

NEWSLETTER

27th May 2018



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
Baptist Church

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

A prayer

Loving Lord, thank You so much for holiday times and the wonder and excitement that they engender, and we want to praise you for all the goodness and grace you generously pour out on us and all people.

We particularly remember those who are alone, or ill or going through times of stress or difficulty, and pray that you would draw very close to each and every one. Let them know your special peace in their heart and give to each one your sufficient grace.
Amen

COMING UP...

10th June

10.45am Baptism and
dedication.

17th July

7.30pm Church Meeting

Power Surge...

One day last week I was in Jempsons' supermarket, about half way through the electronic scanning of my shopping. As usual, there was good-natured chatter and banter going on between shoppers and assistants, but suddenly all this was unexpectedly interrupted by a power cut. Not only were we plunged into semi darkness, but all the electrical equipment crashed into instant oblivion, rendering the shop and the Post Office completely impotent at a stroke. Some others of us probably experienced the cut in electricity too, as it seems to have affected most of the town. Offices and shops with information lost, computers and tills dead, cash machines and freezers out of order and, what a shame, car parking machines unable to issue tickets. Petrol and diesel pumps stopped mid delivery and half of my shopping in my bag and the other half unscanned on the conveyor belt. And everyone asking "what happens next?"

Without any kind of power, mankind struggles, just like Battle did last week, as the normal rhythm of daily life is suddenly disrupted. We take it for granted that when we turn on the lights or plug in an appliance, it will work. Following the death of Jesus, His disciples must have experienced a similar feeling when their source of power and direction was taken away from them. A feeling of unspeakable loss, of total impotence and the same question "what happens next?" Perhaps a feeling of guilt for having taken the presence of Jesus for granted, for expecting Him to be with them for ever or, for Simon Peter, an awful sorrow for denying having even known Him.

At last Tuesday's afternoon fellowship meeting, our speaker, Andy Garlick, movingly took us on a fascinating journey with Simon

Peter, exploring the various events in which he was involved, both before and after the crucifixion. He detailed all the emotions that Peter would have gone through and invited us to reflect on how we might have reacted in similar circumstances. It was an excellent and timely talk, typical of the quality speakers that we cherish at Tuesday Fellowship; if you've never been along, give it a try and, as one member once said, "you won't be disappointed!"

And Jesus was not about to leave His disciples disappointed either. He told them not to disperse, not to go back to their old jobs, but instead to wait in Jerusalem "for the gift I told you about, the gift my Father promised, so that when the Holy Spirit comes, you will be filled with power". This was a precious time of stillness and waiting in anticipation. They had learned enough about Jesus by now to know that the gift of power would be very good news. And when the Holy Spirit came some days later, indeed it was excellent news, giving them the boldness they lacked to begin telling all they met about Jesus, locally, nationally and overseas too.

All of this reminds us that at any time we may witness and be part of a divine power surge that may well disturb our well-ordered lives. Actually, quite the opposite to my power cut last week. Instead of a loss of power upsetting our daily routine, we should all be praying for an outpouring, a drenching of the Holy Spirit, especially as we approach the Turning and all that that will mean for the county of Sussex. The Lord bless us in this time of stillness and waiting.

Yours in Christ, Rob

PRAYER POINTERS

ANNET MILLER

Pray that the appeal process for a visa to visit the UK with her husband, Damien and baby would be successful.

THE TURNING

Pray that God would prepare the hearts and minds of people across East Sussex and equip those involved.

THE GATHERING

Pray that God would bless, encourage and minister to the men going to The Gathering Festival.

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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.

THE TURNING: There is lots happening this week in preparation for the week of mission 4th-9th June. Please see "What's on this week for details.

DEACON NOMINATIONS: Please hand your nomination forms into the office by Sunday 10th June.



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THE TURNING

1st & 2nd June: Core leaders training at Wellington Square Baptist Church, Hastings
31st May: Launch Night at Victoria Baptist Eboune

NEXT SUNDAY

Two morning gatherings only.
8.45am - communion
10.45am - all age
(5pm Youth Alpha)

THE TURNING

3rd June: The Turning, Encounter worship and Prayer at His Place Community Church, Hastings.
7.30-9pm

What's on this week

It's half-term so many of our normal activities will be taking a break.

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,

Wednesday, May 30th.

- 7pm: **Battle Baptist Runners** meet at the Church.

Thursday, May 31st.

- 9.30-10am: **prayer for Sunday gatherings** in the prayer room.
- 7.30-9pm: **The Turning, East Sussex Lauch Night**, Victoria Baptist Church, Eastbourne.

Friday, June 1st.

- 7.30am: **Early Morning Prayers** in the Youth Room followed by a 'do it yourself' breakfast.
- 9.45am -2pm: **The Turning, Core Team Training**, Wellington Square, Baptist Church.

Saturday, June 2nd.

- 9.45am-2pm: **The Turning, Core Team Training**, Wellington Square,

Baptist Church.

Sunday, June 3rd.

- 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: **Youth Alpha**, at BBC.
- 7.30-9pm: **The Turning, encounter worship and Prayer** at His Place Community Church, Hastings.