

Renhold Chapel

September 2018 Newsletter



Bikers visit Renhold

During August, one of our open air meetings was visited by a group of motorcyclists. Fortunately they are members of the Bedford Christian Motorcycle Association.
www.bike.org.uk/branches/bedford

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

India & Indonesia

The last few weeks have seen a number of natural disasters with major flooding in India and at least three large earthquakes in Indonesia. There have been many people killed or injured & many more displaced.

Please pray for all those affected by these events, don't forget the rescuers, medical staff & all others who are trying to help the victims.

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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.

Growing through life's tests

‘So that you will be completely mature and not lacking in anything.’
James 1:4 CEV

James writes: ‘Be glad, even if you have a lot of trouble. You know that you learn to endure by having your faith tested. But you must learn to endure everything, so that you will be completely mature and not lacking in anything. If any of you need wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given you...But when you ask...you must have faith...Anyone who doubts is like an ocean wave tossed around in a storm. If you are that kind of person, you can’t make up your mind, and you surely can’t be trusted. So don’t expect the Lord to give you anything at all’ (vv. 2-8). Note three things in this Scripture: 1) Your faith grows when it’s tested. You’ll never know the strength of your anchor until you feel the blast of the storm. 2) God will give you wisdom to handle the test. Now, He won’t answer all your ‘whys’. So instead of questioning Him, you need to pray, ‘Lord, how do You want to use this trial to develop me spiritually? How can I co-operate with You to reap the maximum benefit? What changes do You desire to bring about in my life?’ Those are questions God will answer. 3) You must be willing to obey. It’s possible to ask God for wisdom, then debate, stall, or mess around trying to decide whether or not to obey Him. ‘If you’re that kind of person...don’t expect the Lord to give you anything at all.’ When God gives you His wisdom, your first response should be: ‘Speak, for your servant is listening’ (1 Samuel 3:10 NIV 2011 Edition).

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News from the Prayer, Praise and

Bible Study Group.

(July Notes)



This month we had David Gay with us and we had a conversational Bible Study looking at Psalm 2. This is one of the messianic Psalms which is that it is prophetic and speaks of Christ. In verses 1-3 God is speaking. He sees the nations angry against “his anointed” (i.e. Christ). The whole attitude of the nations is anti-God. We noted that this is still the case with the natural man today. There is an attitude that they can do things themselves - life is a mess but it is God's fault. People use these things as an excuse for not wanting to know the Good News. However we know that God can overcome the natural man as he saves people. We live in a hostile world and if we belong to Christ we may suffer persecution as the hatred is against Christ and we are tied with him.

The next section we looked at was verses 4-9. This is God's response. God is enthroned - he is King and looks down on what is going on. We noted he laughs, scoffs at the nations, but then it talks of his wrath. A note of warning is being sounded, and we looked at a number of other passages where the same sort of language is used. We don't hear much of this teaching today. This is a day of mercy but sinners who scoff will one day realise there is a judgment coming but then it will be too late. The next few verses have very strong language, but are a picture of Christ as the Son of God, as King. We can see this in the resurrection now but many cannot. One day Jesus will redeem people from all tribes. All this is an encouragement to keep on labouring for the gospel. We noted that there is a change of tone in the last three verses of this Psalm David is giving instruction to the kings and warning them while there is still time to get right with God because he is coming as Judge. We should be sounding the warning too as we tell forth the Gospel. Verse 11 tells us to treat God with reverence-there is often too much frivolity around today, we are to be joyful, but there should also be sincerity in our worship. We should “kiss the son” - this is a heart word which speaks of closeness and shows real emotion. So often today we are so afraid of any emotion that we can swing the other way and be dry. There should be emotion but also reverence and submission. The final verse is a picture of Christ as our “refuge”-A refuge is a sheltering place and when we trust in Christ he is our shelter from God's wrath as he paid the price for us - we shelter under his blood and we are “blessed”-truly happy.

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.

During August, work started by stripping away the wood panelling to expose the existing door frame to allow for measurements to be taken

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

GO TO CHURCH WILLIAM

On a sunny morning, William's mother came into her son's room and said, "William, it's Sunday. Time to get up! Time to get up and go to church! Get up!"

From under the covers came mumbles, "I don't want to go!"

"What do you mean?" she said. "That's silly! Now get up and get dressed and go to church!"

"No!" he shot back. "I'll give you two reasons. I don't like them and they don't like me!"

"Nonsense," she told him. "I'll give YOU two reasons to go. First, you are 42 years old, and second, you are the PASTOR



**Macmillan Coffee
Morning
Tuesday 11 September
10:00 - 12:00**

**Ladies Meeting
13 & 27 September
2:30 pm**



Ladies Meeting		
Date	Quote	Speaker
13 Sept	Miriam	David Gay
27 Sept	Linda	David Gay

Men's Meeting			
Tuesday 25 th September	Computer Night With David Hanna	8 Green End Renhold	7.30pm

Noticeboard

Birthdays in September

No one is any older this month!

<i>Diary Dates</i>				
2	Sep	Family Service	10:30am	Renhold Chapel
11	Sep	Coffee Morning	10:00am	Renhold Chapel
13	Sep	Ladies Meeting	2:30pm	Renhold Chapel
25	Sep	Computer Night With David Hanna	7:00pm	8 Green End
27	Sep	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 September 2018

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

The monthly collection will be taken during both services

9th	10:30	Mr D. Mead	Morning Service
	6:00	Mr M. Popplestone	Evening Service

16th	10:30	Mr I. Markey	Morning Service
	6:00	Mr M. Popplestone	Evening Service

A Missionary Collection will be taken during both services

23rd	10:30	Mr R. Smith	Morning Service
	6:00	Mr M. Popplestone	Evening Service

30th	10:30	Mr R. Keech	Morning Service
	6:00	Mr M. Baker	Evening Service

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