

Renhold Chapel

March 2018 Newsletter

Way of The Cross

by Joseph James Breunig 3rd

Tis important to remember,
the holy Standard that was set for us!
Its purchase was selflessly made
by our beloved Christ Jesus.

Upon Calvary, this single sacrifice
of Jehovah's perfect, atoning Lamb
completely demonstrates the truest form of Love
from our God, the Great I Am.

Lord, we may not entirely comprehend,
how Your ways are superior to our own,
but we need to realise that we're called
to reach towards Your Kingdom throne.

From the cruel spilling of Your Son's royal blood,
the ransom for Humanity was fully paid;
and the foundation of Heaven's eternity
has been utterly sealed and forever laid.

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

Florida School Shooting

Once again we have seen a shooting, this time in a school. Please pray for all those affected by this event, the families of those that have been killed or injured, their friends at the school, the school staff who have to carry on.

Pray also for the American government, that they will support the victims families and find a solution that will prevent similar attacks in the future.

Pray also that our own government will learn from this event and avoid the same thing happening in the UK.

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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.

Today God is with you

‘But they were not able to recognise who he was.’

Luke 24:16 MSG

When you face a crisis it's easy to lose perspective. It happened to two of Christ's disciples on the Emmaus Road. Discouraged about His death, they were 'going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their...questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognise who he was' (vv. 14-16 MSG). When you take your eyes off Jesus, you start to feel helpless about your situation. Dr Michael Youssef says: 'Facing a major crisis, I tend to be the kind of person whose vision becomes blurred. My perceptions are shot. My contemplations are one-sided. I often shut out the very people who can deliver me, just like those two disciples... Their vision was blurred about the person who was walking with them and talking to them. The one whose death they were mourning was alive...but they didn't realise it because their focus was on the wrong thing.' But everything changed the minute they recognised Jesus. 'Within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There...the two...told...how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along...and how they had recognised him as he was breaking the bread' (vv. 33-35 NLT). Note the words 'within the hour'. In an instant they went from fear to courage, pain to joy, and despair to hope. Paul wrote, 'I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened' (Ephesians 1:18 NIV 2011 Edition). When you stop focusing on the problem and fix your eyes on Jesus, you get 20/20 vision and you're filled with hope

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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 paid 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. (January Notes)



This month we had Andy Little with us and he took the book of Jonah. Jonah is a historical book. 2 Kings tells us who the king was when he was alive and Jesus referred to him when talking of his death and the need for repentance. If we take God out of the book it is a catalogue of coincidences but with God it all makes sense which is like the Christian life. As we start a New Year how will we respond to what happens to us-will we trust God and obey Him?

Andy emphasised that Jonah had a **wrong attitude**;

to Gods will - thinking more of his own nation,

to Gods word - it is not a take it or leave it, but should be obeyed,

to Gods calling him as a prophet- he resigned his position going as far as possible so there would be no chance God could ask him to do the task. God calls us where we are and we are a witness in our lives at all times

to circumstances - he went in wrong direction and found a boat going there -we must be careful we don't justify our circumstances making them fit in to Gods will, when they could be an act of rebellion

to the Gentiles - he saw the Ninevites as people to be shunned, but all people need a saviour.

God was in control - he sent the wind, the fish, the vine and the worm, and used them to bring Jonah back.

Jonah became a curse rather than a blessing to the sailors-he did not pray to God in the storm and gave them a bad testimony. The sailors tried to do more for Jonah than he did for them - they cried to God and appreciated God's sovereignty fearing him and making vows which Jonah did not. This first chapter is about Jonah's rebellion and running but the second chapter is about his repentance and return. Jonah is brought down before his deliverance and it is good to remember where we were before we became Christians. and a mark of our spiritual health is our prayer life.

Jonah's prayer reminds us;

- we can pray anywhere, anytime and for anything-

- God is in control

- God disciplines those he loves

- He prays towards the holy temple which is where atonement is made, this speaks of blood being shed and the place of forgiveness.

- He sank down and felt there was no escape which is what sin does to us, but God brought him out.

- Idolatry is anything that takes us away from God and we forfeit his grace, - we can't have it both ways.

Although this prayer is one of distress and dilemma it ends with song of thanksgiving as "salvation belongs to the Lord".

Jonah is given a second chance to take Gods message to Nineveh. With the privilege of deliverance comes responsibility. This is the same for us who are Christians who have had privilege of deliverance from sin and then have responsibility to tell that message to others. The Ninevites were cruel, vile people, and it was humanly risky to go and deliver the message Jonah did. Would we go if we were in his position? We are not told we will have an easy time in witnessing to others.



Coffee Morning Tuesday 13 March 10:00 - 12:00

Ladies Meeting 1, 15 & 29 March 2:30 pm



News from the Prayer, Praise and Bible Study Group. (January Notes Cont:)



The people took the message seriously and repented, and showed this by what they did. A change of heart should lead to a change in action and God saw this and relented of destroying the city. This made Jonah angry. He knew God's word and his character yet he did not have God's heart for the people—are we like him towards those who may have hurt us? Jonah seemed more concerned for their judgement than their pardon and so he sulks and leaves them rather than trying to help and teach them. God prepared the plant, the worm and the wind. The book ends with a question and we don't know how Jonah responded. Do we have a heart for God and care for people?

Andy finished his study by reminding us that God was willing to spare Nineveh, but he did not spare His Son who died in our place.

For one week we had Roger Smith who took for his theme 1 Corinthians Chapter 3. Paul wrote his letter to correct them and to heal the divisions which centred around who people wanted. So many of them were still babies in the faith, instead of unity they were influenced by worldly behaviour. The message of the cross is about our Christian life, the church belongs to God and not man. He should be the cornerstone and Paul wanted to bring them to maturity. The minister is accountable to God for how the people behave and what they are taught, and Paul used illustration of a field and buildings to talk of the church. The church though is people and where the Holy Spirit lives and all have gifts and all are acceptable. The rewards are for the good builder and for the praise of the Lord Jesus Christ. He emphasised the strengths and weaknesses of the church. Buildings can be destroyed by a lack of attention and so can people and he warned the church not to get self-centred but to boast in the Lord as God is the only source of blessing.

Noticeboard

Birthdays in March

29 Graham Smith

<i>Diary Dates</i>				
1	March	Ladies Meeting	2:30pm	Renhold Chapel
4	March	Family Service	10:30am	Renhold Chapel
13	March	Coffee Morning	10:00am	Renhold Chapel
15	March	Ladies Meeting	2:30pm	Renhold Chapel
20	March	Men's Meeting Visit to Olney	10:30am	Renhold Chapel
29	March	Ladies Meeting	2:30pm	Renhold Chapel
30	March	Good Friday	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

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Preachers for March 2018

4th	10:30 Mr G. Hicks	Family Service
	6:00 Mr D. Mead	Evening Service

The monthly collection will be taken during both services

11th	10:30 Mr D. Gay	Morning Service
	6:00 Mr T. Ogden	Evening Service

18th	10:30 Mr R. Keech	Morning Service
	6:00 Mr A. Pibworth	Evening Service

A Missionary Collection will be taken during both services

25th	10:30 Mr D. Gibson	Morning Service
	6:00 Mr A. Palmer	Evening Service

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