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| ALLERTON  CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH |



May 2019 Newsletter

Dear Friends

Recently we have celebrated Easter together, focusing on the death and resurrection of Jesus for our sakes. He took on Himself our sin, and died that we might have eternal life and be forgiven as we place our faith in Him and repent of our sins. Sadly Easter can also be a time when some of the very worst sermons are preached. Some people deny that Jesus physically rose from the dead, despite the fact that the Bible very clearly witnesses to this, as does the fact that many eyewitnesses died because of their faith in the risen Jesus.

The Apostle Paul, writing to the young pastor, Timothy, warns about those who teach such untruths. Have a look at 2 Timothy chapter 4, verses 1 to 8. Paul writes about a time ‘when people will not put up with sound doctrine… they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.’ (verse 3) Doctrine is basically just a fancy way of saying ‘teaching’, and to receive sound teaching we need to read and study the Scriptures. As we read the Bible the Holy Spirit will help us to understand what we need to know.

Some of the very worst false teachings can be seen on so-called ‘Christian television’. Some may deny the resurrection, while others make ridiculous claims that God wants everyone to be healthy and wealthy, despite the biblical example of suffering and sacrifice. Then there are the ‘myths’ that Paul refers to in verse 4 – such as those who claim to rebuke storms so that they can fly their own private jets when they want to. As others have said, either they’re telling lies or they’re the most uncaring people around, allowing many to die by not rebuking tropical storms and tsunamis!

How can we make sure that we don’t get taken in by any of this? First and foremost by opening the Bible, and reading it, as it is God’s Word. God has revealed to us in Scripture all that we need to know in order to live the right way. Through reading the Bible, prayer and Christian fellowship with one another we can walk together in Christ’s footsteps. As the author of the letter to the Hebrews puts it - let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecta of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

Yours, Fred.

Pulpit

May 5th Rev Fred Rich Communion Service

May 12th Rev David Muschamp

May 19th Rev Fred Rich

May 26th Trevor Hippey

Collection

March 31st £130.20

April 7th £ 87.20

April 14th £129.50

April 21st £118.50

Flowers

We are very grateful to the following friends who have kindly promised to provide flowers for the month of May 2019.

May 5th Mrs K Clough

May 12th Mrs Garrard & family

May 19th Mrs J Dibb

May 26th Mrs C Brook

Mrs S Hardy & Miss F Hardy will be responsible for arranging and distributing the flowers throughout this Month.

Ladies Circle

The Ladies Circle meeting in May will be a talk by Carole Brook about New York. All are welcome.

Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning is Saturday May 11th in aid of Christian Aid. The usual time of 10am – 12noon with £1 entry to include tea/coffee and biscuits. See you there.

Recent appeals

A further £25 has been sent for the Cyclone Idai appeal making a total of £80

For the Leprosy Mission Heal Nepal Appeal a further £151 has been sent bringing the total to £481.20, which under the Government UK Aid scheme increases the benefit to Leprosy Mission to £962.10 plus whatever was included under the Gift Aid Scheme taking the overall total in excess of £1000.

Many thanks for your generosity.

Annual General Meeting

This years AGM will be held following Sunday service at 1pm after a light lunch. There is a notice up with all the details. This is a change to the usual Wednesday evening meeting of previous years.

Every Sunday Family Service 10.30am

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