



Zion Baptist Church
In the heart of Tenterden

Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2019



Zion is hosting this event over the late night shopping weekend. It is our opportunity to witness to Jesus, as we reach out and serve our community, in a very pleasurable way.

Could you please sign up to help. This is our frontline as a church, and we are praying for fruitfulness, even in seeing little seeds of faith starting to grow in people.

We also need donations of mince pies to serve at the event (shop bought). You can bring them to church from now on (check sell by dates), and we will store them safely.

Lastly, please pray. We want to be spending our efforts in doing the Lord's work, so let's get it right together!

Christmas Tree Festival



22nd-24th November

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

Sunday November 3rd

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

Thursday November 7th

7.30pm **Church Prayer Evening**

Remembrance Sunday Nov 10th

10-10.30am **Morning Service** led by Revd Freddy Farias-Palacios.
10.45am **Remembrance Service** at the War Memorial.

Saturday November 16th

8.30-10.30 **Christian Breakfast Meeting**, open to all
Domenica Refugee Support

Sunday November 17th

10.30am **Morning Service** led by Ian Banks, Elder.
Including Holy Communion.

Friday November 22nd

4-8pm **Christmas Tree Festival**

Saturday November 23rd

10am-4pm **Christmas Tree Festival**

Sunday November 24th

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

12-1.30pm **Christmas Tree Festival** last chance to vote for your
favourite tree!

Team Ben Hammond and Tenderden Christmas Cheer

These are the two local charities that donations from the Christmas Tree Festival will be sent to.

Team Ben Hammond supports screening to identify treatable heart problems in young people, set up in memory of a young local boy - who was also a member of Zion's Juicy Grapes. To date local screening sessions have found several teenagers who are now treated, and whose parents have been spared the devastation that sudden death brings.

Tenderden Christmas Cheer is an initiative by our local churches, in conjunction with the Big Wrap. Donations of money from church members, are used to buy Tesco food vouchers (which Tesco also supplements). These are given to officially identified struggling families and single people in our community, so that Christmas is made a little easier for them

Please pray for

- +our BMS missionaries Daniel & Regiane Clark in Peru
- +our Christmas Tree Festival
- +our Coffee Mornings
- +our youth activities



Global **week of prayer** for **MAF** and for those they serve.

3rd—10th November

We meet for prayer:

Sundays: 9.45-10.00, before Sunday service

Tuesdays: 10-12noon, church open for prayer

First Thursday of the month: 7.30pm, Church prayer evening



Gwen, Ken, Christine and Kirsty on holiday in Eastbourne with the 'Memory Café'



BMS Birthdays

11th Nov. Mrs Valerie Wood
21st Nov. Miss Kirsty Taylor-Black

BMS Secretary-Jackie Goodsell

CAMEO

Our Christmas lunch is on Saturday 7th December at 1 p.m. at Sandhurst Tea Rooms. Cost this year is £24 for 2 courses or £29 for 3 courses. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are able to come and also your choice of menu. I need to give final number to the restaurant by 15th November. Transport can be arranged.
Many thanks Valerie

Letter from our Elder

This week I have taken some time out to decorate our bathroom. Instead of rushing about as I often do I have had a little more time to pray and ponder. Into my mind came the first line of an old song, 'love is a many splendoured thing.' The writer added the 'ed' to fit his song.

Splendour is a delightful word and has a number of meanings: great or dazzling brightness, magnificence and grandeur. I believe all these things and so much more is included in God's love for you and for me.

The sermon I recently preached about God's love, our love for Him and loving our neighbours has been living with me ever since. The hymn 252 in Songs of Fellowship sums up God's love and our love.

IT IS A THING MOST WONDERFUL.
Almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own son should come from heaven
and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true,
He came to this poor world below,
and wept and toiled and mourned and died,
only because He loved us so.

I cannot tell how He could love,
a child so weak and full of sin,
His love must be most wonderful,
if He could die my love to win.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure
but 'tis more wonderful to see,
my love for Him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee Lord;
O light a flame within my heart,
and I will love thee more and more,
until I see thee as thou art.

There are many reasons why we love God - His love, mercy and grace - but in my mind this morning is God's amazing forgiveness recorded in

1 John 1 verses 7 and 9

'But if we walk in the light as He (Jesus) is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS, GOD'S SON PURIFIES US FROM ALL SIN. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from ALL unrighteousness.' Wonderful!

Jesus commands us to love our neighbours, rich or poor, pleasant or unpleasant and kind or unkind. We need to remember that Jesus told us that if we love Him we will obey His commands. Do we have a choice? With blessings and love, David

Youth activities

Juicy Grapes youth club: 6.30-8.30pm, 1st and 2nd Friday of the month, term time only

Rainbow Tots: parent and toddler group, Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30 term time only

Dates for your diary:

Sunday, 8th December at 10.30 am: Nativity Service, for families

Sunday, 15th December at 4pm: Carol Service at Zion

Thursday, 19th December at 3pm: Carol Service at Cedar Court

Thursday, 23rd January at 7.30pm: Church Members Meeting

17th-19th July 2020: Church Weekend Retreat at Northiam

Coffee Morning

Fridays, 10am-12noon
Come and enjoy a cup of
tea and a chat



Christian Breakfast Meeting

at Zion, open to all

Domenica Refugee
Support

Saturday, 16th Nov.
8.30-10.30

Church open for prayer

Tuesday mornings

Time: 10am-12noon

We need Helpers!

- sound desk
- Projector
- Sunday school

How to Grow in the Spiritual Life

Timothy Project

Our current teaching series reflects on the Book of Psalms.

The psalms were highly important in the spiritual life of Jesus. He committed many to memory and quoted them in conversations.

In our home groups we are discovering truths the Psalms are teaching us: if we follow their example of praise and prayer we will **grow in our own spiritual lives.**

Heard in our Pastor's sermon:

Prayer

"Tell God all that is in your heart
as one unloads one's heart, its pleasures and its pains, to a dear friend.

*Tell Him your troubles that He may comfort you;
Tell Him your joys that He may sober them;
Tell Him your longings that He may purify them;
Tell Him your dislikes that He may help you to conquer them;*

*Talk to Him of your temptations that He may shield you from them;
Show Him the wounds of your heart that He may heal them;
Lay bare your indifference to good, your depraved tastes for evil;
Tell Him how vanity tempts you to be insincere, how pride disguises you to yourself and others.*

Tell Him - He's your friend.

François Fénelon

The Big Wrap & Foodbank Appeal 2019

What We Do

We support families in the community to have an enjoyable Christmas who may be experiencing difficult times by providing gifts, festive items and food vouchers.

Fundraising

This is very much a community appeal as we fundraise in collaboration with St Mildred's and other local churches to provide food voucher and ask for donations of gifts for children up to the age of 19 and foodbank donations, including festive treat items.

Our fundraising is over several events held locally as well as the Tesco Bags of Help and Waitrose Community Scheme. Donations can be made directly to PayPal on our website www.thebigwrap.co.uk

Big Wrap Day Saturday 7th December at Highbury Hall

We will collate all gifts and Food Bank donations and welcome any further donations on the day to be brought to Highbury Hall from 11am. Wrapping will begin at 1pm.



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