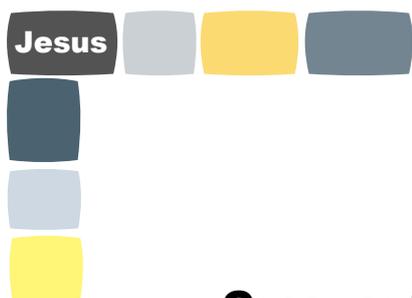


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"The Church is back in the building"

I read with interest the words printed below from a Scottish Christian to an American colleague the day after the first world war was declared. in July 1914. Here we are 106 years later facing a very different enemy a microscopic virus that is killing people all over the world. And in our country the response even in the church has been one of fear and worry. At the end of the book of Hebrews we read "Yet once more I shake not only the earth but also heaven" it's good to remind ourselves that " we are receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken" How long will it be before we come back to our God

It is impossible yet to take in the meaning of this terrible blow . Our deepest need... is to continue to have faith in God, and to believe that not even human sin and madness can ultimately defeat His purpose of love for the world.

I am sure that the first feeling in all our hearts must be one of penitence and contrition. We need not trouble about the distribution of responsibility. We need to get behind that to the fundamental fact that Christian Europe has departed so far from God and rejected so completely the rule of Christ that a catastrophe of this kind is possible.

It may be that in God's sight the Christian nations were spiritually incapable of the tasks awaiting them in the non-Christian world, and that they had to be purified by the discipline of suffering. Everything will be lost if we fail in deep humility to learn the lessons which God desires to teach the Church. Unless we see how utterly God has been forgotten and denied in national life, nothing lies before us but a calamity which will set back the progress of the world for generations. If that lesson can be learned, there may come to the Church a moral rebirth and a fresh accession of moral energy which will outweigh the diminution of material resources which will be inevitable. It is on this thought, I believe, that we must try to focus the attention of Christian people

We need to bow in deep humility before God, beseeching Him to show us things of which we had never dreamed, and to make us willing to be led along paths of which we at present have no conception. This surely is something which we must seek for ourselves, and endeavour to help others to seek

We forget so soon and we don't learn the lessons of the past





THE CHRISTIAN
INSTITUTE

Our missionary giving for November through to December will be towards the work of Christian Ins

The Christian Institute exists for the furtherance and promotion of the Christian religion in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

The Christian Institute is a nondenominational Christian charity committed to upholding the truths of the Bible. We are supported by individuals and churches throughout the UK.

We believe that the Bible is the supreme authority for all of life and we hold to the inerrancy of Scripture. We are committed to upholding the sanctity of life from conception.

We would ask you to prayerfully consider this valuable work that we as church support there is quite a lot of information around in the coffee lounge please take some and read up on the valuable work that this organisation does on behalf of the Christian community



We will beat
leprosy together

Leprosy has been eradicated in Europe but is still a major health problem in developing countries. The stamps you save can be turned into money by selling them to stamp collectors.

Leprosy can affect people's hands, feet, face and eyelids. If treated early it can be cured, but social stigma often stops people from seeking help.

The work of LEPRO. With their trained teams of paramedics and health workers, LEPRO Health in Action seeks out and treats those affected, enabling them to care and provide for themselves. A course of pills, Multi-Drug Therapy, cures most patients in six months and the more infectious patients within one year. If treatment is started early, deformities and disabilities can be prevented, and social stigmatisation avoided. For those already disabled by Leprosy, LEPRO's staff teach how to prevent the worsening of these disabilities and reconstructive surgery is becoming more widely available. Hands that have become clawed can be straightened and a simple operation can save a person's sight.

It cost around £21 to help cure one person from Leprosy.

Thank you for all the stamps you collect and place in the box in the foyer.

Speakers for November at Cornerstone

Nov 1st Speaker Stuart Howarth,
subject No Idols

Nov 8th Speaker Stuart Howarth
Subject Remembrance Sunday

Nov 15th Speaker Rodger Armitage

Nov 22nd Speaker Rodger Armitage

Nov 29th Speaker David Lindsay

No Communion this month



MISSIONARY GIVING

Giving

Supporting Ministry and Mission

The missionary organisation we supported for the July to September quarter was Caring for Life, and because of your generous giving, we have been able to send them £1,131.84. The missions we support are always so grateful for your financial support, but also for your prayer support which means so much to them. They always ask that their grateful thanks are passed on to the church.

We have also recently sent additional gifts from church funds to each of the missions we support to help them in their work during this Coronavirus

pandemic, and again, those gifts have been gratefully received and they value your continued prayer support.

Thank you again, God bless, Audrey



**To Jesus
In a disconnected World**

5 Studies in Colossians

On the big screen

By **Steve Brady**

At Cornerstone Church, St Johns Walk, off Brett street, Bridlington. YO164 HJ

Final study, Wednesday 4th November at 10-30 am. Places are limited so booking is essential to book your place text or call Stuart on 07467024552

Praying together at Cornerstone



Our Saturday morning Prayer meetings will be re-starting on November 7th starting at 9.15 a.m. And then on the first Saturday of each month



We will meet until around 10.00 am for around 45 minutes. If ever there was a need for God's people to get together to plead for our Nation and the wider world it is now

God is looking for people who want to be serious about their faith and their commitment to seeing people young and old saved and brought into His family in these desperate days

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

Romans 8:35

This article by John Piper , on planning for prayer was part of my prayer time a few weeks ago on my “prayer mate” app.

I find it really challenging, I don't think that many Christian finds prayer easy and a delight at the beginning of each day, If you are like me you are impatient to get on with the day and work through your list of stuff that needs doing. Yet what could be more important than spending time with God our Saviour and discover what He would have us spend out energies on?

You can find more articles by John Piper at the web sites at the bottom of the page.



Plan for Prayer

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. . . . These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” (John 15:7–8, 11)*

Prayer pursues joy in fruitful fellowship with Jesus, knowing that God is glorified when we bear fruit in answer to prayer. Why do God's children so often fail to have consistent habits of happy, fruitful prayer? Unless I'm badly mistaken, one of the reasons is not so much that we don't want to, but that we don't plan to. If you want to take a four-week vacation, you don't just get up one summer morning and say, “Hey, let's go today!” You won't have anything ready. You won't know where to go. Nothing has been planned. But that is how many of us treat prayer. We get up day after day and realize that significant times of prayer should be a part of our life, but nothing is ready.

We don't know where to go. Nothing has been planned. No time. No place. No procedure. And we all know that the opposite of planning is not a wonderful flow of deep, spontaneous experiences in prayer. The opposite of planning is the same old rut.

If you don't plan a vacation, you will probably stay home and watch TV. The natural, unplanned flow of spiritual life sinks to the lowest ebb of vitality. There is a race to be run and a fight to be fought. If you want renewal in your life of prayer, you must **plan** to see it.

Therefore, my simple exhortation is this: Let us take time this very day to rethink our priorities and how prayer fits in. Make some new resolve. Try some new venture with God. Set a time. Set a place. Choose a portion of Scripture to guide you. Don't be tyrannized by the press of busy days. We all need midcourse corrections. Make this a day of turning to prayer — for the glory of God and for the fullness of your joy.

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