and plans-in other words all that God does is right, which we are not. God wants to make us right with him and this is a gift which we can receive when we ask Jesus into our lives. We then should want to do these acts of righteousness to please God. If he is the object of what we do then we glorify him not ourselves, and the mark of a spiritual person is that they point people to Christ.

We then looked at the **Grace of giving** from Verses 1-4 of Matthew 6. We should not give to be seen of men but give in secret before God and he will reward us. We should excel in giving-count it a privilege to give. We looked at four things to do with giving--its **normality** in these verses giving is assumed. Its **motive** - we should give out of love for God and to please him and serve others. Its **Nature** - it should be done secretly, and regularly which means we should be disciplined and give generously. Its **reward** - as none of us will be in need, God will meet our needs. Those who refresh others will themselves be blessed. It was stressed that these are blessings from God not reasons why we should give in the first place. If we are living in that secret place with God then our giving will honour God. Our giving is a symptom of our love for God and our walk with him

During our third week, we looked at Prayer from Matt 6v5-9 and we were asked 3 questions. Why pray? It is assumed from these verses that prayer is a normal part of our life. Prayer is the talking part of our relationship with God, and the most important part of our life is the communion with God and where we connect with the life of God in us. Why pray privately? The real test of our prayer life is what goes on in private. It is there we meet with God and are most real. The secret place is where everything else should flow from. Why **pray confidently?** God knows what we need. Praying is not getting me alongside God, but becoming conformed to his purpose and intention, God works in us to bring our will into conformity with His, and is borne out of our union with Christ. If we are submitting to God's will then we can pray with confidence. Effective prayer flows when we have love for God and submission to God, trust in God, dependence on God and we want to live in obedience to God. If we abide in Him and are open to Him and pray in His name we know he is going to respond. Prayer is a disposition of practising the presence of God and experiencing Him in our lives.



Coffee Morning Tuesday 9 January 10:00 - 12:00

Thanks to Ruth & Jackie

After running the Coffee Morning since its beginning, Ruth and Jackie have decided to stand down. Thank you both for all your efforts over the last few years. Carolyn & Hannah will be taking over from January and will be looking for volunteers. You have been warned!

Ladies Meeting 4 & 18 January 2:30 pm



Ladies Meeting Programme

Date	Quote	Speaker
4 Jan	Jessie/ David	David Gay
18 Jan	Miriam	David Gay

Noticeboard Birthdays in January

30 Jackie Davies

Diary Dates				
4	January	Ladies Meeting	2:30pm	Renhold Chapel
7	January	Family Service	10:30am	Renhold Chapel
9	January	Coffee Morning	10:00am	Renhold Chapel
18	January	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 January 2018					
7th	10:30	Mr J. Howlett	Family Service		
	6:00	Mr R. Andrews	Evening Service		
The monthly collection will be taken during both services					
14th	10:30	Mr I. Markey	Morning Service		
	6:00	Mr R. Knight	Evening Service		
21st	10:30	Mr R. Keech	Morning Service		
	6:00	Mr S. Le Page	Evening Service		
A Missionary Collection will be taken during the morning service					
28th	10:30	Mr. M. Popplestone	Morning Service		
	6:00	Mr G. Hicks	Evening Service		

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