

Sunday 5th
November



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Remember, remember...

Gunpowder, the recently aired television mini-series, details the events leading up to the fateful night in 1605 when a now infamous Mr Fawkes was discovered under the houses of Parliament with a fair few barrels of a certain black powder. Nothing new there we might think.

What's interesting though, is that the mini-series was an account of the famous plot of 1605, only on a much fuller level - certainly compared to the one that I had prior to my viewing. It may well be due to my lack of interest where detail is concerned, or perhaps I simply wasn't paying attention in 'that' particular history lesson or most likely, along with many others it's the headlines of the event that grab my attention and therefore I recall. In short Guy Fawkes wanted to blow up Parliament, only he got caught.

The reality is so much more to the story, the motive, the people involved, the level to which Guy Fawkes was the main man or not as the case may be. There is so much more that many are seemingly not bothered about in the slightest.

What is interesting is that the star of the piece, Kit Harington, is a direct descendant of the character he portrays Robert Catesby - the one who devises the plot to blow up Parliament and kill the king. The ring leader if you will. It was wanting a fuller and 'truer' story to be told that caused him to develop, produce and star in the mini-series.

When it comes to the truths of God, how well do people know them, experience them, live in the light of them? This last week has seen many celebrate the darker things of this earthly world. This needs to be a challenge to us all to respond

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sharing the love, grace, hope, peace, mercy and forgiveness of Jesus - communicating this truth! Reading in Isaiah 40:28, the prophet asks:

*Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.*

Do people know? Have people heard? Is there the assumption that the bible is just a story, a fairy-tale made up, something of no real consequence? We cannot assume people already know the truth. We cannot assume someone else will share it. I ask myself the question, how am I ensuring the truth is proclaimed? How am I ready to shout it out from the rooftops, to speak it out as I face each day ahead, to live it out as I journey ever onwards?

We are invited to follow Jesus. If that is an invitation we have responded to then we need to recognise the action that is a part of that and to be ready for how God will use us, within our families, where we work, as we do our shopping, when we're talking to our neighbours, whilst we're out and about doing life...and together as part of the family God has called us to be here at Battle Baptist Church.

Be blessed

Ed Jones

News, notes and prayer-opportunities

- Book today for the **men's breakfast** next Saturday.
- There will be a thanksgiving service for the life of **Jean Ticehurst** this Thursday 9th November at 12.30pm in the chapel.
- Thank you to those who have offered to serve on the children's work team and serve refreshments in the morning. Helpers are urgently needed at 10.45am and 5pm with the **Youth Group**. Leaders are in place but we need a number of helpers to support the leaders. Please speak to Mark or Ben if you can help.
- Could you serve **post-match tea & biscuits** at Battle Rec from 4.30 pm to 5 pm on Saturdays. This ministry of hospitality provides a great blessing & witness to players from BBFC & the other East Sussex teams we play. Please speak to Andy.
- The theme of this year's annual **Christmas Tree festival** at St Mary's Church is 'The Bible'. Feel inspired

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What's on this week...

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

Sunday, November 5th. ● 8am: **Breakfast** in the Manna House. ● 8.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 8.45am: **Chapel Gathering** and communion. ● 10am: **Refreshments** in the Manna House. ● 10.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 10.45am **Chapel Gathering** with Creche, Sunday Club and Youth Group. ● 5pm: **Chapel Gathering** with Sunday Club.

Monday, November 6th. ● **Day of Prayer and Fasting.** ● 7-8am: **Early Morning Prayers** in the Youth Room. ● 9.15-11.45am: **Caterpillars Parent and Toddler Group.** ● 3.45-5.15pm: **Chosta** in the Youth Room. ● 7.45pm: **Prayer & Praise.**

Tuesday, November 7th. ● 9.15-11.45am: **Caterpillar 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: Martin West.

Wednesday, November 8th. ● 10am—3pm: Arts and Crafts in the Manna House. Bring a packed lunch. Cost £1.50. ● 5pm-6pm: **BBFC Youth team & 6pm-7pm: BBFC training** at Claverham 3G. ● 7pm: **Battle Baptist Runners** meet at the church.

Thursday, November 9th. ● 9.15-11:45am: **Caterpillars Parent and Toddler Group.**

Friday, November 10th. ● 7.30am: **Early Morning Prayers** in the Youth Room followed by a 'do it yourself' breakfast. ● 9.15am **Chatterbox** for mums, dads and carers (upstairs). ● 10.30am: **Coffee Club** in the Youth Room. ● 3.30-5pm: **After School Club.** ● 7-9pm: **4:12.**

Saturday, November 11th. ● 8am: **Men's Breakfast.** Speaker: Tommy Fretwell.

Sunday, November 12th. ● 8am: **Breakfast** in the Manna House. ● 8.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 8.45am: **Chapel Gathering.** ● 10am: **Refreshments** in the Manna House. ● 10.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 10.45am **Chapel Gathering** and communion with Creche & Sunday Club. ● 5pm: **Chapel Gathering** with Sunday Club and Youth Group.

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to create an entry on behalf of the church? If so please speak to Esther.

- **Ed** is preaching at Kingswood Church this morning and **Melvyn** is preaching at Robertsbridge. Please pray for them.
- **Membership applications** have been received from Chris and Catreece Spicer. If any member has any observations concerning these applications please talk to one of the Elders.
- Both gatherings next Sunday morning will reflect the fact it is **Remembrance Sunday**.



TOMORROW!!
Monday 6th November
7am - 9pm
Day of Prayer and Fasting

Pick up a flyer for details of opportunities to pray and prayer pointers

This week's prayer opportunities

- ◆ Thank God for the elders and trustees. Pray that God would give them wisdom every day and encourage them as they serve Him here.
- ◆ Pray for the home groups as they work through a series on covenant. Pray that God would unite us as a church as we serve Him and one another.
- ◆ Pray for the football club as they work with Battle Town Council to improve conditions on the Recreation Ground.

Dates for your diary

- ◆ 6th November: day of prayer & fasting followed by Prayer & Praise at 7.30pm.
- ◆ 22nd November: Curry & Film Night (Wednesday Club).
- ◆ 30th November: Special Church Meeting



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