



Zion Baptist Church
In the heart of Tenterden

Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2019

The Oasts, Northiam



Photo: Alan Clover

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 September 1st

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

Thursday September 5th

7.30pm **Church Prayer Evening**

Sunday September 8th

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

September 13th to 15th

Zion Church Retreat in Northiam

Saturday September 21st

8.30-10.30 **Men's Breakfast** speaker: Gehad Homsey
Mercy Ships Charity

Sunday September 22nd

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

Thursday September 26th

7pm **Harvest celebration** at Cedar Court

Sunday September 29th

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

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

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

Coffee Morning

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



Men's breakfast

Saturday, 21st September
8.30-10.30

Speaker: Gehad Homsey
Mercy Ships Charity

Zion Baptist Church
Tickets: Jeff Henderson

Please pray for our missionaries Daniel and Regiane in Peru

. Please pray for us as we continue to carry out courses on Social Action in different churches and associations.

. Please pray for us as we submit our visa paperwork for renewal.

. Peru is rivalling the UK in political turmoil as the President has proposed a referendum to anticipate parliamentary and presidential elections by a year. .

. Please pray that the country may experience wise leadership in these days.

Once again we continue to be grateful for all those who take the time to read our prayer letters and pray for us, we could not do what we do without your support.

. We are due to be in the UK for Home Assignment in June and July of next year and it would be great to meet up with as many as possible.

Missionary secretary: Jackie Goodsell



Christmas Tree Festival

You might not want to mention the 'C' word so early in the year, but preparations are already being made for the Tenterden Christmas shopping weekend, 22nd-24th November, 2019.

Our church has decided to hold Tenterden's second Christmas Tree Festival, following the success of last year's event, when over 800 people came into our church and had a taste of Christian love and fellowship from those helping: providing a welcome, music and refreshments.

Please will you **PRAY** for the event: for the church members organising it, for those groups in our town who are invited to enter a tree, for yourselves – how you might be able to respond and help when asked, and for our God to have the glory in it all. Reaching out in this way is a 'Frontline' for all of us, to help sow seeds of faith in all who come to see the trees.

Watch this space!

Suzanne Martin

Tenterden Memory Café



St Andrews Church Community Hall

Every Friday: 2pm - 4pm

An informal setting for people with memory problems or dementia, their family, friends and carers to meet in an informal setting for tea and cake.

Musical Memories

Highbury Hall

Every Tuesday: 1045am – 12md



Come and sing!

Not only will it be good fun, but singing is scientifically proven to promote good health and a feel-good factor. Refreshments will be provided.



Film Club

St Michael & All Angels Church

Held on the first Saturday of the month at 2pm

Northiam. A question of "Navel Gazing"or "Naval Duty"?

Looking at my diary today, I notice that in just four weeks from now we will be preparing ourselves for a weekend in the countryside.....not so special in that respect you might say, seeing that we already live in the countryside.

More special however as a key opportunity to meet with each other in fellowship, and more significantly with God in a new and vital manner, to which end, I suppose the question has to be....."What are we looking to find at Northiam this September that we cannot get in any other place of choice?"

No question about it, the fellowship will be great, and the staff feed us like aspiring Christmas turkeys, tea and coffee will flow like everlasting rivers, and the beds are pretty comfortable.....but in truth that's only a very small part of what we should be looking for.

Northiam represents an all too brief moment in our lives when we are able to step out of "the usual and the expected" and move to a place where we can set the business of the day to one side, and focus on God's different, broader and more meaningful agenda.

Spiritual Retreat should be comprised of moments of quiet reflection and thanksgiving for what God has done for us all, and how he has brought us to this place. Additionally, Retreat should represent the opportunity to engage in more purposeful thought, worship, prayer and learning, ultimately equipping us for the challenge that lies ahead, as we seek to serve God at Zion in a more appropriate manner.

All exciting stuff if we really mean to do business in Jesus name.

The booking of this event in September 2018, in faith believing that we would all attend with our Pastor actively appointed, has through God's grace been realised in full. On this evidence alone we should be in no doubt as to God's ability to supply our need, and accordingly we need to attend Northiam this year desiring to receive from God, understanding that He will do business with us in direct proportion to the amount of commitment we personally invest.

So, what's with the navel/naval stuff at the beginning?

In summary, if you thought you were joining a Cruise Liner for the

weekend in order to lounge in your swim wear on the rear deck in the sunshine, sipping your chilled Chablis and contemplating your navel, then you need to know that we are in fact all called to active duty on the forward deck as we prepare for a weekend of "spiritual training and manoeuvres".

I look forward to joining with you all on the thirteenth of September in order to pursue our joint quest to seek God's teaching and direction.

Every blessing,

Ian



Pray for...our weekend retreat in Northiam

Pray for...the Friday coffee morning, for opportunities to share God's Word

Pray for... Juicy Grapes youth club and Rainbow Tots back from Summer break, for children to hear about Jesus

Thank you

For a lovely
bring and share
lunch
at the
Bottrill's!



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