

NEWSLETTER

13th May 2018



THE TURNING East Sussex

May 31st

Launch Night

Victoria Baptist Church,
Eastbourne. 7.30pm for 8pm
start.

May 31st-June 9th

The Turning Mission

June 1st & 2nd

Core Team Training

9.45-2pm Wellington Square

June 3rd

Encounter prayer and worship event.

His Place Community
Church, Hastings. 7.30-9pm

June 4th - 8th

Encounter prayer and worship events

7.30-9pm

Touching Heaven, Changing Earth

We will seek Your face Almighty
God
Turn and pray for You to heal our
land
Father let revival start in us
Then every heart will know Your
kingdom come

Lifting up the Name of the Lord
In power and in unity
We will see the nations turn
Touching heaven changing earth

Never looking back we'll run the
race
Giving You our lives we gain the
prize
We will take the harvest given to
us
Though we sow in tears we'll
reap in joy

Send revival
Send revival
Send revival to us.

COMING UP...

10th June

10.45am Baptism and
dedication.

Is it a bee? Is it a fly? No it's a Bee Fly!

On Bank Holiday Monday, during that glorious moment which I trust was not the beginning and end of the summer of 2018, we were walking in Brede High Woods. There are so many shades of green as the leaves appear on the trees. Flowers, many of them so tiny that they so easily escape our notice, are in profusion. Seeds from the trees were floating in the gentle breeze and an adder wriggled away as we approached it, sunbathing on the grass. I wish I knew the names of all the different butterflies that were on the wing, although the bright yellow Brimstone was the easiest to identify.

While enjoying a rest from the heat on a strategically positioned bench we became aware of the buzzing sound made by insect wings moving really quickly. Looking down, hovering, then darting rapidly between the flowers, was an insect I don't think I'd ever seen before. A rusty brown colour, covered in tiny hairs and wings that moved with astonishing speed. Although it



was small (smaller than your little fingernail), most obvious was this huge spike looking almost like an elephants trunk.

When we got home - the joy of modern technology! "Hey Google, what looks like a fly or a bee and has a really long proboscis?" Answer – a Bee Fly! So I then turned to Google images, and there it was! The other clear identifying feature that distinguishes them from bees is that they have two wings, whereas bees have four.

And Bee Flies don't sting! You can find out more fascinating facts if you wish about this rather unusual creature if you wish – but why do I even bother to mention it in the newsletter?

In Isaiah chapter 43 it says "This is what the LORD says—"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour."

Our God not only made the Bee Fly, he named it. He knows it. He sustains it! It is a part of His great plan – and even though I don't understand how everything God has made all fits together, each part is a crucial aspect of the whole. Likewise God knows you. He reminds us in his Word (and not just in the book of Isaiah) that he made each of us, knows us each by name and loves us more than we can imagine. And each of us is a part of His eternal plan. You have a role to fulfil. A purpose to your life. Each encounter, every conversation, every day, brings a new opportunity to enable the Kingdom of God to be evident here on earth. Touching heaven, changing earth is the title of one of the Hillsongs albums (you can find the words to the song in the left hand column). With the opportunities presented through the Turning getting closer, let us pray for revival here in East Sussex.

Yours in Christ, John

PRAYER POINTERS

SOLID

Pray for the children and adults attending the camp that they would have an encounter with God.

HOLY LAND TRIP

Pray that God would unite and strengthen the team and inspire them as they prepare.

FREEDOM SERIES

Pray for the church as we begin a new series in the mornings. Pray that we would be open and receptive to God.

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Bringing Life to the Heart
of 1066 Country, and beyond



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CRAFT LEADER

Needed at Friday After-School Club, 3-5.30pm (including set up and clear up)
Craft materials provided.
Please speak to Andy

NEXT SUNDAY

One morning gathering at 10am at BBC.
5pm Pentecost Service on Market Square (with youth Alpha at BBC)

THY KINGDOM COME

Have you seen these fantastic prayer resources and inspiring videos to help you pray?
www.thykingdomcome.global/

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: Brenda and family thank everyone for all the lovely cards and kind messages they have received since Jim died and for all the prayers, love and support they have had over numerous years. God bless you all.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: Saturday 19th May at 9.30-12.30pm (cost covered by BBC training budget). This will give level 2 safeguarding to all who attend. This is necessary if you volunteer with children or are attending the SOLID camp and have not completed the recent online training or if you don't already hold a

certificate from training you have completed within the last 2 years.

CHRISTIAN UNITY: Early morning prayers at 8am on Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri, this week, at the RC church followed by breakfast at BBC.

UNITY/PENTECOST SERVICE: and Sussex cream tea at 5pm next Sunday, Market Square. Please bring your own chair. Youth Alpha will be taking place at BBC.

ROYAL WEDDING: will be shown on the big screen in the chapel on 19th May from 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

What's on this week

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

Sunday, May 13th.

- 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.

Monday, May 14th.

- 8am: **Early morning Prayers** at RC church followed by breakfast at BBC.
- 9-11.30am: **Caterpillar parent & toddler.**
- 3.45-5.15pm: **Chosta** in the Youth Room.

Tuesday, May 15th.

- 8am: **Early morning Prayers** at RC church followed by breakfast at BBC.
- 9.15am: **Prayer-for-Healing Group** (prayer room). At 10.45am there will be prayer for all who come.
- 2pm: **Tuesday Fellowship.** Speaker: Geoff & Geraldine Barker from the Quicken Trust.

Wednesday, May 16th.

- 10-1.30pm: **Games Emporium** £1.50.
- 5pm-6pm: **BBFC Youth team** & 6pm-8pm: **BBFC training** at Claverham 3G.
- 7pm: **Battle Baptist Runners** meet at the Church.

Thursday, May 17th.

- 8am: **Early morning Prayers** at RC church followed by breakfast at BBC.
- 9-11.30am: **Caterpillar parent and**

- toddler.**
- 9.30-10am: **prayer for Sunday gatherings** in the prayer room.

Friday, May 18th.

- 8am: **Early morning Prayers** at RC church followed by breakfast at BBC.
- 10.30am: **Coffee Club** in the Youth Room.
- 12.30pm: **Friday Lunch Club** for retired people. (Advance booking essential on 772192, weekdays between 6pm and 7pm.)
- 3.30-5pm: **After School Club.**
- 7-9pm: **412.**

Sunday, May 20th.

- 10am: **Chapel Gathering** with creche, Sunday Club and Youth Group. Followed by refreshments.
- 5pm: **Pentecost Unity Service**, Market Square (bring your own chair) with Youth Alpha at BBC.