

NEWSLETTER

11th February 2018



Men's Curry Night

Friday 9th March

7.30pm at the Bull and
8.30pm Bonani
Tandoori



Pick up a flyer today!



Church Meeting

Thursday 22nd
February at 7.30pm

COMING UP...

[25th February](#)

Baptism at 5pm

[27th February](#)

Lent Taize evening 7pm
Roman Catholic Church

[2nd March](#)

Women's World Day of
Prayer 2pm Roman
Catholic Church

Expecting over and above the unexpected.

As we gathered on Monday for our monthly Prayer and Praise evening, we spent time waiting on God. This physically involved, well waiting. We stopped, we paused and we gave time over to hear God's voice. Now, I don't believe waiting on God is solely about sitting in motionless silence. I've shared before how for me personally I've found that it is as I am out running that God speaks to me. We're all wired differently.

The questions that come to mind though, are whatever it looks like for us, do we give time over to waiting on and hearing what God has to say to us, and what do our levels of expectation look like in terms of the response God will give?

This reminds me of the story in 2 Kings 4:1-7; Elisha, the widow and the oil. I love the simplistic nature of the situation, juxtaposed with the awesomely powerful response from God. The widow asked for some help, but got over and above anything, I imagine, she was expecting.

To begin with Elisha asked her, 'what have you got'? The starting point was where she was at, the oil that was already in her possession. God moved, but His move began in the familiar, the 'boring', the ordinary of what she knew.

Reflecting on this, I wonder how often do I find myself looking elsewhere first, when I come to God seeking Him to do something? I believe God takes us wherever we find ourselves and builds, breaks, moulds and shapes us from there. As we look to what is

next as a church, we need to be inviting God into the landscape of our lives, seeking Him to move in and through it.

Building on this, we then see that the widow gets what she needs. I don't know exactly what she was thinking, but to me, a big bag of cash would have been the simplest way to solve her predicament. Instead she gets this literal outpouring of oil that she can sell to pay her debts.

Again I wonder whether I present God with a shopping list of what I think I'll need, to be able to do the work ahead, rather than seeking His heart and being open to Him moving in all His magnificence? As we look to what is next, we need to be opening ourselves up to God's glorious playing field rather than our own often limiting one.

Finally, in the story there is an overflow in terms of God's provision. There is enough oil once sold, to pay the debts and for the widow and her son to live off the rest. How are we anticipating an overflowing of blessing from God? How are we ensuring our hearts are expectant?

Hopefully you can join with us on the 5th March at 7.30pm at the next Prayer and Praise. In the meantime as you look forward, onward, into what is ahead, whether personally, or for us as a church, may we be people who pause, reflect, wait and seek God, ready for all He has for us.

Be blessed

Ed Jones

PRAYER POINTERS

PRAISE GOD!

Annet and Damien's daughter has a British passport which means they can return to Mozambique.

PRAISE GOD!

For all the people who have offered to help with the creche, Sunday club & youth groups.

PRE-SCHOOL

Pray for God's guidance as the pre-school interview for a pre-school practitioner.

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of 1066 Country, and beyond

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOWNSTAIRS OFFICE: has had a tidy. The resources in there are available for every group or individual to use. Please speak to Esther or John if you would like more information about the resources we have.

GENTLEMEN: I would like to put together a small group of men to help me organise events across the year. Please let me know if you can spare a very small amount of time (few hours every other month) supporting the Men's Ministry. No experience necessary. Volunteer now or just be picked on at random. Speak to me or mail / text me by Sunday 4th March please: paul_whyemark@hotmail.com /

07740 594674

BATTLE BAPTIST RUNNERS: couch to 5k begins again on 28th February at 7pm. Pick up a leaflet today.

OFFICE: access to the upstairs office is limited Monday to Wednesday next week whilst carpets are laid. There will be no access upstairs on Tuesday.

ANDY & JO GARLICK: thank everyone so much for all the cards, calls, flowers, meals & visits showing so much love & support for them at this unique time.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS MAGAZINES: for members to enjoy, thanks to our donation, are in the foyer.



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LENT LUNCHES

21st Feb - Emmanuel Centre
28th Feb - RC room
7th Mar - Manna House
14th Mar - St Mary's

REAL WOMEN

21st February - Book Night
at BBC.
Pick up a flyer today

BAPTISM

Kellie Knott is being baptised
on 25th February.
Please pray for her.

What's on this 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, February 11th. ● 9.30am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 10am **Chapel Gathering** with creche and Sunday club. ● 5pm: **Chapel Gathering** with creche and Sunday club.

Wednesday, February 14th.

● 10-3pm: **Arts & Craft**, bring a packed lunch £1.50. ● 5pm-6pm: **BBFC Youth team** & 6pm-7pm: **BBFC training** at Claverham 3G.

Thursday, February 15th. ● 9.30-10am: **prayer for Sunday gatherings** in the prayer room.

Friday, February 16th. ● 7.30am: **Early Morning Prayers** in the Youth Room followed by a 'do it yourself' breakfast.

Sunday, February 18th. ● 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 and youth group. ● 5pm: **Chapel Gathering** with creche and Sunday club.