



Zion Baptist Church  
..In the heart of Tenterden

# Newsletter

JULY / AUGUST 2019



We welcome you to our service this morning. We pray that you may be aware of Jesus' presence among us and that you will meet with Him in a new and special way. Please join us for refreshments after the service. There are always those willing to pray with or counsel, kindly indicate your need with the door steward or any deacon.

# Church Diary

Thursday July 4th

7.30pm **Church Prayer Evening**

Sunday July 7th

10.30am **Morning Service** led by Revd Freddy Farias-Palacios.  
Including Holy Communion.

Sunday July 14th

10.30am **Morning Service** led by Revd Freddy Farias-Palacios.

Sunday July 21st

10.30am **Morning Service** led by Revd Freddy Farías-Palacios.  
Including Holy Communion.

Thursday July 25th

7.30pm **Church Members Meeting**

Sunday July 28th

10.30am **Morning Service** led by Revd Freddy Farías-Palacios.

July 30th to August 1st

10am-12noon **Churches Together Holiday Club**  
for primary school children

Thursday August 1st

7.30pm **Church Prayer Evening**

Sunday August 4th

10.30am **Morning Service** led by Revd Freddy Farias-Palacios.  
Including Holy Communion.

Sunday August 11th

10.30am **Morning Service** led by Revd Freddy Farias-Palacios.

Sunday August 18th

10.30am **Morning Service** led by Revd Freddy Farias-Palacios.  
Including Holy Communion.

Sunday August 25th

10.30am **Morning Service** led by Revd David Adkins.

**Church open for prayer**

**Tuesday mornings**

**Time: 10am-12noon**

**Coffee Morning**

is back!  
Fridays, 9am-12noon  
Come and enjoy a cup of  
tea and a chat



**Northiam Weekend**

**Retreat**

Friday, 13.09. to  
Sunday, 15.09



New

**house group** starting

Alternate Wednesdays,  
From 7.30pm  
Manse



The front of our lovely church has had a face lift:  
+new sign  
+doors repaired and painted blue  
+notice board updated

Cover photo by Elsie Phipps

## Sommer break!

### Juicy Grapes and Rainbow Tots

Last session of Rainbow Tots on 17th July

Both groups will restart in September

## Spring Cleaning our finances!!

I recently decided to go through our files, to review and shred wherever possible!!

I made a new list of our income and outgoings for the year ahead, noticing that things like the state pension and other benefits, had all increased in amount. Yes, so had some of our expenses too, like Council Tax, but it made me stop and think.

Roger and I decided that, for the price of a treat (cuppa and cake), we could increase our giving to Zion by £5 a week.

This got me thinking!! If everyone in our fellowship was able to increase their giving by £5 a week, then Zion's monthly offertory would increase by over £700, which would considerably help meet the deficit in church income.

So... have you spring cleaned your piggy bank lately? Could you commit to an increase in regular monthly giving? "God loves a cheerful giver"!!!

# Thanksgiving



We gave thanks for the life of our dear friend **Alan Clover** in a moving service led by Revd. David Adkins.

Many came forward and told of how Alan has had an impact on their lives.

Alan was a spiritual man, getting the church ready for all the functions by moving the chairs into the correct position. He invited new people to his house group and to the church. Alan kept good company with visitors and workers at the church, especially during the building work. He loved photography and liked contributing to the newsletter. Alan was an interesting man, well-travelled and clever.

Revd. David Adkins preached on Luke 21:1-4 "The Widow's Offering", reminding us that Jesus looks into our hearts and knows how costly our contributions are.

As for Alan...Well done, good and faithful servant!



## Adult's Birthdays

**1st July** Mrs Sue Henderson  
**14th Aug** Mrs Brenda Adams  
**30th Aug** Mrs Eileen Parks

BMS Secretary— Jackie Goodsell

## Notes from our Pastor

As I am writing this, it's been three weeks since my induction at Zion Baptist Church. I would like to say a very big "Thank You" to everyone who assisted with the Induction Service, and to all the congregation for such a warm welcome. It was a very special day as we made promises, worshipped our God and had fellowship with one another.

As we enter into a new 'season', as we are getting ready to write a new chapter, perhaps there are some questions:

What is it that the Lord wants us to do as a congregation? How are we going to reach out to people in Tenterden? What would be the best strategy?

This month we are re-launching our Coffee Morning on Fridays from 9am to 12pm. The church will be open for prayer on Tuesdays from 10am to 12pm, and from July to September "Fruitfulness on the Frontline" will be the subject in our home groups, so I encourage you if you are not part of a home group to join one. Nonetheless, we need to remember that sharing our faith is not only about special services, particular liturgy or activities that we can have in our church.

At the induction service I quoted the words of Jesus, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35 (NIV)

Jesus' statement reveals the effect a church can have by having love for one another. This is how the world will know that we belong to Him. One scholar says, 'the church may be orthodox in its doctrine and vigorous in its proclamation of the truth, but that will not persuade unbelievers unless believers love each other'.

In the Epistle of Paul to the Galatians, chapter 5, Paul is dealing with some false teachers who tried to introduce circumcision as something required, and he says in verse 1, "Do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery"...

Perhaps the Galatians' goal was to get closer to God, they wanted to serve Him. Paul's concern for them is that they will allow themselves to get diverted from their faith in Jesus.

These teachers suggested that Jesus' teaching was great and his death and resurrection were important, but they had to include Jewish practice of the law as well. Paul reminds these believers that Jesus is enough. We can have a personal relationship with God because of all that Jesus has done, and our only duty is to surrender our lives to Him.

The apostle Paul warns the Galatians of the danger of being trapped in religion and points out what is the most important: "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. **The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.**" Galatians 5:6 (NIV)

We are to live by faith and we need to share our faith. Therefore, as we seek to serve the Lord in our church, let's be reminded that what's most important when we are in Christ is not liturgy or what with do or don't do as part of religious rituals, it is not how much knowledge we have...what counts, as Paul said, is faith (our daily surrender to God) expressing itself through love.

God bless,  
Freddy



## CAMEO

(come and meet each other)

As you know Wimbledon starts next week and we usually watch together the Men's Final which this year is on Sunday 14th July. I should be glad if you would let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in order that we can discuss the bring and share lunch we have before the match. Many thanks Valerie

The following is a date for your diary. I have booked [Saturday 7th December](#) for our annual Christmas Dinner at Sandhurst Tea Rooms.

I will let you have further details nearer the time.

**Pray for...**the start up of the Friday coffee morning

**Pray for...**the new house group starting at the manse led by Freddy

**Pray for...** our weekend retreat at Northiam

## Holiday Club

Calling all 'Secret Agents'!!

We are hosting the CTiT Holiday Club, 10am-12noon on Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 31st July and Thursday 1st August. It is for our primary school children, looking at Jesus's invitation to 'Ask, Seek Knock', in Matthew's gospel.

## Your help is needed!!!

We need **kitchen roll cardboard inner tubes**, and empty **cereal variety pack boxes** for the crafts (every agent needs a radio communication device and a pair of binoculars, don't they!). Please leave your contributions in a bag in the Prayer Room.

Please also pray for those planning this event, and the children who will be coming. Our aim is to encourage faith to grow and commitments to Jesus to be made. If you know any children who might be interested, please let Suzanne know.

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