

# Renhold Chapel

## November 2017 Newsletter



On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September the men's fellowship with ladies went on the John Bunyan boat ,this time to Kempston and back. In all there were 18 of us. It was very pleasant weather as we gently cruised along the river, seeing many sites along the way including the Guru Nanak Gurdwara temple in Queens Park. In all it was a very good trip and enjoyed by all as seen in the picture.

## 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**

**Please pray for the situation around North Korea, the United States and the rest of the world. Pray that the leaders of the countries involved will practise restraint and reach a peaceful solution.**

**Please pray for all those that have lost loved ones, or have been injured as a result of war. Pray that the Lord will give them his peace.**

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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](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.

# Never, Never Quit!

‘Commit your actions to the LORD, and your plans will succeed.’

Proverbs 16:3

The moment you start believing you’re successful enough to rest on your laurels, you’re in trouble. You’ve put a lid on your growth! Solomon wrote, ‘Do you know a hard-working man? He shall be successful and stand before kings!’ (Proverbs 22:29 TLB). Success is always a possibility, but never a guarantee. It belongs to the man or woman who’s willing to show up early, stay late, go the extra mile, and keep asking, ‘Is there a better way?’. An agency once created an ad for an automobile company. It said, ‘At sixty miles an hour the loudest noise in this new Rolls-Royce comes from the electric clock.’ When they ran the ad by the company’s CEO, he smiled and said, ‘I guess we’ve got to do something about that clock!’. A young man once asked Henry Ford, ‘How can I make a name for myself and be successful?’. He replied, ‘Decide what you want, then stick with it. Never deviate from your course no matter how long it takes or how hard the road, until you’ve accomplished your purpose.’ Successful people have one thing in common: they refuse to quit! No matter how many times they fall, they get back up, dust themselves off, learn from it, and start over. Paul J. Meyer says, ‘Ninety-nine per cent of those who fail are not actually defeated, they simply quit.’ The Bible says, ‘To win...you must deny yourselves... things that...keep you from doing your best’ (1 Corinthians 9:25 TLB). The only people who never fail are those who never try. So keep going, and don't even think about quitting!

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# News from the Prayer, Praise and Bible Study Group.

## (September Notes)



This month we had Andrew Rome lead our studies. He took the book of Titus for us to study. Titus is a personal letter and, unlike the letters Paul wrote to churches it is not structured, but written as a letter to a friend, who he was sending to Crete to put things right in the church there. There are three main themes which keep recurring in this book and we looked at each of these in turn:

**1. Salvation** - from Chapter 1 we discovered this is the hope of eternal life - it is not just something for the here and now but looks forward to heaven. This hope is sure as we have a God who does not lie and can be trusted. Of ourselves we would never understand this, but he has revealed it to us, and it came at just the right time. Chapter 2 shows us we have done nothing to deserve this grace, and it is for all people. God gave himself for us to redeem us and every part of us has been redeemed. His purity has been credited to us so we can be special people for him. Chapter 3 tells us that we are no better than anybody else, as we were all once bad, and we are saved by mercy, we do not work it up for ourselves, it comes from God and we are renewed-the three persons of the Trinity are all involved in salvation-God initiated it, Jesus came to provide it and the Holy Spirit comes to live in our hearts. We see the holiness, purity and condescension of God and we should proclaim it.

**2. Believers behaviour** - At that time Crete was notorious for its bad behaviour-they were liars, lazy, and had no gentleness - are there parallels for us today? We then looked at the characteristics of old men, old women, young women and young men mentioned in Chapter 2 which represent family life .We looked at how they relate to each other and how each should behave so that their lives would not cause offence and be faithful so people would see their behaviour would be like people of God. Slaves are mentioned and urged to be subject to their masters, and fully trustworthy so their relationship is in stark contrast to those around and be attractive to others. From Chapter 3 we saw how we relate to the society around us, that we should be good citizens and have a willingness to obey laws, to participate in things that are right and good so we can actively contribute to society and be

## **News from the Prayer, Praise and Bible Study Group.** **(September Notes) Continued**

at peace with all. The purpose of all this is to bless ourselves and be a witness to others. We are not saved by our good works but to do good works.

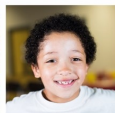
**3. Role of leaders** - the leadership of the church should be of elders and deacons. The character traits of both of these seem similar, but elders have the ability to teach and should be specifically male, whereas deacons who also should hold onto the truth can be women. This was borne out by other scriptures. Both should serve the church and their roles do overlap. It was noted that Paul used as his starting point the word of God and not the cultural view. We then looked specifically at Chapter 1 verses 5-9 where Titus is asked to appoint elders in every town. Verse 6 emphasises the spiritual characteristics, verses 7-9 emphasise the personal qualities both negative and positive, and it was noted that these reflect the fruits of the world and the spirit given in Galatians which shows that the Holy Spirit should live in them and produce fruit. They should have a clear conviction, understand doctrine be brave and firm but also warm and caring.

### **Porch redecoration**

The members of Renhold Chapel are intending to replace 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

# A Big **THANK YOU**



## RENHOLD CHAPEL

for supporting Bedford foodbank.

Your donations make a BIG difference  
to local people in crisis.

Bedford foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.



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## Harvest Weekend and Quiz Night Food Collections

During both the harvest weekend and the Quiz Night we collected for the Bedford Foodbank.

Our collection during the Harvest amounted to over 58kg and the collection at the Quiz Night amounted to just under 29kg together with £161 as a cash donation. The 87kg of food donated at the two events equates to more than 200 meals.

If you were able to contribute towards either collection, please accept our grateful thanks.



# Letters received from Bedford Foodbank

## Renhold Chapel.

**Thank you for supporting our Combined Harvest Appeal!**

We just wanted to say a big 'thank you' for your kind food donation to our Appeal. Your support this autumn means that we are able to continue to provide vital food and supplies to people in crisis over the coming months.

This year your donation weighed 58.22 kg of food which calculates to 138 meals.

Thank you once again for your support, and we hope that you will consider supporting us again in the future.

Kind regards



**Maria B. Guest**  
Combined Harvest Appeal Co-ordinator

## **RENHOLD CHAPEL QUIZ NIGHT DONATION**

**Thank you for supporting our Combined Harvest Appeal!**

We just wanted to say a **BIG** 'thank you' for your kind food donation to our Harvest Appeal. Your support this autumn means that we are able to continue to provide vital food and supplies to people in crisis over the coming months.

This year your donation weighed 28.82 kg of food which calculates to 68 meals, plus your cheque for £161.

We are very grateful for any monetary donation we receive as this helps with the day-to-day running of the foodbank, some examples, fuel for the van, putting money on fuel cards for gas & electricity, items from super-markets that we are running low on.

Thank you once again for your support, and we hope that you will consider supporting us again in the future.

Kind regards

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Combined Harvest Appeal Co-ordinator

# The Story of The Poppy

During the First World War (1914–1918) much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. Previously beautiful countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over, again and again. The landscape swiftly turned to fields of mud: bleak and barren scenes where little or nothing could grow.

Bright red Flanders poppies (*Papaver rhoeas*) however, were delicate but resilient flowers and grew in their thousands, flourishing even in the middle of chaos and destruction. In early May 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lt Col John McCrae was inspired by the sight of poppies to write a now famous poem called 'In Flanders Fields'.

McCrae's poem inspired an American academic, Moina Michael, to make and sell red silk poppies which were brought to England by a French woman, Anna Guérin. The (Royal) British Legion, formed in 1921, ordered 9 million of these poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. The poppies sold out almost immediately and that first ever 'Poppy Appeal' raised over £106,000; a considerable amount of money at the time. This was used to help WW1 veterans with employment and housing.



The following year, Major George Howson set up the Poppy Factory to employ disabled ex-Servicemen. Today, the factory and the Legion's warehouse in Aylesford produces millions of poppies each year.

The demand for poppies in England was so high that few were reaching Scotland. Earl Haig's wife established the 'Lady Haig Poppy Factory' in Edinburgh in 1926 to produce poppies exclusively for Scotland. Over 5 million Scottish poppies (which have four petals and no leaf unlike poppies in the rest of the UK) are still made by hand by disabled ex-Servicemen at Lady Haig's Poppy Factory each year and distributed by the Royal British Legion's sister charity Poppy Scotland.





# QUIZ NIGHT

The Chapel Quiz Night was held on 21st October. The winners were the Parish Council Team, runners up were '4 plus 2' with the Chapel coming in sixth place. Well done to all quizzers and a big thanks to Quizmaster Chris and Scorers Carolyn & Heather.

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## All Saints Flower Festival



The Chapel were represented at All Saints Flower Festival with this wonderful display representing St George. Many thanks to Jackie for her work in preparing and arranging the flowers



# Coffee Morning

## Tuesday

### 14 November

### 10:00 - 12:00

# Ladies Meeting

## 9 & 23 November

## 2:30 pm



### Ladies Meeting Programme

| Date   | Quote | Speaker      |
|--------|-------|--------------|
| 9 Nov  | Linda | Miriam Gibb  |
| 23 Nov | Joan  | John Housden |

### Men's Meeting Programme

| Date       | Event                              | Venue                  | Time   |
|------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| 9 November | Computer Night<br>With David Hanna | 8 Green End<br>Renhold | 7:30pm |

# Noticeboard

## Birthdays in November

No one is any older this month!

### *Diary Dates*

|    |          |                |         |                |
|----|----------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| 5  | November | Family Service | 10:30am | Renhold Chapel |
| 9  | November | Ladies Meeting | 2:30pm  | Renhold Chapel |
| 9  | November | Men's Meeting  | 7:30pm  | 8 Green End    |
| 14 | November | Coffee Morning | 10:00am | Renhold Chapel |
| 23 | November | 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.

### Contact Points

|                |                 |              |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Secretary      | Albert Browning | 01234 772689 |
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| Outreach Group | George Morrow   | 01234 303159 |

## **Preachers for November 2017**

|            |              |                    |                        |
|------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>5th</b> | <b>10:30</b> | <b>Mr M. Baker</b> | <b>Family Service</b>  |
|            | <b>6:00</b>  | <b>Mr S. Gaunt</b> | <b>Evening Service</b> |

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

|             |              |                          |                        |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>12th</b> | <b>10:45</b> | <b>Mr R. Smith</b>       | <b>Morning Service</b> |
|             | <b>6:00</b>  | <b>Mr M. Popplestone</b> | <b>Evening Service</b> |

|             |              |                    |                        |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>19th</b> | <b>10:30</b> | <b>Mr D. Gay</b>   | <b>Morning Service</b> |
|             | <b>6:00</b>  | <b>Mr G. Hicks</b> | <b>Evening Service</b> |

**A Missionary Collection will be taken during the morning service**

|             |              |                      |                        |
|-------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>26th</b> | <b>10:30</b> | <b>Mr J. Howlett</b> | <b>Morning Service</b> |
|             | <b>6:00</b>  | <b>Mr T. Ogden</b>   | <b>Evening Service</b> |

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