

# **Renhold Chapel March 2019 Newsletter**



## **Farming Christian Link**

**Ministering to the farming & the  
more general rural communities.**

## 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**

**The work on the porch area is now well underway, please pray that it will be successfully completed without any further problems.**

**Please pray for the government as the Brexit discussions continue. Pray that a sensible solution will be arrived at soon.**

### **India - Pakistan**

**Please pray for calm to be restored between India & Pakistan following the recent aggression between the two countries.**

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**[www.facebook.com/RenholdChapel/](http://www.facebook.com/RenholdChapel/)**



### **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](mailto: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.

# Secrets of self-control

‘With the Lord’s help, [you] will stand.’

Romans 14:4 NLT

*Put your past behind you.* ‘[This] one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal’ (Philippians 3:13-14 NIVUK 2011 Edition). This Scripture exposes a misconception that will keep you from gaining self-control: once a failure, always a failure! You may say, ‘Oh, I tried to quit my bad habit. In fact, I have tried over and over. I guess I’ll never be able to get control of this.’ That is a misconception. Paul says, ‘We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going’ (2 Corinthians 4:9 TLB). Have you watched a baby learning to walk? They fall down a lot, but they don’t stay down. They keep on trying, and ultimately they succeed. How far do you think they’d get if they just gave up and said, ‘Some people were meant to be walkers, and some were not’? Failure in the past does not mean that you will never be able to change. But focusing on past failures, however, does guarantee their repetition. It is like driving a car while looking in the rear-view mirror. You’re going to collide with what’s ahead of you. You have to put your past behind you. No one had more failures than Thomas Edison. Most of us would have given up, but not him. He once said, ‘Don’t call it a failure, call it an education! Now I know what doesn’t work!’ When you realise sin doesn’t work, it’s a defining moment and your springboard to victory. A winner is simply someone who gets back up one more time than they fall down. So, the word for you today is: ‘With the Lord’s help, [you] will stand.’

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# Farming Christian Link

Farming Christian Link (formerly the Farmers Christian Postal Service) was founded in 1934 by the Rev. J. C. Williams a Free Church Minister, who lived in Tenterden, Kent .

In the summer of that year whilst out walking, he was caught in a storm and sought shelter in a farmhouse. Mr Williams entered into conversation with the farmer about what it meant to be a Christian and when he arrived home followed this up with a letter. The farmer responded and asked Mr Williams to write similar letters to some of his neighbours. In this simple way the Farmers Christian Postal Service was launched. The list of farmers grew steadily running into thousands and hand-written letters were no longer practical and had to be duplicated.

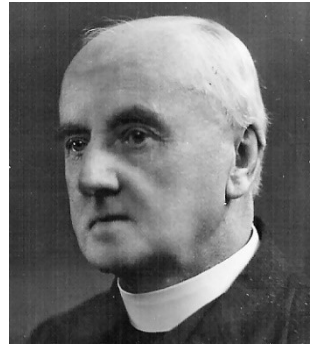
Means of communication have changed dramatically since 1934. A Website and Email are now used alongside the conventional postal service. To reflect this, the name was changed to Farming Christian Link.

The purpose is still the same, to reach people in farming and rural communities with the core message from the Bible, the Good News of the Gospel.

Farming Christian Link is run and supported by Christian volunteers from the mainstream churches throughout the UK, who are involved in farming or have links with farming and rural activities.

The main part of the witness is at Agricultural shows. During the last six years the Lord has blessed this witness with FCL having stands at twenty-seven shows in 2018 and DV even more planned for 2019. From Cumbria in the north to Devon in the south west and into East Anglia and Lincolnshire in the east.

Last year over 14,000 tracts and Scripture text cards, 3,000 Children's packs and Jesus said: "I am the Good Shepherd" wristbands were given out. Supporting the hundreds of Gospel conversations, other books and booklets were also taken. Through a linkup with the Gideons over 7,000 Gideon New Testaments were distributed.



# **SASRA**

## **The Soldiers' & Airmen's Scripture Readers Association**

On Sunday 31 March we will be welcoming a speaker from SASRA, The Soldiers' & Airmen's Scripture Readers Association. SASRA's mission is to visit soldiers and airmen in their accommodation, work and recreation areas. This is done with a view to befriending them and introducing them to the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **How SASRA Shares the Word of God**

The ministry of the Scripture Readers is conducted normally on a one to one basis. They meet with individuals and befriend them, seeking to earn the right to tell them about all the Lord Jesus Christ has done for them. How they achieve this depends on the nature of the units they visit and their own personality.



Visiting of Service personnel in barracks or any other area of a base can only be done with the permission of the Base Commander and the agreement of the Senior Chaplain.

Where possible, Scripture Readers support Chaplains in their ministries, encouraging Christians to support the garrison or station churches.

Scripture Readers also encourage serving Christians to tell others of their faith and explain the way of salvation to their friends and colleagues and assist them with Bible studies, better to equip them for the task.

See [www.sasra.org.uk/](http://www.sasra.org.uk/) for more information or see their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/sasra.org.uk/](http://www.facebook.com/sasra.org.uk/)



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

## Farming Christian Link - Cont.:

FCL also runs a small Postal Bible Club for children and publishes a quarterly magazine for ladies called the Christian Friend. Requests for free literature are received via the Website.

Below are snapshots of three of the many conversations that took place last year.

1. Wonderful conversation with Colin. Thinking about his need to come to God. After a long talk gave him a Gideon New Testament, Missing Peace booklet and a tract. Said he would read and think about it and hoped we would meet again sometime. Told him that if he became a Christian, we would meet in heaven one day.
2. Guy – Agricultural Contractor. In the past very antichristian with David a member of the team who had not seen him for a number of years, but had heard that he had been ill. He spoke with David today and accepted a tract which he said he would read.
3. Mum in her 60s/70s came along and asked for a Gideon New Testament. Her daughter had taken one and she had started reading it and now wanted her own copy.

Thank you all for your support and prayers for this outreach. It is very much appreciated.

Bernard Hicks.

Secretary: Farming Christian Link.

[www.farmingchristianlink.co.uk](http://www.farmingchristianlink.co.uk)



# Noticeboard

## Birthdays in March

### 29 Graham Smith

<i>Diary Dates</i>				
3	Mar	Family Service	10:30am	Renhold Chapel
12	Mar	Coffee Morning	10:00am	Renhold Chapel
31	Mar	SASRA	1030pm	Renhold Chapel
7	Apr	Family Service	10:30am	Renhold Chapel
19	Apr	Good Friday Service with Love Russia	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
Treasurer	Carolyn Smith	01234 344544
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## **Preachers for March 2019**

<b>3rd</b>	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Mr C. Knight</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Mr G. Hicks</b>	<b>Evening Service</b>

**The monthly collection will be taken during both services**

<b>10th</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Mr R. Smith</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>
	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Mr G. Went</b>	<b>Evening Service</b>

<b>17th</b>	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Mr R. Keech</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>
	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Mr K. Lilley</b>	<b>Evening Service</b>

**A Missionary Collection will be taken during both services**

<b>24th</b>	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Mr A. Banton</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>
	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Mr J. Howlett</b>	<b>Evening Service</b>

<b>31st</b>	<b>10:30</b>	<b>SASRA</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>
	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Mr D. Mead</b>	<b>Evening Service</b>

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