

Renhold Chapel October 2017 Newsletter



Open The Book

The Renhold 'Open The Book'
Team stage their first production
of the new school year

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 those that have lost loved ones, those that have been injured or have lost their homes as a result of the recent storms in the Caribbean and the South Eastern United States.

Please pray for all those that have been affected by the recent earthquake in Mexico. Pray that life there can be restored to normal as soon as possible.

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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.

Your Answer is in the Bible

‘The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul...’

Psalms 19:7

Worldly success can leave you empty, but here’s something that won’t: ‘The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul...’ Have your plans fallen apart? Have you made a mess of your life? Do you need direction? Read this: ‘The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple’ (v. 7 NLT). Have the things you thought would bring you happiness, ended up bringing you misery? Read this: ‘The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart...’ (v. 8 NLT). Are you directionless, wondering where to go and what to do with your life? Read this: ‘The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living’ (v. 8 NLT). The answers you’re seeking are in your Bible. David was a brilliant soldier, a popular king, and a man with access to all the riches anyone could desire. But he discovered these things don’t bring lasting joy. What he found instead is that: ‘...The laws of the Lord are true...They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb. They are a warning to your servant, a great reward to those who obey them’ (vv. 9-11 NLT). What was David’s problem? ‘How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don’t let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt...’ (vv. 12-13 NLT). What was David’s solution? Reading God’s Word daily, feeding his soul on it, and walking according to its precepts.

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



The first week was the Prayer meeting at Gloria and Albert's house, the 2nd week we had Roger Eaves who spoke to us from Colossians ch 3 about singing. Roger wondered about particular hymns, some of the old ones had passed the test of time and would the modern ones be around in 100 years from now, he believed some would and particular some of the works of Stuart Townsend. He thought hymns should be based on principle and that some are not quite scripturally correct, he reminded us of a compiler of a hymnbook which was Calvinistic in its outlook and didn't want to include any of Wesley's hymns but really could not leave them out, but they would not publish his name as with other hymn writers but just put the initials CW. At times we sing but don't mean what we sang, it may be a promise we sing but don't mean it. We were asked did we have preference of hymns after several of us spoke of favourite hymn, Roger spoke of a hymn that was used of God to convict him when he was away from the Lord, we had a good night with Roger.

The other 3 Wednesdays were taken by Graham Went, he looked at Psalm 69, it was not a happy Psalm, one were David felt overwhelming pressure. Week one was v1 – 12, all these verses were negative, he was overwhelmed. V4,7,9, people who hated him treated him unjustly, he felt scorned, and insulted. In v 6 he felt the pressure of bring shame and disgrace on others. V8 he felt his family disapproval because of his zeal for the Lord. But the troubles he faces did not make him say there cannot be a God, rather he calls on God.

A lesson for us is that God knows us and will not let us be tested more than we can bear and will be with us.

The 2nd week was V 13 -21. This section starts with BUT, and follows with I pray, recognising God is there, he is still in mire and deep waters, his situation has not changes but David has. He makes requests for rescue, deliverance, seeing God's mercy and his face.

How does David deal with his problems as well as prayer, he writes down how he feels and this could be a way that we could express our feelings and it unlike David it may only be us and God who knows what we write.

Graham read to us a "psalm" he wrote about the time when he was the Head Teacher of a school, that was in Graham's opinion unjustly judged to be a failing school and the measures taken only added to the problems by destroying the morale of the staff and made great pressure for Graham in work, church and family life, and which eventually led eventually to Graham resigning from his post. It was a very moving psalm and was a practical way for Graham to express his feeling and get some release.

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

The third week Graham looked at v22 to the end of Psalm 69. He divided it into two sections. In Verses 22-28 David calls on the righteous God to deal with his enemies and asks that they get their just desserts. The reason is given in verse 26- They persecute him and relish the pain they inflict. However he knows that God is in control, The last section of the psalm tells of the blessings of the righteous. Verse 29 is a pivotal verse as it takes David away from his pain to the blessings. His circumstances haven't changed but his emphasis has.

The big picture we can learn from this psalm is that we should take everything to God in prayer and "say it as it is".

- 1 We may feel hemmed in by our circumstances but God is in control and we have to trust him.
- 2 Desperate situations can lead to passionate prayers and lessons learned.
- 3 We are righteous-though not perfect- and have many blessings now, and many to look forward to.

Whatever our problems may be they are only momentary compared to eternity.

We were grateful to Graham for a practical approach to trials and problems.

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



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

Ladies Meeting
12 & 26 October
2:30 pm



Ladies Meeting Programme

Date	Quote	Speaker
12 October	Lily	Margaret Anderson
26 October	Doris	Bill Gibb

Men's Meeting Programme

Date	Event	Venue	Time
12 October (TBC)	Visit to Wardown Park, Luton	Meet at Chapel	TBA

Noticeboard

Birthdays in October

4 Ruth Flood
8 Trevor Asque
9 Libby Hulatt

Diary Dates

1	October	Harvest Festival Family Service	10:30am	Renhold Chapel
10	October	Coffee Morning	10:00am	Renhold Chapel
12	October	Ladies Meeting	2:30pm	Renhold Chapel
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26	October	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 October 2017

1st	10:30	Mr R. Knight	Family Service
	6:00	Mr A. Palmer	Evening Service

The monthly collection will be taken during both services

8th	10:30	Mr D. Gay	Morning Service
	6:00	Mr M. Popplestone	Evening Service

15th	10:30	Mr D. Gibson	Morning Service
	6:00	Mr J. Howlett	Evening Service

A Missionary Collection will be taken during the morning service

22th	10:30	Mr R. Smith	Morning Service
	6:00	T.B.A.	Evening Service

29th	10:30	Mr R. Keech	Morning Service
	6:00	T.B.A.	Evening Service

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