

Sunday 9th
April 2017

Hosanna!


BATTLE
BAPTIST
CHURCH

Living life to the full...

It must be me, but it seems only a very short time ago, that we celebrated Christmas – and now we are looking towards Easter!

The baby in the manger has grown into the crucified Son of God. Christmas appears to be widely celebrated by everyone. Easter though is looked on more as a holiday time, a break from school and work, a time to get out into the garden - nothing to do with Jesus.

For Christians around the world, it should be so much more than that. I always find it exhilarating to know that on Easter Sunday, millions of Christians around the world are singing out the same message – **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Hallelujah.** Doesn't that thrill your heart?

It is a celebration time – a time for rejoicing – because of the cross, because of putting our faith in the risen Lord Jesus, we can be set free from our sins, we can be in a wonderful, close and personal relationship with God, the Creator and Redeemer of the whole world. Wow!

We need to pray for the millions of Christians in so many countries around the world, who are not free to share their faith, and who are living in fear of being found out, arrested/put in jail/ and or shot. Some mothers I know are frightened in case one of their children let it be known that their parents are Christian.

For me, that just underlines how important it is that we share the gospel of Jesus here in this town, as well as in the country. It is so easy to feel comfortable, to sit back and do nothing – or to say, “I'm all right Jack – I am too old, or too young, to do all of that - let somebody else do it!” Complacency can be a very real disease.

Satan does not hold back - neither should we. In the name of Jesus, we have the victory - Christ died that we might have life – so let's live it to the full.

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Bringing Life to the Heart of 1066 Country, and beyond

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Don't give the enemy any room. Let's keep our eyes on Jesus.

I believe that God is giving all Christians in the world today, a very real wake-up call, to go out and share the good news of Jesus.

Let's be determined to not allow our comfort or our apathy to win the day.

Remember - this is true - God loves you - Jesus died and rose again for you - **your whole life is important to God** - every moment of it.

Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again, Hallelujah!

Yours in Christ

Francis Willoughby

News, notes and prayer-opportunities

- Everyone is warmly welcome to enjoy a **bluebell walk** on Saturday 22nd April, midday onwards (short/medium/long walks available). Starting from Gillian Scollay's house: 9 Fieldway, Broad Oak, Brede (bluebells are adjacent to garden). There will be a running BBQ or buffet (depending on the weather) and donations will be welcomed towards Battle Baptist Church's outreach to refugees.
- The **Tuesday prayer for healing group** takes a break for a couple of weeks over Easter. They next meet on 18th April. Any prayer requests in the meantime should go through Francis or the office.
- Start training now for the BBB10k Sunday 3rd September. From April 19th **Battle Baptist Runners** will be completing a gentle couch to 5k programme and then progressing to 10k for those who wish to continue. This programme is suitable for people who have little or no running experience. For more details contact Esther on 07892 877405.
- The BBFC **Premier Travel Cup Final** that was being played tomorrow has been postponed. Details to follow.
- On Thursday 20th April at 1.15pm there will be a service at Hastings Crematorium followed by a thanksgiving service here for the life of **Colin Beadle**
- Everyone is welcome to the **Good Friday Lunch** at the Senlac. Pick up a booking form today.
- There are lots of activities and events you won't want to miss this week. Take a look at "**What's on this week**" for details.
- **Dennis** is preaching at Pevensey Bay this morning and would value our prayers.

What's on this week...

Easter Holidays - Holy Week

In line with local schools we are taking a break from some of our usual activities. Please note carefully the schedule for next week.

Sunday, April 9th. ● 8am Breakfast in the Manna House. ● 8.20am: Pre-meeting Prayers in the prayer room. ● 8.45am Chapel Gathering and communion plus Youth Group. ● 10am Refreshments in the Manna House. ● 10.20am: Pre-meeting Prayers in the prayer room. ● 10.45am Chapel Gathering plus Sunday Club and Creche. ● 5pm Informal Worship in the Chapel with Creche, Sunday Club and Youth Group. Refreshments from 4.30pm and after the service.

Monday, April 10th. ● 8am: **Early Morning Prayers** at St Mary's Church. ● 10-11.30am: **Clothing Exchange**. Bring clean, good quality clothes and books suitable for babies, children or adults and take away anything you can use.

Tuesday, April 11th. ● 8am: **Early Morning Prayers** at St Mary's Church. ● 6.30pm **OpenDoors** Lent Course. ● 8pm: **Film Night** "Man Dancin'" cert 15. Bring your own snacks, drinks provided.

Wednesday, April 12th. ● 8am: **Early Morning Prayers** at St Mary's Church. ● 10-3pm: **Arts and Craft** in the Manna House. £1.50 bring a packed lunch. ● 5-6pm: **BBFC Youth training**. ● 6pm: **BBFC training** at Claverham 3g. ● 7pm: **Battle Baptist Runners** meet at the church.

Maundy Thursday, April 13th. ● 8am: **Early Morning Prayers** at St Mary's Church. ● 8pm: **Maundy Thursday** gathering in the Chapel.

Good Friday, April 14th. ● 8.45am: **Good Friday** gathering in the chapel. ● 10am: **Marbles Matches** on the Green. 11am: **Walk of Witness** starts from Emmanuel Centre after refreshments at 11am, via St Mary's finishing in the Manna House with Hot Cross buns. 12.30pm: **Lunch at the Senlac**.

Easter Sunday, April 16th. ● 8am Breakfast in the Manna House. ● 8.20am: Pre-meeting Prayers in the prayer room. ● 8.45am Chapel Gathering plus Youth Group. ● 10am Refreshments in the Manna House. ● 10.20am: Pre-meeting Prayers in the prayer room. ● 10.45am Chapel Gathering plus Sunday Club and Creche. ● 5pm Informal Worship in the Chapel with Creche, Sunday Club and Youth Group. Refreshments from 4.30pm and after the service.

Tuesday 11th April

Film night at Battle Baptist Church

8-10pm

Free Admission



ALEX FERNS TOM GEORGESEON KENNETH CRANHAM JAMES COSMO JENNY FOULDS

A FILM BY NORMAN STONE

MAN DANCIN'

It's all about passion!

Bring your own snacks. Tea, coffee and juice provided

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This week's prayer pointers

- ◆ Thank God for our links with local churches in Battle. Pray that together, through our unity local people might come to know Jesus.
- ◆ Pray for those preparing for baptism. Pray that they would know God's protection and direction in their lives.
- ◆ Thank God for our children and young people. As they take a break from school and college over Easter, pray that God would refresh and strengthen them.

Dates for your diary

- ◆ 7.30-9pm: 2nd May Church AGM
- ◆ 20th May Ladies breakfast
- ◆ 7th-9th July SOLID
- ◆ 25th –29th August Soul Survivor

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