

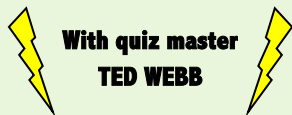
# NEWSLETTER

25th March 2018



**Sunday 15th April  
at 5pm.**

**At Battle Baptist Church**  
**Pick up a booking form today**  
**and book as an individual or as**  
**a team.**



**With quiz master**  
**TED WEBB**

## COMING UP...

### EASTER:

#### **Maundy Thursday:**

Chapel Gathering @  
7.30pm

#### **Good Friday:**

Chapel Gathering @  
8.45am

10am Marbles on the  
Abbey Green

11.30am Walk of Witness  
starts from the Emmanuel  
Centre (refreshments from  
11am).

12noon walkers arrive for  
prayers at St Mary's  
Church.

12.30pm Hot cross buns at  
BBC

1.15pm Meal at The Royal  
Oak, Whatlington.

#### **Easter Sunday:**

8.45am & 10.45am  
Gatherings and a walk at  
5pm.

### SPORTSREACH:

4th—8th April

## Be still and know that I am God...

As I write this, I acknowledge that I am writing to myself – but in so doing perhaps this will strike a chord with you. That verse from Psalms – I read it, I know it, but I do it so infrequently. Do I only ever really listen to God when he has to shout to be heard above everything else in my life? Is His quiet whisper mostly drowned out with the everyday stuff I allow to dominate? One of the problems of some styles of Christianity is that it is often too fast paced. Too loud. Just too busy. I know other styles have their particular problems – but I don't need to go into that right now.

I read somewhere that "we can easily fall into the trap of thinking we are loved by God because of all the good things we are doing for Him. Living based on this lie will drain our energy, suck the joy out of life and force us to jump on every new ministry going". "Be still and know that I am God". I have been reading how the structured rhythm of a simpler prayer life provides a better pace and time to acknowledge the beautiful peace of God's love and presence. Once again, it is that time of year when I realise, within the story of Easter 2000 years ago, in amongst the shouts of Hosanna, the donkey, the palm leaves and the crowds, the money changers in Temple, Jesus set himself apart amongst the olive trees in a garden to pray.

Do you ever pay attention to the safety talk

that the flight attendant gives on the plane just before take off? Do you remember that bit where she instructs you to put on your own oxygen mask before you attend to the needs of anyone else? If you have ever attended a first aid course, do you remember that the first rule is to check for any danger to yourself before you rush forward to help the victim of an accident. Surely the same is true in any mission of the church.

We often desire to serve, to get involved in God's world, to get involved in social action projects. This is good... but potentially exhausting and unhelpful for our mental and emotional wellbeing. I wrote a few weeks ago about a visit Rita, Emma and myself made to a RenewWellbeing centre in Nottingham. We would love to see us as a church more closely involved with others in our community, able to see what God sees and hear what He hears. To be alongside those for whom the challenges of life can feel just overwhelming. But before that... we, no I, need to here "Be still and know that I am God".

*We invite you to gather to pray, here at Battle Baptist Church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30 -2.30pm & repeated at 8.00 - 9.00pm. This will consider the steps we might take and opportunities that exist to create a Renew Wellbeing space for ourselves within our local community.*

Yours in Christ, John Southam

## PRAYER POINTERS

### CATERPILLAR

Pray for safety, fun and opportunities to share God's love at the parent baby & toddler Easter parties.

### BATTLE & LANGTON

Pray for Ed as he spends the day at school on Wednesday as a governor and to run an Easter activity with year 4.

### SPORTSREACH

Pray that more children would book onto the football school.

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of 1066 Country, and beyond

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOLY WEEK EARLY MORNING

**PRAYERS:** Monday to Thursday this week at St Mary's Church from 8am, followed by breakfast.

**DATA PROTECTION:** New laws mean that we have to be more rigorous in processing information about everyone connected with the church. Please bear with us as we contact you, over the next few weeks, to gain your consent to remain on our database.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP:** three people are needed to help, once a month, with either Sunday club at 10.45am or Sunday club at 5pm. Please speak to Esther if you can help or are interested in any aspect of

service at BBC.

**SPORTSREACH HELP:** is still needed with: providing evening meals, buying/baking cakes, the BBQ serving team for Saturday 7th April, clear up on Saturday 7th April and support Coaches for netball & football. Please speak to Andy if you can help.

**MEMBERSHIP:** an application has been received from Rebecca Lewis. If any member has any observations concerning this application, please talk to one of the pastors.



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#### Church maintenance issues:

[zionpremissteam@gmail.com](mailto:zionpremissteam@gmail.com)

## NEXT SUNDAY

Gatherings at 8.45am and 10.45am only, with provision for children and youth.  
5pm is an all-age walk

## BAPTISM

Please pray for Kellie Knott who is being baptised at 5pm today. We hope many of you will be there to support her.

## EASTER WALK

Next Sunday, John Southam is leading a walk at 5pm from the church. Please wear suitable footwear as it may be muddy in places

## What's on this week

in addition to Caterpillar pre-school (Monday– Thursday) and housegroups.

### Sunday, March 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** with Sunday club and youth group.

### Monday, March 26th.

- 8am: **Early Morning Prayers** at St Mary's Church.
- 9-11.30am: **Caterpillar parent & toddler.**
- 3.45-5.15pm: **Chosta** in the Youth Room.

### Tuesday, March 27th.

- 8am: **Early Morning Prayers** at St Mary's Church.
- 9.15am: **Prayer-for**

**-Healing Group** (prayer room). At 10.45am there will be prayer for all who come.

- 2pm: **Tuesday Fellowship**, speaker: Pam Vale-Taylor from Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre.

### Wednesday, March 28th.

- 8am: **Early Morning Prayers** at St Mary's Church.
- 10am onwards: **Selfie Crafting**, £1.
- 5pm-6pm: **BBFC Youth team** & 6pm-8pm: **BBFC training** at Claverham 3G.
- 7pm: **Battle Baptist Runners** meet at the Church.

### Maundy Thursday, March 29th.

- 8am: **Early Morning Prayers** at St Mary's Church.
- 9-11.30am: **Caterpillar parent and toddler.**
- 9.30-10am: **prayer for Sunday gatherings** in

the prayer room.

- 3.30pm: Saxonwood service
- 7.30pm: **Maundy Thursday Communion** in the Chapel.

### Good Friday, March 30th.

Please see the "Coming up" section overleaf.

### Easter Sunday, April 1st.

- 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** with creche, Sunday Club and Youth Group.
- 5pm: **All-Age Walk.**