

Sunday 20th
August 2017



HOLIDAY AT HOME – STAYCATION!

What bliss! No worries about tickets, no airport hassle, no queues, and no uncomfortable beds. It hardly seems a year since our last Holiday at Home, and we arrived on Monday morning with great anticipation and our good friend **WILL POWER**.



We started with coffee and chocolates, and puzzles set before us, anagrams and photographs of old celebrities and royals, and just a couple of Melvyn's deliberate mistakes.

Steve Reading took us on a journey to The Holy Land, with great pictures of the trip. We loved seeing how the children had enjoyed their week. A number of the photos showed Melvyn

taking a nap!

After a good lunch cooked for us by Rachel and her friend Pat, we enjoyed Rachel's famous coffee bomb. Still feeling replete, we were driven through the lovely Sussex countryside to Hawkhurst Baptist Church. A really lovely tea had been prepared for us, and we were encouraged to take a "doggy bag" home.

On Wednesday, Melvyn moved us out of our comfort zone, and we had to stand up occasionally. This was our annual Olympic games which was a lot of fun and very competitive. We were glad that our friend **PERCY VEERANCE** was with us.

After lunch of roast beef, a great favourite, cooked by Brenda Pendry, we were driven to Jempsons at Peasmarsh, and appreciated the opportunity to



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look round a large supermarket.

Friday morning already! We had another happy morning together, led by Melvyn (the Headmaster).

Rob Duffill came with his friend **HUGH MOORE**, and we sang and laughed which is always a tonic.



Gillian Scollay cooked lunch for us, which was lovely. The great thing about the lunches is that we have great fellowship, and we do not have to search for a “meal for one” and heat it in the microwave. In the afternoon we were greeted with a glass of summer punch at Staplehurst Free Church. Afternoon tea was served a la Ritz, with gorgeous cake stands and pretty

teapots. We were so blessed each day by those who drove us and those who welcomed us.

Each day, Ed joined us and shared with us the three parables about The Lost, in Luke Ch 15. We were reminded about the Shepherd’s compassion who went to search for His lost sheep. We heard about the woman who lost a coin and searched vigilantly for it, and rejoiced when it was found. And the lost son – a serious parable about the son who went away. We remembered the Father’s great love and His forgiveness. How grateful we are that Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

The week that we enjoyed left us with that warm feeling of being blessed. We appreciate all who gave so much to us during the week.

BOOK YOUR PLACE FOR NEXT YEAR!

Your friend in Christ
Brenda Parsons



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What's on this week...

☺ Summer ☺

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

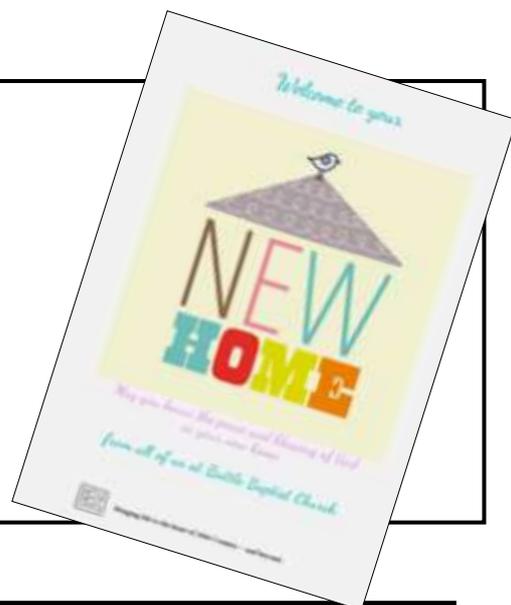
Sunday, August 20th. ● 10am Chapel Gathering plus Youth Group, Sunday Club and Creche. ● 5pm Prayer and Praise. Refreshments after the service.

Wednesday, August 23rd. ● 6pm-8pm: BBFC training Claverham field. ● 7pm Battle Baptist Runners meet at the Church

Friday, August 25th. ● 7.30am: Early Morning Prayers in the Youth Room followed by a 'do it yourself' breakfast.

Sunday, August 27th. ● 10am Chapel Gathering plus Youth Group, Sunday Club and Creche. ● 5pm Prayer and Praise. Refreshments after the service.

New neighbour? Have you considered giving them a Battle Baptist Church “Welcome to your new home” card and some chocolates or flowers? This colourful and welcoming card contains some basic information about Battle Baptist Church and further contact details. Please speak to the office if you would like one.



News, notes and prayer-opportunities

- The prayer walking tree is starting to “grow” keyrings. If you want to get involved in praying for the local community see the booklet by the tree for more information.
- A membership application has been received from Alexia Conyers. If any member has any observations concerning this application please talk to one of the Elders.
- Next weekend is Soul Survivor, and hungry leaders and

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teenagers would appreciate cakes for the camp (purchased or homemade). Please deliver them to the church before Thursday. Thank you! • Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make Holiday @ Home a success, even if we did not use you! Thanks to all who prayed for us, and we enjoyed our days together.

Church Commissioning Weekend 9 & 10th September

Saturday 10-1pm: Ministry Exhibition and refreshments (all ages)

Sunday 8.45am & 10.45am: Commissioning Services
12.30pm onwards: Bring your own picnic at Battle Rec
3pm: Kick-off BBFC vs BBC at Battle Rec

This week's prayer opportunities

- ◆ Pray for those going on the Soul Survivor camp next weekend. Pray that God would surprise them with His love and grace.
- ◆ Pray for Damien, Annet Ttendo and their daughter Patience in **Mozambique**. Pray especially for them as they promote women's rights and justice.
- ◆ Pray for those preparing for the Battle 10k on 3rd September. Pray that we would be good witnesses to the love of God as we support the event.

Dates for your diary

- ◆ 25th-29th August Soul Survivor
- ◆ 3rd September BBB10k run

◆ 9th & 10th September
Commissioning weekend



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