

# HORAM CHAPEL



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## Chris Writes

With The summer over and Christmas fast approaching, many people are taking a moment to breathe and recover. In a world that can be so busy, or it certainly seems to feel that way, we are offered a variety of methods to take time out - from spa days to walks along the South Downs. As a family we enjoy walks in the woods or along the seafront. When we're really busy or the weather is bad, a nice movie afternoon at home can be just the ticket. The options are endless.

However as a Christian I believe taking time out is more than that; I believe in a God who eagerly seeks us to take time out with Him.

Psalm 46 v10 says "Be still and know that I am God." So often we find ourselves needing to take time out after a very busy week or month or conditions of stress. As a believer these are the times I cling on to God all the more, and in that time of rest and prayer I know that whatever my own plans are my God, the God of Heaven and Earth, knows me and has a plan for me.

There may be times I don't understand that plan, or even agree with it, but God calls us all to take a little time to get to know him; to rest with him, to trust him in everything. That in itself is counter-cultural, isn't it? We live in a society that likes to be in control, to be masters of our own destiny. However, those times when I have held on to God, taken time out with Him, those have been the times where I have seen him at work in my life so much more than at any other time.

So as we prepare for Christmas, remembering the birth of Jesus, let's take a little time, maybe utter a prayer, and give God a chance and see what amazing plan he has for us. Amen.

Just  Think

**Silver and gold are purified by fire, but God purifies hearts.**

Proverbs 17:3 (The Living Bible)



# Bernard's Gardening Tips



for November

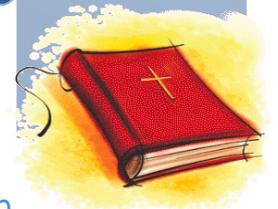
- The "great Autumn sort out" can be as satisfying as a "Spring clean". Any summer damage can be repaired and your garden got ready for the cold weather.
- Remove moss and thatch from the lawn by regular raking.
- After raking, repair worn or missing patches by sprinkling over lawn seed.
- When summer bedding is removed, replace with winter bedding plants such as winter pansies and violas.
- Plant tulip bulbs for a Spring display next year.
- Prune shrub roses to about a foot to an outward facing bud.
- Remember to keep bird feeders and water containers topped up to attract birds into the garden.



## Window on the Bible

### Ezekiel

I am not at all qualified to try and explain the mysterious visions in this momentous book, but Chapter 36:26 echoes Jeremiah's insight into the new birth which makes someone a Christian. Ezekiel passes on God's word in this way: "And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart"<sup>1</sup>.



To the God-fearing prophet this must have stood out in shining contrast to the stubborn, godless and faithless condition of Judah and Israel that had led to their being in exile. The image of a stony, stubborn heart also describes the natural condition of each and every one of us who has yet to experience the new birth referred to by Jesus<sup>2</sup>. ("The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?")<sup>3</sup>

Regarding Ezekiel himself, he was a priest who went into exile in 597 BC. His name means either the strength of God, or strengthened by God. He served during the same time as Jeremiah and Daniel. He doesn't refer to Jeremiah, but mentions Daniel three times (Ezekiel 14:14, 14:20, 28:3). He prophesied over a period of about 20 years (Ezekiel 1:2 and 29:17).\* ~ **Pete B**

<sup>1</sup> New Living Translation

<sup>2</sup> John 3:3

<sup>3</sup> Jeremiah 17:9

\*Enduring Word Bible Commentary

# Hymn Time



1. There is a Name I love to hear,  
I love to speak its worth;  
It sounds like music in my ear,  
The sweetest Name on earth.

### Refrain:

Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Because He first loved me!

2. It tells me of a Saviour's love,  
Who died to set me free;  
It tells me of His precious blood,  
The sinner's perfect plea.

3. It tells of One whose loving heart  
Can feel my deepest woe;  
Who in each sorrow bears a part  
That none can bear below.

4. It bids my trembling heart rejoice;  
It dries each rising tear;  
It tells me, in a "still small voice"  
To trust and never fear.

5. Jesus, the Name I love so well,  
The Name I love to hear:  
No saint on earth its worth can tell,  
No heart conceive how dear.

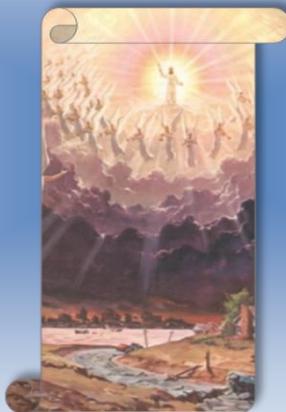
Frederick Whitfield (1829-1904)

## Do Not Fear

by Hannah-Carin Bauer

1) Do not worry, do not fear  
I will always be right here  
I will wipe away your tears  
So do not fear, child  
Do not fear

2) I will love you every day  
I will save you, come what may  
And I will dry your every tear  
So do not worry  
Do not fear



3) You are Mine, I am yours  
For you, My child, I'll open doors  
And I will dry your every tear  
So do not worry  
Do not fear



4) I will come, riding on clouds  
With the last trumpet, oh so loud  
And I will wipe away your tears  
So do no worry  
Do not fear

5) I am coming soon, please hear  
I am coming soon; I am near  
Look up, look up; look up for Me  
For I come to take you to eternity

## Just Think



Dear friends, we are God's children now. But it has not yet been shown to us what we are going to be. We know that when He comes again we will be like Him because we will see Him as He is.

1 John 3:2 (New Life Version)

# What's Going On This Month?

Sundays

10.30am Morning Service  
including Communion

Mondays\*

2pm Toddler Group

Wednesdays

(not the 22nd)

7.30pm Prayer and Bible Study  
at 9 Millbrook Close

Thursdays\*

7pm to 9.30pm



Fridays\*

9am Bible Study

6pm Treasure Seekers  
(Reception to Year 4)

7.15pm BiF  
(Years 5 to 7)

(\*Term-time only)

# Sunday Speakers & Themes

5th November

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

How can I be sure of God's approval?

Chris Roche

12th November

(including Toby's baptism)

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

How can I be sure of God's people?

Erik Cornelisse

19th November

2 Thessalonians Chapter 1

How can I be sure I will go to heaven?

Chris Roche

26th November

2 Thessalonians Chapter 2

How can I be sure of God's power?

Charles Earwicker

# And ...

Men's Curry  
Night

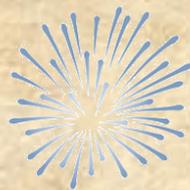


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# Also ...



Friday 3rd  
Fireworks Party  
Coldharbour Meadows

Monday 20th @ 7.30pm  
Horam Prayer Group



Saturday Morning the 25th  
Christmas Sale



Saturday 11th  
Ladies' Curry Night (see Sarah)