



June 2022

Five Ash Down Chapel has been in the village since 1784. I wish I could watch a video of what life was like here then! I can't even imagine life in 1917 the year Doris was born - Doris was our most elderly church member until April 12th.

Doris had been a regular attender of services since she was a teenager. From the age of 16 she would walk or cycle from Lewes each Sunday with a packed lunch, joining a great number of people who met together to worship the Lord in those days. She later lived in Five Ash Down for many years, then Framfield, whilst for the final months of her long life Doris was in a lovely retirement home in Tunbridge Wells.

I had the privilege of knowing Doris for over 20 years. She was in a deep sleep when I saw her for the last time on Tuesday 12th of April. I reminded her how she still belonged to God's family meeting at the Chapel even though she could no longer meet with the rest of us. I reminded her of our wonderful Saviour who died to save us. I opened her Bible to read comforting words - words which she knew and loved so much - Psalm 23 "The Lord is my Shepherd". As I was speaking to her, I suddenly realised that she was no longer with me... she had gone, and I had no doubt where she had gone! She had gone to heaven. A moment later her daughter Pamela came - the home had phoned her to say that her lovely mother was very near the end of her life on earth. Pam had been a wonderful support to her Mum - always lovely flowers for Doris to look at, and week by week Pam would read the Bible passages and hymns we'd had at our Sunday services.

At the Thanksgiving Service for Doris' life, we sang the lovely hymn she had chosen to begin the service. The words which are on the next page express the wonderful certainty Doris had - the Lord Jesus had suffered the penalty for her sin, so it was "well with her soul". She had peace with God. She was certain about her life after death, she knew God would "whisper His peace" to her soul. She was completely certain Jesus Christ died for her, that He took her punishment. This is why He was crucified.

Doris is with the Lord in heaven. We continue to live here on earth until the day God calls us to our eternal destination. Our prayer is that many people in the area who have never yet experienced the peace Doris had will come to know and love the Lord Jesus as well.

We would love to see you at the Chapel - please join us whenever you can and be assured of a very warm welcome!

George Rabey (Pastor)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought!-
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

But Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;
O trump of the angel! O voice of the Lord!
Blessèd hope, blessèd rest of my soul!

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

Sundays 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon Good News Group

(Children 3 years and over)

Thursdays 7.30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting



Five Ash Down Chapel

1784 - 2022

Anniversary Services

Chapel's 238th & Pastor's 21st Anniversary Services

Saturday 18th June, 2022 @ 3pm & 6pm

Guest Speaker - Pastor John Cowley

All are welcome

Refreshments provided between the services