

# HORAM CHAPEL

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## New Year's Resolutions

Every year around 50% of the UK population set New Year's resolutions. However of the 50% around half again will most likely not be able to keep to them.

So why? Why do we try? I believe at our heart we all have a desire to better ourselves in some way or another, to learn a new skill, to get fitter or to be more proficient at something - whatever drives that desire. It's a part of who we are - but we are prone to fail, life takes over, and time disappears.

Every year I say to myself that I'd like to spend more time reading the scriptures and in prayer, but why is this limited to one particular time of year? As a believer, God invites me to know him through his word and prayer, to understand his love for me and his will for my life; but if I'm struggling to find time for that and I get it wrong I don't need to wait until a particular time of the year to renew that commitment.

This year once again my desire is to know God more; maybe this is your desire too? Or maybe this is something that is new to you? Whatever the case, we don't have to wait for New Year's Day to make that commitment. God is always waiting, day in and day out, ready to hear from us - to hear those words "OK, let's go"!

If this is something you'd like to do more of, here is a link to a friend's web site. They're doing a daily reading programme of the entire bible over 2 years, 5 sessions a week, so there's chance to catch up if you miss one and it only takes about 10 minutes a day - all emailed to you.

Check it out and maybe this year's resolution might be one that sticks for life:

<https://twotenbible.blogspot.co.uk> ~ Chris



We are very grateful to **Erik Cornelisse** for all the compassion and enthusiasm he has shown in leading Connect over the past 4 years, but due to new commitments in working for the Lord in Eastbourne Erik had to tender his resignation effective the end of December.

However, we know that Erik would readily acknowledge that Connect is not built around him, and so – seamlessly – the leadership is now in the hands of team Stefan and Alice.



## The Year Ahead For Connect

As we look forward to the new year, we are excited for all the opportunities we will encounter as we take on the leadership of Connect.

We both have backgrounds of working with children and young people, both within the church setting and in education. This has helped to nurture our love for leading young people to God and showing them the love that they can experience from knowing the Bible. It will be a real privilege to do this weekly within Connect and to watch these young people grow in their knowledge, faith and confidence.

Our vision for the year ahead is to expand Connect through encouraging the young people who already attend to invite their friends to come along and through creating community links such as working with local charities and events to get our names and faces known in the local area.

We would also like to organise Connect so that it is a meaningful group where the young people can build life skills, serve the community and have fun with their friends, all whilst developing their faith.

Please remember us and the whole Connect group as we move into the new year. Please pray that we settle into this new role well and build meaningful relationships with the young leaders and the young people. We look forward to a fun-filled, action packed year ahead of us



~ Alice & Stefan



## Bernard's Gardening Tips



for January

- This month might be the middle of Winter, but as the days lengthen the garden begins to grow.
- On a bright sunny day check that stakes, ties and supports are still in place after any severe weather.
- Dig over any vacant plot that has not already been dug.
- Clean pots and greenhouse ready for Spring.
- Prune apple and pear trees.
- Indoor cacti need very little water in Winter months. Keep them barely moist until Spring when they will need extra water and feed to start them into flowering.
- Remember to keep putting out feed and water for birds.



# Hymn Time



**Blessed assurance - Jesus is mine!**  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

**Fanny J Crosby (1820 – 1915)**



Fanny Crosby was an American mission worker, poet, lyricist, and composer. Despite being blind from shortly after her birth, she was one of the most prolific hymn writers ever - writing more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs (with more than 100 million copies printed)! She was known as the "Queen of Gospel Song Writers". By the end of the 19th century hers was a household name. She was also known for her teaching and work with people in poverty. Amazing!

The annual Christmas Coffee Morning & Sale raised £242.53 for **tearfund**. Many thanks to Gill for organising the event, and to everyone who helped by baking, donating non-food items, serving teas and coffees, spending their money for a good cause – or in any other way! The amount raised will be doubled under a current government scheme.

## Jesus Said

The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;

John 11:25-26 (New International Version)

## What's Going On This Month?

Sundays  
10.30am Morning Service  
including Communion

Mondays\*  
2pm Toddler Group

Wednesdays  
(not the 17th)  
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)

## Also ...

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>  
Quiz Night with Christchurch  
7.30pm @ Wessons

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Prayer after the service

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm  
Horam Prayer Group



## Sunday Speakers & Themes

7th January  
Prayer 1: Luke 11:1-13  
Mark Evetts

14th January  
Prayer 2: 2 Timothy 1-7  
Chris Roche

21st January  
Prayer 3: John 17:1-26  
Erik Cornelisse

28th January  
Engage 1: Matthew 5:13-16  
Martin Povey

## Finally ...

Huge thanks to Sarah for organising and working so hard on the Christmas In A Box appeal!



... a message from a church somewhere else ...



## and Jesus Said ...

*I am the way, the truth, and the life.  
No-one can come to the Father except  
through me.*

*John 14:6 (New Living Translation)*