



Week beginning April 25th, 2010

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

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## Here we go again!

Here we go again! Election time nearly upon us, and all the usual questions are being raised - the economy - taxation - VAT - banks, social benefits, the police, NHS, education, immigration, the environment - all the usual stuff. It is difficult to know which way to turn.

*Whom will you trust?*

It is easy to get so involved in politics, that we lose sight of the One we really *can* trust: JESUS.

And look at all the natural disasters taking place at the moment. Earthquakes seem to be a regular occurrence. Then there are volcanic eruptions, wars, civil unrest, and famine in many countries. These all seem today to be a regular part of everyday life somewhere or other in the world.

It is interesting to note that Jesus used these types of events to illustrate the end-times. We have the accounts in all three synoptic gospels Matthew, Mark and Luke. In Matthew 24:7, for example, we read: "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places."

Whatever goes on in the natural or economic world, *God is God, and Jesus Christ is Lord. Whatever happens, we do not lose faith.*

God made the world. He will sustain it.

We still have freedom to choose which path we take. We either follow Jesus, or we follow the ways of the world. *The Lord Jesus wants to be part of everything in our daily lives: in our relationships, in our decision making, and in our thinking.*

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We are reminded in Psalm 23 that if we put our faith in Jesus - who says "I am the good shepherd" - we shall not want. If we follow Him, He will lead us in green pastures. He will give us peace day by day. Even if we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we need fear no evil.

And it is only the *shadow* of death, not death itself. And we don't stay there; *we walk through it* — and out into the daylight!

***God is God,  
and Jesus Christ is Lord.  
Whatever happens,  
we do not lose faith.***

We do have His "rod" — the Word of God. We also have His "staff" — the Holy Spirit. Again, He promises to be with those who are His "for ever" in eternity, at what our Saviour calls a Wedding Banquet.

For our Parliament decision time is drawing near; and, for you and me, I pray that we have already made *the major and only really important decision*: to follow the Lord Jesus, and to ask the Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts, our lives, and *all* our decisions.

God can give us everything that any Government cannot.

Your friend and pastor,  
*Francis*

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## News, notes and prayer opportunities

**Brian Mills** is in Israel until the 27th on a prayer-related visit with some of his colleagues from Interprayer. They will interact with the land, its peoples, history and complexities of issues that make this such a volatile nation. *Please remember them in prayer.*

• **Monica Cook** is ministering at a Family Service at Rowlands Castle United Reformed Church, Hants. and greatly appreciates our prayers.

### BATTLE BAPTIST FOOTBALL CLUB

## AWARDS 2010 LINE-UP

High Beech Hotel, St. Leonards-On-Sea  
Friday, May 28th

Tickets £25 (less £10 with Membership)  
3-course carvery meal, with musical entertainment

**Guest Speaker: Dave Roberts**

— soccer historian and website Editor



# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Homegroups, Baby and Toddler Group (Monday and Thursday), Caterpillar Preschool, Prayer for Middle East and Israel (second and fourth Thursdays at 2pm), and Thursday After School Club as usual, plus:

**Sunday, April 25th.** 9am at Zion Chapel, Mount Street. plus Sunday Club and crèche. 10.30am: Meeting at Claverham (North Trade Road) plus Sunday Club and crèche. (Refreshments before.) • 4pm: Chapel Service, plus Sunday Club and crèche. • 6.30pm: Youth Congregation at the Chapel.

**Tuesday.** 9am: Healing Prayer Group. At 10.30am the prayer-ministry team will be available for anyone who comes for personal prayer. • Twelve 'til One: Soup-and-roll lunch. • Tuesday Fellowship. Speaker: **Keith Barnes**. *All are invited.*

**Wednesday.** 7.30am: Prayer led by Young People, followed by breakfast. • 7.30pm: **Our Members' AGM Meeting in the chapel**

**Friday.** 7am: Early Prayer at the Chapel, followed by a do-it-yourself breakfast. *Everyone is invited.* • 9.15am: "Chatterbox" for parents, carers and young children. • 10.30am: Coffee Club. • 12.30pm: Lunch at the Manna for retired people. (Advance booking *essential* on 772192, weekdays between 6pm and 7pm.)

**Saturday.** See our website for football fixtures.

**Sunday, May 2nd.** 9am: Chapel Meeting, plus Youth Group, Sunday Club & crèche. (Refreshments after.) • 10.30am: Meeting at Claverham (North Trade Road), plus Sunday Club & crèche. (Refreshments before.) • 4pm: Chapel Meeting, plus Sunday Club & crèche. • 6.30pm: Youth Congregation at the Chapel.

**Thank you** to all who supported our Tuesday soup-and-roll lunches in any way during the last term. Donations have been sent to: BMS and BMS Relief Fund for Haiti, work in Zambia at Chengelo School, Mwandi Mission and HIV orphans, Missionary Aviation Fellowship, Barnabas Trust, Open Doors, Ghimbav, Tiny Ticklers and Obambo.

**Tuesday soup-and-roll lunches have begun again.**

*Why not come along, and benefit others? •*

*Are we jealous for God's glory? To me that is what revival is all about.*  
(Leonard Ravenhill)



## **Our Members' AGM Meeting is this coming Wednesday, April 28th, at 7.30pm in the Chapel, and will include voting for deacons and elders.**

*While they last* — help yourself to a free copy of the latest issue of *The Word for Today*.

From August our Football Club needs a **Youth Team Supporter** from the church for the 2010/2011 season, for admin help, and as a link to our Youth Congregation. Please see our poster, and speak with **Gary Walsh** or **Andy Garlick** a.s.a.p. *Thank you.*

*Please note.* On Thursday, May 13th, we'll hold an **Ascension Day Service** from 7.30 to 8 o'clock *in the morning*. (There will be no Wednesday or Friday prayer-breakfasts that week.)

**STOP PRESS: June Farrington** says: "Thank you all so much for your love and prayers. I'm now out of hospital, and will get back to normal with a mended hip as soon as possible."

**Ashburnham Place** is including an hour of prayer in its schedule each day for the forthcoming *General Election*. *All are invited to join in.* The hour may vary from day-to-day. Details: [www.ashburnham.org.uk](http://www.ashburnham.org.uk)

## *If you suffer . . .*



*If you suffer hardship and loss, it does not necessarily mean you are out of the will of God. You might be right IN His will! Many a Bible hero and heroine, not to mention the pages of Church history, and the lives of deeply spiritual Christian friends, demonstrate the truth that the pilgrim path is often marked by times of suffering, stress, apparent failure and loss. Nevertheless, if you are His, God IS with you!*

— Keith A. Nolan

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Dennis Nolan (pastor); Francis Willoughby (associate minister);  
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Rob Duffill (treasurer); Andy and Jo Garlick.  
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