

Sunday 11th
June 2017



Turning to God in prayer.....

Matthew 28 v 19

The words of Jesus "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the ends of the age."

Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost, today we celebrate Trinity Sunday. It is so very appropriate that the one should follow straight after the other... the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit followed by the celebration of Christian unity.

One church, one faith, one Lord.

On last Tuesday, we had a wonderful celebration of worship at Ashburnham, over 150 church leaders from many denominations, representing 65 churches in East Sussex...all looking forward to planning a Mission next year –maybe in May 18. We heard about the "The Turning" in Reading and in other parts of the UK where people, simply met on the street, have been turning to God in large numbers.

This will involve walking and praying around the streets, towns, villages, and cities in the county. It will involve the preparation of church members to disciple all the folk who respond, who come forward and want to know about Jesus.



Prayer will of course be central to all that goes on.

We need to pray, as a church, as well as individually, against all the blockages that the enemy puts up – blockages of apathy, fear, wrong relationships, divisions, unbelief, bad experiences, spiritual demonic activity, judging, gossip, critical spirits, envy, idolatry, and heresies.

We will need to pray expectantly, and regularly. Hebrews 4 :16. Come boldly

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Bringing Life to the Heart of 1066 Country, *and beyond*

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to the throne of grace.

As the Psalmist says, Be lifted up, you everlasting doors, and the King of glory will come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle, the Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

The good news is that our prayers do not have to be perfectly formed. They are effective because of Jesus' authority, based on his finished work on the cross.

It does not matter if our prayers are short or poorly worded, short prayers are effective. Every prayer matters to God. Lets pray together as a church, expectantly.

I know that it seems a long way off, but it is a good time to start praying for The Turning—an East Sussex Mission in 2018, and all who are involved. The months will soon fly by.

Your servant in Christ,
Francis Willoughby

News, notes and prayer-opportunities

- There will be a Thanksgiving Service here for the life of Alma Mann in the morning at 10.30am on 16th June.
- Please keep Saturday 24th June free so that you can be involved with Battle Baptist Church in the Battle Carnival procession and activities at Battle Recreation Ground. Theme—Noah's Ark. Wear a top in one of the colours of a rainbow & children to dress up as an animal.—prizes for those in fancy dress!
- Do you have a passion for developing youth football as a ministry of the church and up to 4 hours a week (Weds evenings and Sat mornings)? If so the position of Manager/coach for the under 14s team could be for you. In return you will receive support training to achieve FA Level 1/2 coaching badges. Please speak to Andy Garlick for more information.
- If you would like a t-shirt or vest for the Battle 10k in September (whether you are running or supporting) please order via Celia before 1st July. Cost is £16.99
- Foodbank update: *Many thanks for your generosity of gifts both of food and money. We had yet another busy week, with twelve children included among those to whom food was given. Our special requests this week are for: tinned soup, tomatoes, vegetables, and cold meat, as well as steamed puddings, coffee, jam and UHT milk. We have a good supply of tea, dried rice and pasta, but any other items on our shopping list would also be welcome.*

What's on this week...

Caterpillar Preschool (Monday to Friday) and Caterpillar Crew (Monday to Friday) plus;

Sunday, June 11th. ● 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 and communion. ● 5pm Film Night - War Room (PG).

Monday, June 12th. ● 9.15-11:45am Caterpillars Parent and Toddler Group.

Tuesday, June 13th. ● 9.15-11am Caterpillars Explorers Parent and Toddler Group. ● 9.15am: Prayer-for-Healing Group (prayer room). At 10.45am there will be prayer for all who come. ● 2pm: Tuesday Fellowship, Speaker: Keith Barnes.

Wednesday, June 14th. ● 10-3pm: Arts and Crafts. Refreshments provided but please bring a packed lunch. £1.50. ● 5.15-6.15pm: BBFC Youth training at the Rec. ● 7pm: Battle Baptist Runners meet at the church.

Thursday, June 15th. ● 9.15-11:45am: Caterpillars Parent and Toddler Group.

Friday, June 16th. ● 7.30am: Early Morning Prayer in the Youth Room followed by a 'do it yourself' breakfast. ● 9.15am Chatterbox for mums, dads and carers (upstairs). ● 10.30am Thanksgiving Service for the life of Alma Mann ● 10.45am: *Coffee Club not on this week.* ● 3.30-5pm: *After School Club not on this week* ● 7-9pm: 4:12 Chill and Chat.

Sunday, June 18th. ● 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. ● 5pm Informal Worship with Youth Group, Sunday Club and Creche. Refreshments from 4.30pm and after the service.

Sunday 11th June, 5-7pm

Film night at Battle Baptist Church

Free Admission



Jsual refreshments
from 4.30pm

A couple who seemingly have it all...in reality, their marriage has become a war zone and their daughter is collateral damage. With guidance from Miss Clara, an older, wiser woman, Elizabeth discovers she can start fighting for her family instead of against them. As the power of prayer and Elizabeth's newly energized faith transform her life, will Tony join the fight and become the man he knows he needs to be?

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This week's prayer pointers :

- ◆ Pray for our country and our newly elected leaders. Ask God to give them wisdom and ears that hear His will for our nation.
- ◆ Pray for the safety of those in the Holy Land. Pray that God would richly bless them and the children with whom they have contact.

Dates for your diary

- ◆ 24th June Battle Carnival
- ◆ 25th-29th August Soul Survivor
- ◆ 7th-9th July SOLID children's camp.
- ◆ 3rd September BBB10k run



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