

NEWSLETTER

25th February 2018



R.E.A.L. Women
QUIZ NIGHT
A glowing yellow lightbulb with a question mark inside, set against a background of question marks.
AT BATTLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Wednesday 21st March at 7.30pm

Teams of 6 - or come and be placed in a team
Names /teams to Helen or Shirley by 18th March.

With quiz master
Ted Webb

Men's Curry Night

Friday 9th March

7.30pm at the Bull and
8.30pm Bonani
Tandoori

Pick up a flyer today!

COMING UP...

[27th February](#)

Lent Taize evening 7pm
Roman Catholic Church

[2nd March](#)

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

[18th March](#)

10am: one whole church
gathering

How big is our God?

When I pray to God, I often ponder (in hindsight) just how big, how great, how awesome, how majestic our God is. To awaken and renew my understanding, I decided to do a scan of well over 50 attributes of God that we find in scripture. I expect some folk will think, this is very basic. What I can say is, that I found it to be very helpful, mentally, thoughtfully, and especially when coming before God in prayer.

As you know, it all starts in the first chapter of Genesis...in the beginning God created – he created everything – the heavens and the earth, and everything in it. For me, that immediately stops my thoughts about God being someone small. I need to think again of just how big, how wonderful, how awesome, God is.

God saw all that he has created, and as we read, it was very good. How can I believe that God is someone small, if he could wonderfully create all of that? Just thinking about it increases my understanding and belief in God. God the creator of everything – just everything! Wow!

Psalms 46 v 1: *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."* That is something we can all claim.

Psalms 77 v 13: *"You are the God who does wonders."*

Psalms 100 v 3: *"Know that the Lord is God; it is he who made us."*

Isaiah 12 v 2: *"God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord is my strength and my song."*

John 3 v 16: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."* Everlasting life!!

Romans 8 v 31: *"If God is for us, who can be against us?"*

1 Corinthians 1 v 9: *"God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."*

Philippians 4 v 19: *"God shall supply all your needs."*

1 John 4 v 8: *"God is love"*

As I read through some of these verses, my understanding and amazement about God grows – just how great God is. It helps me to pray big prayers – its good to know that God hears all our prayers, whether long or short.

What a great God we have – and amazingly he loves us! He made the whole wide world and yet he still loves us. It is so important that we receive his love.

What is true for our praying is also true for our worship. What a great God we have - what a great God we worship – what a great God we pray to. And amazingly, he loves us! Nothing is too difficult for him. Amazing!

Let's determine to be bold and pray big prayers, for ourselves, our families, our loved ones, for the church here in Battle, for the church worldwide, for our Government, for the hundreds of thousands of God's creation who are undergoing terrible suffering at this time. As Christians, it is so important for us to stand up and be faithful to our calling.

Yours in Christ, Francis

PRAYER POINTERS

SPORTSREACH

Pray that many children would book on. Pray that God would prepare hearts and minds.

CATERPILLAR

Pray that helpers would come forward to help on Mondays and Thursdays.

LENT

Lord, Let everything I do this day and in this season of Lent come from you and be inspired by you

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Bringing Life to the Heart
of 1066 Country, and beyond

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT LUNCHESES: continue this week. For details please see the "What's on this week" section of the newsletter.

MELVYN NOLAN: is preaching at Robertsbridge Church this morning. Please pray for him.

WORLD MISSION PRAYER MEETING: Join with others every 1st Thursday of the month to pray for mission and issues around the world. 2-3pm in the prayer room.

THE TURNING DATES: May 2nd: Half night of prayer (details tbc). May 31st: 7.30pm Launch of The Turning at Victoria Baptist Church, Eastbourne. June 3rd: Worship and prayer evening in Hastings (details tbc). 4-9th June: Outreach on the streets.

SECURITY: The premises committee have placed 2 cameras in the foyer which are programmed to record any activity on the premises overnight.



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BB Runners

Couch to 5k re-starts this Wednesday at 7pm from the church. No running experience necessary.

SPORTS REACH

Football and netball schools
4-8th April.
Pick up a booking form
today

MEN'S EVENTS

Paul Whymark would love to hear from you if you can help organise men's events across the year

What's on this week

in addition to Caterpillar Crew & Caterpillar pre-school Mon– Fri

Sunday, February 25th. ● 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 **All Age Chapel Gathering** with creche. ● 5pm: **Chapel Gathering and Baptism** with Sunday club.

Monday, February 26th. ● 9-11.30am: **Caterpillar parent & toddler.** ● 3.45-5.15pm: **Chosta** in the Youth Room. ● 7.45pm: **Pastors and Trustees meeting.**

Tuesday, February 27th. ● 9.15am: **Prayer-for-Healing Group** (prayer room). At 10.45am there will be prayer

for all who come. ● 2pm: **Tuesday Fellowship**, speaker: Iain Gray - Gideons. ● 7pm: **Lent Taize evening** at the Roman Catholic Church.

Wednesday, February 28th. ● 10am: **Selfie Crafting.** £1 ● 12-2pm: **Lent Lunch** at the Roman Catholic Church. ● 5pm-6pm: **BBFC Youth team** & 6pm-7pm: **BBFC training** at Claverham 3G. ● 7pm: **Battle Baptist Runners** meet at the Church.

Thursday, March 1st. ● 9-11.30am: **Caterpillar parent and toddler.** ● 9.30-10am: **prayer for Sunday gatherings** in the prayer room. ● 2-3pm: **World Mission Prayer Meeting** in the prayer room.

Friday, March 2nd. ● 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: **412**

Sunday, March 4th. ● 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.