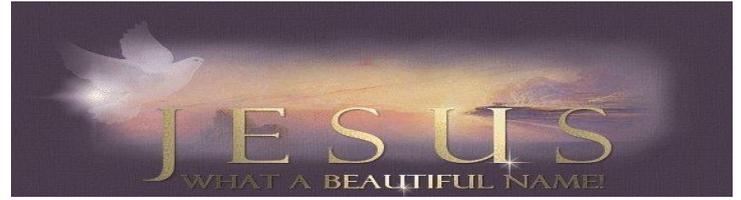




WELCOME: We are here to celebrate God's Love and share with others the GOOD NEWS of



Newsletter:

Sunday 10th July 2022

A special welcome if you are worshipping with us for the first time

Sunbeams

Helpers Required

Are you able to give an hour of your time on Wednesday mornings, between 10:30 & 11:30?

This is not a regular commitment, Debbie and Jackie just need a few dates on the rota covered.

Assistance Required: -

Setting up
Serving drinks and biscuits
Clearing away

If you think you can help, please contact Debbie or Jackie via email
debjohnbaker@aol.com
jackietester@yahoo.co.uk
or have a quick chat after the service 😊



Some of you may not know this, but Fred is currently filling in the 'Minister's Jottings' slot until a new Pastor is appointed. So, Thank you Fred. This is the July Article.

Fred's thoughts - Can a Christian fight in a war?

It is interesting to reflect on how many times people purporting to be Christians go to war. We even have an example where Ukraine with a substantial Christian population is fighting and killing its enemy the Russian people (probably with Christians on the Russian side!). Christians fighting Christians and killing each other. How can God allow this? Did Jesus say whether this is right or could ever be right and where is there anything in the Bible to guide us in answering these difficult questions?

In his prophecies of the Last Things, Jesus spoke of the wars of the future. He said that nation would rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, that wars and rumours of wars would be heard of, that Judaea would be devastated, Jerusalem besieged and taken by the gentiles, and the Temple defiled and destroyed.

He obviously understood the horror of war, but did he instruct us to not fight? Did he tell us to turn away from killing our fellow man and to love our enemy? PTO

Need a Friend: That's us at URC.

Whatever you need, whether its practical help, prayer or just a chat.

Contact us, on one of the numbers below.

Secretary
Marshall Clements Tel: 863285

For Hall booking
Jackie Tester Tel: 862060

The great series of western holy wars were the Crusades, which lasted from 1095 until 1291 CE. The Christians set out to recapture the sacred places in the Holy Land from the Muslims who lived there, so it was intended as a war to right wrongs done against Christianity. But some will say that the Muslims worship the same God as the Christians. Why therefore did they need to take these holy places from the Muslims? The first Crusade was started by Pope Urban II in 1095. He raged at the capture of the holy places and the treatment given to Christians and ordered a war to restore Christianity. He said that the war would have the support of God: But did the Muslims also look to the same god to keep the 'infidels' from their sacred places.

In Ecclesiastes 3 *'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. What does the worker gain from his toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on men.'*

But what does this mean. God speaking through his prophets and through his son acknowledges that there will be wars and that man will kill. But is he allowing this to happen? Is he saying that wars can be just? Some people who follow the God who is father of our Christ believe there is such a thing as a just war. They believe that it is justified to kill those who do not believe in our God or who denigrate our God. In the past many Christians believed it was justifiable to kill those they saw as heretics or to wage war on those who believe that Jesus was a prophet and not the son of God as was the case in the Crusades. Many people throughout time have blood on their hands in the name of God and Jesus.

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Order of Service: 9:30am Sunday July 10th

Speaker: Sharon Badman-Bourrel

Worship Leaders: Alistair Caufield – Duty Elder: Alistair Caufield

Welcome: & Notices: Alistair

Call to Worship followed by The Lord's Prayer: Alistair

Praise: Come Now is the Time to Worship

All age Talk Sharon

Children leave – “May the lord be with you” – and also with you.”

Sermon including songs and poem: 2x songs during the sermon

Poem 1 - followed by song: 'Light of the World

Poem 2 – followed by song 'Cornerstone'

Available on our website: www.wringtonchapel.com

Prayers of Intercession: Alistair

Communion Tony

Praise: How Great Thou Art

Blessing

