

Renhold Chapel September 2017 Newsletter



He will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows.

Isaiah 30:23

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 all the young people who will be restarting school early in September. Pray particularly for those starting new schools, moving into unfamiliar surroundings, not necessarily with their own friends with them. Pray for all those that received their examination results during August and now have to decide on their future studies or job hunting.

Please pray for Renhold School as they finalise preparations to take in two additional classes. Pray also for the new headteacher as she prepares to take over responsibility for the school

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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.

What You Need in the Wilderness

‘Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace...’

Job 22:21

When you find yourself in the wilderness, what’s the one thing you need more than anything else? God! That’s why the Lord told Moses to build the tabernacle and He used it as a teaching tool to show His people that: 1) He wants to meet with us regularly. The word ‘tabernacle’ means ‘tent of meeting’. God wants you to spend time with Him. He wants you to get to know Him. Because when you do, you’ll worry less and trust Him more. The Bible says, ‘Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace...’ It’s important to listen to God’s Word being taught, to meet with other believers, and be encouraged by their testimonies. But at some point you’ve got to stop trading in second-hand information and get ‘up close and personal’ with God. James writes, ‘Draw near to God and He will draw near to you...’ (James 4:8 NKJV). 2) God wants to be at the centre of our lives. When Israel set up camp each night, the twelve tribes pitched their tents in formation surrounding the tabernacle, where God’s presence dwelt. Every man, woman, boy and girl could stand in the door of their tent and see God in their midst. Could the message be clearer? When your deepest affections and greatest ambitions are centred around Christ, your life will take an upward swing. ‘...delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart’ (Psalms 37:4 NIV). The formula for thriving in the wilderness is: centre your life on Christ and soak yourself in His Word!

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News from the Prayer, Praise and Bible Study Group. (July Notes)



Graham Tolley led this month's Bible study from 1st John chapter 1. The first week we looked at the first five verses. It was seen that the Lord Jesus was from the beginning, not just from his birth or as some teach he became divine when the Holy Spirit came at his baptism and left at the crucifixion.

The belief that the Apostles had put their faith in was not a hearsay belief, because they had seen with their own eyes and heard directly themselves and even touched with their hands, this was something real to them, so they were able with confidence to tell others about the Word of Life. We can have confidence too about our belief and we should be sure of it to be able to give an answer to others.

Most cults today have this in common that they wish to deny the truth of Jesus being the Son of God.

Graham said it was essential that the Lord was both God and man to be able to be the Saviour of the world and discussed the passage in Philippians chapter 2 where even though Christ was God, it was not a thing was grasped onto but he became man and became obedient unto death for us.

For his second week Graham spoke from verses 5-10. The themes are light, darkness, sin and forgiveness. God is light, pure light, which shows up our darkness, which needs to be forgiven. The **Gospel must start with God** who can forgive our sins, and then our broken lives can be sorted. We have new life and a new objective and can then have **fellowship with God**. If our way of life is darkness then we cannot know fellowship with God. This will bring **fellowship with other Christians**. Our way of life should be to serve Him, and our desires and aims are the same, we meet on a deeper basis as we have Christ and his ways in common which produces true fellowship. If we live like this we know the blood of Christ cleansing us if we do sin. Confession should not be just words but we need to acknowledge our responsibility for what we have done. If we don't we are passing the blame and the truth is not active in our lives, and we can't have fellowship with God and others. The Christian life is distinctive, we need to be separate. Are we prepared to be faithful and live our lives to be counted for the gospel?

News from the Prayer, Praise and Bible Study Group. (July Notes) Continued

For Graham's final week he took ch2 v1-6. John wrote this to reinforce the reader's confidence. The main concern in these verses is sin-if we claim to be in him we should try to live without sin (v6), in this life we will never be free of sin and we will struggle, but this should be our aim. If we do sin v 1 tells us we have an advocate. This speaks of the gravity of sin, when we think of what an advocate is and does, but is also good news in that we do have one in Jesus. To represent us before God is part of His work as He is the righteous one. He is also our propitiation, (v2) which is more than Jesus taking our sin, but means he bore the wrath of God, which again shows how awful sin must be, and should never be watered down. In the remaining verses John wants to give his readers the assurance by reminding them that "they know that we know" and to prove that, by keeping the commandments. If we claim to know Christ then we need to live out that profession as Jesus did, and knowing Christ as our saviour gives us the motivation to do this.

Coffee Morning 12 September 10:00 - 12:00

This month our regular Coffee Morning will be held in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Please come along and support this worthwhile cause & have a natter and a piece of cake at the same time!

Macmillan Cancer Support provides advice & practical support for all those affected by cancer in its many forms.

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Coffee Morning
Tuesday
12 September
10:00 - 12:00

Ladies Meeting
14 & 28 September
2:30 pm



Ladies Meeting Programme

| Date | Quote | Speaker |
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| 14 September | Miriam | John Kirby |
| 28 September | David | Margaret Nurse |

Men's Meeting Programme

| Date | Event | Venue | Time |
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| Thursday 21 September | Bunyan Boat Trip | Sovereigns Quay, Bedford. MK40 1TF | 11:10 |

Noticeboard

Birthdays in September

No-one is any older this month!

Diary Dates

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| 3 | September | Family Service | 10:30am | Renhold Chapel |
| 12 | September | Coffee Morning | 10:00am | Renhold Chapel |
| 14 | September | Ladies Meeting | 2:30pm | Renhold Chapel |
| 21 | September | Bunyan Boat Trip | 11:10am | Sovereigns Quay Bedford |
| 28 | September | 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 2017

3rd **10:30** **Mr G. Hicks** **Family Service**

6:00 **Mr T. Ogden** **Evening Service**

The monthly collection will be taken during both services

10th **10:30** **Mr P. Bridle** **Morning Service**

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

17th **10:30** **Mr M. Baker** **Morning Service**

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

A Missionary Collection will be taken during the morning service

24th **10:30** **R. Eaves** **Morning Service**

6:00 **Mr A. Pibworth** **Evening Service**

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