

# NEWSLETTER

22nd April 2018



Soul Survivor

**We are planning a trip to Soul Survivor August 24-28th if there is enough interest (we need to know numbers by Friday). The forms can be downloaded from Facebook or taken from the 4:12 notice board at church.**

**Please speak to Jenny Dudgeon for more information.**

## R.E.A.L Women

### Social and food

Saturday 28 April 7.30pm.

At South Lodge, 107 North Trade Road, TN33 0HN (The Whymark's home)

£4 per person.

Please book via the office by Sunday 22 April.

## COMING UP...

[30th April](#)

Church AGM at 7.30pm

[14-20th May](#)

Week of prayer for Christian unity. Will include early morning prayers and an outdoor united service on 20th May at 5pm in the Market Square.

[19th May \(AM\)](#)

Safeguarding training for all who help with children and young people.

## These boots were made for walking...

Indulge me for a paragraph if you will, because there was much excitement in the Jones household during the days I had off after Easter. This was in part due to the fact that the limited edition theatrical poster - for the three brand new episodes of the 1960s series Thunderbirds - finally found a place above the stairs in our hallway. It's a glorious sight!

The thing is, however much I'm enjoying the site of my framed Thunderbirds poster every time I head down our stairs, something that has got me genuinely even more excited is the re-emergence in the foyer - between the chapel and the Manna House - of the Prayer Walking tree. This week as I've wandered past it, there's something about it that grabs my attention and I believe gives me a renewed sense of expectation as to what God can do and has in store.

Prayer walking is a great way to get active in prayer and is as simple as it sounds - you pray as you walk. Since last summer we have been praying for our community, street by street. We're not there yet, we're well on the way, but even when we've ticked them all off the list, that's not the end. I believe we need to be constantly praying for our community and systematically, each road, street and lane is a great way for us to do this.

The tree was temporarily moved to the Prayer Room back in December and it would be easy for us to think we've kind of done that and can therefore forget about it. Why do we need to bring it out and make mention of it again? Wasn't it just a bit of gimmick for those who are interested in that sort of thing

and therefore having given it profile for a few months we can leave it there...right?

Personally I'm not convinced.

What is more I believe we need to be praying for our community now more than ever. In a matter of weeks, as a church, we will be joining churches across East Sussex in The Turning. Yinka Oyekan (Turning Team Leader) describes it as 'a gift from heaven, a gift that miraculously empowers ordinary Christians, enabling them to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.' I love that, because on the one hand it lets me off the hook. It's not about what I'm going to do, achieve or accomplish - it's totally about God and His Holy Spirit's power at work. That said, on the other hand I love Yinka's description because it reminds me that this is not something we can limit, or bottle, tame or control - it's totally about God and His Holy Spirit's power at work.

During SportsReach, Sooty one of the coaches, reminded us again of his favourite bible verse. It's found in James 5:16, The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. I long to see the lives of those within this community totally transformed by the power of God.

So can I encourage you next time you're in the foyer, to take a look at the tree, see which streets haven't yet been prayed through and get involved. If you're not sure what to do or where to start, then there's some guidelines next to the Prayer Tree or alternatively just ask. Some streets have been prayed for many times, that's great too. Let us saturate this place in prayer and be ready for what God has to come.

Be blessed, Ed Jones

## PRAYER POINTERS

### RCO MINISTRIES

Pray for protection for those who attend church services in the Holy Land, especially those with a Muslim background

### SUNDAYS

Pray that our Sunday gatherings would be led by the Spirit and bear fruit.

### DEACONS

Pray that they would be filled with God's compassion, courage and love.

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Bringing Life to the Heart  
of 1066 Country, and beyond



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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MELVYN:** is preaching at Seddlescombe this morning. He would appreciate your prayers.

**SUNDAY CLUB:** please pray about whether God is prompting you to serve on our Sunday Club teams. From September we will be down two helpers at 5pm and one helper at 10.45am. Unless we are able to re-build the team we won't be able to run Sunday Club as we do at the moment. Please speak to Esther or Andy if you can help.

**UNLOCK LONDON WALK:** is next Saturday departing from Battle train station at 8.07am. Please speak to Steve Reading or Esther Dunn for more details.

**GOVERNORS WANTED:** As you may

be aware Ed is currently serving as a governor at Battle and Langton School. They are currently looking for others to join the governing board - is this something you would be interested in? If you think it is or would like to know more please speak to Ed. For information about what is required and what is involved check out <https://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx>

**JIM PICKNELL:** After many years of poor health, Jim passed away peacefully at home on Monday. Please remember Brenda and the family in your prayers. Details of the funeral will follow.

**CHURCH OFFICE:** will be closed this Tuesday for a staff training day.

## NEXT SUNDAY

the 10.45am gathering is  
ALL-AGE

## 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.

## CHURCH MEETING

and AGM is on Monday April 30th at 7.30pm in the chapel

## What's on this week

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

### Sunday, April 22nd.

- 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: **Informal worship** with Sunday club and youth group.

### Monday, April 23rd.

- 9-11.30am: **Caterpillar parent & toddler.**
- 3.45-5.15pm: **Chosta** in the Youth Room.
- 7.45pm: **Pastors and trustees meeting.**

### Tuesday, April 24th.

- 9.15am: **Prayer-for-Healing Group** (prayer room). At 10.45am there will be prayer for all who come.
- 2pm: **Tuesday Fellowship.** Speaker: Kathy Lee.

### Wednesday, April 25th.

- 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.

### Thursday, April 26th.

- 9-11.30am: **Caterpillar parent and toddler.**
- 9.30-10am: **prayer for Sunday gatherings** in the prayer room.

### Friday, April 27th.

- 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, April 29th.

- 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: **Informal worship** with Sunday club.