

Renhold Chapel February 2020 Newsletter



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Renhold Chapel is recruiting!

Have you considered becoming a member of Renhold Chapel? Membership is open to all who love the Lord Jesus and have accepted Him as their personal Lord & Saviour.

The process is free, straightforward and you get a say in how things are run at the chapel. You commit to attend the members meetings which are held quarterly.

To apply for membership you need to be able to sign up to the Conditions of Membership below.

You then need to apply for membership; you will then be invited for an informal interview with one of the existing members after which your application will go before the next meeting of the existing members for consideration.

Once elected, you are entitled to attend the next member's meeting.

If you wish to apply for membership or want further information, please speak to Albert.

Conditions of Membership

The constitution of this Church is comprehensive and unsectarian and the Conditions of Membership simple as possible.

We style ourselves the Church of Jesus Christ or Christians and welcome to our Communion and fellowship all who can subscribe to the following confession of faith.

We believe and confess the existence of one Eternal, Omnipotent and Holy God the creator of all things and of all men.

We believe in the love of God for His creatures and his watchful providence and care over them.

We believe in the Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, that he is God manifest in the flesh. That his death was an atoning sacrifice and that all who believe in him are freely forgiven and justified before God.

We believe in the necessity of regeneration by the Spirit of God "Ye must be born again" and we believe in the resurrection to eternal life of all believers by Jesus Christ and in their enjoyment of eternal happiness through him.

Trust God, and act!

‘Perhaps the LORD will act on our behalf.’

1 Samuel 14:6 NIVUK (2011 Edition)

During the early days of Saul’s kingship, the Philistines controlled the western border of Israel, and battle lines were drawn at the pass called Michmash. Saul seemed content to sit on the sidelines, but Jonathan wanted to be on the front line. ‘Come, let’s go over to the Philistine outpost on the other side’ (v. 1 NIV 2011 Edition). There was only Jonathan and his armour bearer, so the odds didn’t look good. But when you make a move that is motivated by God’s glory, it moves the heart and hand of God. What it requires is a step of faith. And often it’s the longest, hardest, and scariest step you’ve ever taken. Usually when Israel’s kings went into battle it was because they had received a word from the Lord assuring their victory. Jonathan had received no such word. He simply said, ‘Perhaps the Lord will act on our behalf.’ Most people operate out of the opposite mentality: ‘Perhaps the Lord *won’t* act on our behalf.’ They let fear dictate their decisions instead of faith. So, they end up with Saul, sitting on the sidelines. And how did the battle turn out for Jonathan and his armour bearer? ‘So the Lord rescued Israel that day’ (v. 23 NIV 1984 Edition). All it took was one daring decision! That’s all it ever takes. When you move, God will move on your behalf. And if you don’t move, you’ll always wonder ‘what if?’ Our longest regrets are our inaction regrets – the things we would have, could have, or should have done but did not do. So, the word for you today is: trust God, and act!

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THE HUNGER CRISIS NO ONE IS TALKING ABOUT

Back in October, Tearfund and other agencies warned of a looming hunger crisis in southern Africa. The situation is getting worse, and an unprecedented number of people are now at risk.



What's going on?

Approximately 45 million people across 16 countries in southern Africa are facing severe food shortages. Some of the hardest-hit countries are Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique and Malawi. In many areas more than half the population are surviving on one meal a day. Mass unemployment in cities and inflation are making the situation worse. Pregnant women, new mothers, children, the elderly and people with disabilities are especially vulnerable.

Why has this happened?

The region has been hit by a devastating combination of extreme weather events and political and economic instability. Parts of the region are facing the worst drought in 35 years, while in other areas there is widespread flooding. People are still reeling from the devastation caused by cyclones Idai and Kenneth last year, in which more than a thousand people died and half a million people were left homeless.

Is climate change to blame for the weather?

Almost certainly. While it is difficult to attribute particular extreme weather events to climate change, it definitely makes such events more likely. The region is seeing more frequent and longer lasting droughts, as well as stronger storms than it is used to. According to the UN, southern Africa's temperatures are rising at twice the global average.

What's the outlook?

A lot depends on the weather over the coming months. We are now entering into the peak of the cyclone season, and any repeat of the damage caused by last year's cyclones would be catastrophic.

What is Tearfund doing?

Tearfund currently operates in six countries in the region: Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. We're

working to meet people's immediate needs, as well as looking to the long term by helping farmers and communities become more resilient to climate change. In the aftermath of last year's cyclones, we've been distributing food, cooking utensils and shelter, along with seeds to replant crops. We're continuing to work with our network of local partners to assess the situation and reach out to the most vulnerable

What can I do to help?

Pray. We have included specific prayer points for you to use individually or in your church below. If you feel led to give, **please consider a donation to our disaster relief fund**, which will help us respond to disasters like this around the world.

PLEASE PRAY

Pray for people who are struggling because of this crisis. Ask God for comfort and provision for them. Pray that Tearfund and other aid organisations will be able to reach the most vulnerable.

Pray that the cyclone season will cause minimum disruption, and that areas affected by Cyclone Idai will be able to continue to recover.

Pray for rain where rain is needed, and that rain would stop in areas prone to flooding.

Pray for both economic and political stability. And pray that the church in southern Africa would highlight the urgency of the situation, exercising their God-given responsibility to hold those in authority to account.

Giving to the Chapel

Standing Orders

If you regularly give the same amount to the Chapel, have you considered creating a Standing Order? This will help you by removing the need to find cash each time and will also help the Chapel as we will have a regular income which helps in planning events & repairs etc.

If this appeals to you, please see Carolyn for a form.

Tax efficient giving.

If you pay Income Tax (who doesn't?) the Chapel can reclaim 25p in the pound for every donation you make. All you need to do is complete a short form declaring your intention and place your donation in an envelope with some identification on the envelope to allow us to claim the Income Tax.

Please see Carolyn for forms & envelopes.

Stroke has a new indicator! Blood Clots/ Stroke - They Now Have a Fourth Indicator, the Tongue:

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.



>>RECOGNISING A STROKE<<

Thank God for the sense to remember the '3' steps, STR. Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify.

Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S *Ask the individual to SMILE.

T *Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (e.g. Chicken Soup)

R *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 999 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke

Noticeboard

Birthdays in February

Tamzin Keightley 3rd

Brenda Asque 5th

Lazzaro Pasqariello 15th

Diary Dates

2	Feb	Family Service	10:30am	Renhold Chapel
5	Feb	Prayer Meeting	7:30pm	39 Brickfield Rd
11	Feb	Coffee Morning	10:00am	Renhold Chapel
17	Feb	Outreach Prayer Meeting	7:30pm	Renhold Chapel

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, .doc 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.

Contact Points

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Preachers for February 2020

2nd **10:30** **Mr C. Johnson** **Family Service**

6:00 **Mr S. Guest** **Evening Service**

The monthly collection will be taken during both services

9th **10:30** **Mr R. Smith** **Morning Service**

6:00 **Mr R. Lake** **Evening Service**

16th **10:30** **Mr I. Markey** **Morning Service**

6:00 **Mr P. Bridle** **Evening Service**

A Missionary Collection will be taken during both services

23rd **10:30** **Mr B. Sutton** **Morning Service**

6:00 **Mr M. Hallet** **Evening Service**

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