

# NEWSLETTER

20th 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

## Pausing to catch a breath...

As the disciples gathered in that upper room - Jesus having ascended to heaven - I'm guessing there would have been a whole range of emotions and feelings. The last few days and weeks could have been described as 'something else', let alone the last three years or so. The places they'd ventured, the things they'd seen, the people they'd hung out with, the interaction, confrontation and revelations. Talk about a story to tell...!

The accounts of Jesus' ministry here on earth, within the four gospels, capture for us something of the truly amazing events and happenings of what went on. My thoughts often turn to the question "What would it have been like to have actually been there?" How would we have reacted if we had experienced some of those moments first hand, as everything 'kicked off'?

After the rollercoaster of all that had happened, would the disciples have gathered in that upper room expectant and excited or were they terrified as to what might actually happen next? Recently I came across this quote from a pastor, on the whole area of responding to the Holy Spirit, they said, "No one ever said saying 'yes' would be easy, but it is the ride of our lives."

I like to think those first disciples would have been totally ready for the off and itching for what was next, but the reality is that they would have probably had moments when it all seemed too much and a little bit crazy for them. But then we are talking about

encountering and seeking to follow the one true living God. Therefore, experiencing something a little out of the ordinary - was for them and surely should be for us, expected.

The last two Sunday evenings at 5pm we've taken time to explore being filled with the Holy Spirit. That is not to say we are done and dusted on this topic - not by any stretch of the imagination. Part of the DNA that makes us who we are as Battle Baptist Church is that we seek to be a truly charismatic church in which the gifts, fruits and ministries of the Holy Spirit flourish. This is the legacy of who we are as a church and an essential part of the trajectory I believe we need to continue to journey along. In Joel 2:28, the prophet declares the word of the Lord:

*"And afterward,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.*

These words pointed towards a time when things would be different. Instead of upon a person at a particular time and for a particular purpose - as is seen at various points throughout the Old Testament - a time was coming when the Holy Spirit would be made available to everyone on a full-time basis.

This weekend we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Let us be expectant for God to move amongst us, to fill us a fresh or for the first time. Let us eagerly seek the gifts the Holy Spirit brings, so through us they may be used for His Glory. Let us be as ready as we can for God to move by His power and to His thing!

Be blessed Ed Jones

## PRAYER POINTERS

### SAXONWOOD

Ask God to use the team from BBC at the services every other Thursday.

### THE TURNING

Pray for spiritual protect for all involved especially Mark and the other leaders across East Sussex and Reading.

### SOLID

Pray that God would speak powerfully into the lives of the children, young people and leaders on the SOLID camp

*I will  
WALK BY  
FAITH  
even when I can  
not see*



## COMING UP...

10th June

10.45am Baptism and  
dedication.

17th July

7.30pm Church Meeting

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Bringing Life to the Heart  
of 1066 Country, and beyond

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALLING ALL CUTTERS AND STICKERS:** can you help Esther on Tuesday 29th May from 11am to prepare craft kits for the Holy Land trip. Tea, coffee, sticky buns and great company provided.

**CRAFT LEADER:** needed at Friday After School Club (ASC). God has been so good in providing us with record numbers of children at ASC. The high quality craft slots are enjoyed by the children and offer an opportunity to build relationships with them. Please speak to Andy if you would like to

join the team in any capacity or to come along and see what we do each week. Thank you.



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### TODAY

One morning gathering at 10am at BBC.

5pm Pentecost Service on Market Square - please bring a chair (with youth Alpha at BBC).

### NEXT SUNDAY

Two morning gatherings only.

8.45am - communion

10.45am - all age

### PRAYER

God of my heart, help me to listen to others with the ears of understanding, speak with the voice of kindness and feel with the heart of compassion.

Amen

## What's on this week

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

### 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.

### Monday, May 21st.

● 9-11.30am: **Caterpillar parent & toddler.** ● 3.45-5.15pm: **Chosta** in the Youth Room.

### Tuesday, May 22nd.

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

### Wednesday, May 23rd.

● 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, May 24th.

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

### Friday, May 25th.

● 8am: **Early morning Prayers** at RC church followed by breakfast at BBC. ● 10.30am: **Coffee Club** in the Youth Room. ● 3.30-5pm: **After School**

**Club.** ● 7-9pm: **412.**

### Sunday, May 27th.

● 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: **ALL-AGE Chapel Gathering** with creche,