



Anniversaries...

Some bring happy memories - others can have a somber tinge.

The coalition's first anniversary has passed. Much has changed since the media reports of David Cameron and Nic Clegg's obvious ease with each other in the rose garden at Number 10 Downing Street just over a year ago.

On June 18th we celebrate the Chapel's 227th Anniversary. Things were so different in 1784 to now! It would be eight years before gas lighting was introduced. Electricity would follow eight years after that. Candle holders, still to be seen inside the Chapel building, give a clue about one form of illumination in those days!

The Chapel's mode of artificial lighting has changed over the years, but the source of spiritual light is unalterable. God has given us the Bible to teach us about Himself and show us how we can know Him. The first gathering in the new premises (back in 1784) would have heard the same important message as we proclaim today.

The gravestones in the Chapel grounds remind us that our life on earth is temporary. The Bible reveals that death is not the end - judgment will follow. I would find this an awful prospect if God had not given the comforting message which we gladly pass on: *God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

God refers to the danger of perishing - and the wonderful plan He devised to deal with this terrible problem. All of us have sinned. God is holy so our sin **must** be dealt with. But instead of punishing us - God sent His Son, the Lord Jesus, to bear our sins and receive our sentence. This is why Jesus died on a cross. The good news is that if we believe in Him, instead of being judged, we will have eternal life.

This is God's glorious message. A year from now we'll be glad that it still stands. We would love you to join us not only for the Anniversary but at any of our services. Please come!

Sincerely,

George Rabey - Pastor



Five Ash Down Chapel 1784 - 2011

Anniversary Services

Chapel's 227th & Pastor's 10th Anniversary Services

Saturday 18th June, 2011 @ 3pm & 6pm

Guest Speaker - Mr Dick Saunders (Hailsham)

All are welcome

Tea provided between the services

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Five Ash Down Chapel Services

Sunday services are at 11.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Sundays 11 a.m. to 12 noon Good News Group
(Children 3 years and over)

Thursdays 7.30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study