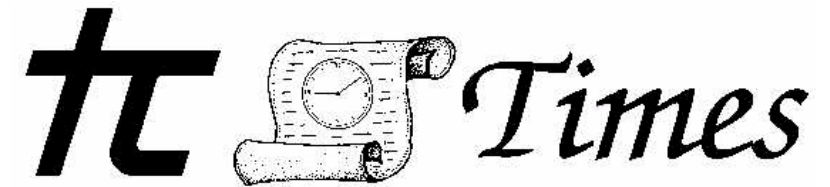


Sermon Notes

Theme:

Points:



Therfield Chapel Times - Sunday 7th December 2008

Welcome to Therfield Chapel

10:00am **Sunday Breakfast**
Topical discussion.
Study led by Peter Titterton.

6:30pm **Evening Service**
Revelation chapter 18.
Speaker: Andrew Carter.

Notices for TC Times

If you have a notice for TC Times,
please inform the editor by 10pm on
Thursday evening.

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	Steward	Greeting	Tea & Coffee
This week	Owen	Owen	Rose
Next week	Danny	Danny	Linda

Diary for the week commencing 7th December

Sunday	After the evening service	There is no 'At Home' at Paul and Ruth's tonight.
Tuesday	1:30pm	Ladies Keep Fit at Royston Evangelical Church.
	8:00pm	Prayer Meeting at the Manse.
Wednesday	7:30pm	Party for the younger youth club between 7.30 pm and 9.00p.m.
Sunday	10:00am	Sunday Breakfast followed by Family Christmas Service at the Chapel.
	10:30am	Morning Service at Barkway Chapel.
	11:15am	Morning Service at Royston Evangelical Church.
	6:30pm	Evening Service at the Chapel. Revelation chapter 19. Speaker: Paul Zanreps.

Prayer Meeting

All are welcome to join the Prayer Meeting on Tuesday at 8pm in the Manse.

Prayer Chain

To place a request to the Prayer Chain please contact Jo Whitehead.

Christmas Events

Family Christmas Service

at 10:00 a.m. - Sunday 14th December 2008

"Three Wise Men"

Breakfast at 10:00 as usual, followed by a special Family-orientated Christmas Service from 10:30 to 11:30, led by Paul Rydon. Together we shall explore the real meaning of Christmas and the role of the 'three wise men'.

Carol Singing around Therfield village

Thursday 18th December 2008

Starting out at 7pm from the Chapel and followed, as usual, by mince pies and mulled wine at the Rectory.

Evening Carol Service

at 6:30 p.m. - Sunday 21st December 2008

The annual Christmas Carol service will be led by the Pastor, Andrew Carter, leading the whole church in the celebration of the birth of Christ.

Christmas Eve Midnight Candle-light Carol Service

Wednesday 24th December 2008

Preceded by mince pies and coffee from around 10:30 p.m. followed by the Midnight service from 11:30 led by Paul Zanreps. A celebration to welcome in the birth of Christ.

Christmas Morning Service

at 11:00 a.m. - Thursday 25th December 2008

The Christmas morning service will be led by Andrew Cannon, to welcome in the day and give gifts and greetings to each other.

New Year Party

Saturday 10th January 2009

The party will run from 7 pm to 10 pm.

TC Sermon Series

Copies of Andrew Carter's sermons based on Revelation 14 and Revelation 16 are available at the back of the Chapel. Tapes of the evening services are also available in the library.



Training for Crisis Pregnancy Counselling 2009

Many women face the deeply traumatic situation of finding themselves unexpectedly pregnant. Often they face making life changing decisions alone, or without a clear explanation about their options. We at Choice offer a supportive environment in which a woman can discuss her situation, the options available, and the implications of each option. She can then come to a well-informed decision of her own choice about the pregnancy.

In order to provide an excellent standard of counselling, and to enable Choice to expand the service that we offer the public, we are looking for more advisors to undergo training in crisis pregnancy counselling. This involves 16 training sessions, and will cost £90. We are planning to begin it in January 09.

Each applicant will be given an interview at the beginning and end of the training. References will be taken up, and a trainee will need to be known in his/her church. (Male advisors are welcome). A current CRB certificate will be required before counselling begins.

Please contact Julie Harvey to request more information.

The Christmas Party

The elders and I met recently to think about this year's Christmas party. Following the Members' Meeting last month, we became aware that there are a number of differing visions about the purpose of the party and how it should be organised.

After considerable thought we have decided to make the focus of the event one of trying to build bridges to children from the youth club and their parents. One of the real achievements of the chapel is that we have a large number of young people who enter our doors each Wednesday night. I think that we need to be creative in the way in which we seek to build relationships with them and their parents. I am aware that this is not everyone's vision, but since we had a number of children attend last year, I think the Christmas party is a good opportunity build bridges to them - but this time (hopefully) accompanied by their parents (it will be a child and parent event rather than one where we nanny their kids for them!). In terms of practicalities, we are going to ring up as many parents as we can and invite them to the party with their children. Hopefully we will get quite a few to attend. This means that we as the church will need to be there to socialise and take time to chat to parents. Half the battle we face as Christians is showing people that we are not as weird as is often thought and that we can have fun; a forum like this can really help. Even if such a vision is not to your taste, I would ask that you come and support it. If we all pray about it, get behind it and give it our best shot we might be surprised at what could happen – and we can all have a fun along the way!

If you want to discuss any of this, please come and chat to me.

Thanks,
The Pastor