

NEWSLETTER

17th June 2018



Church family



**Saturday
14th July
From 4pm**

At South Lodge, 107
North Trade Road,
Battle Everyone
invited Adults £4
children £2
(soft drink included)
but you are welcome
to bring anything else.

Please book via
church office with
payment and any
dietary req. by
Sunday 8th July.

If wet weather we will be in
the Manna House!

COMING UP...

[22nd June](#)

The Gathering

[23 June](#)

Holy Land Trip
Battle Carnival

[6th July](#)

SOLID

[17th July](#)

7.30pm Church Meeting

WHO ARE WE?

Earlier this week I sat down at my laptop to carry out the annual task of renewing my Anti-Money Laundering registration with the Chartered Institute of Taxation.

I know what you're thinking. This guy really dances daily with excitement.

Unfortunately the whole process took rather longer than expected. It is now necessary to provide a 'basic check', which proves my lack of criminal activity. To obtain this you first have to use the 'government identity checking service' called GOV.UK Verify.

This service is provided by several companies, including Barclays Bank. As a loyal customer of thirty plus years I merrily logged in only to discover that Barclays seem to know me as Mr. 'Le Dunn' so refused to accept that my passport or driver's licence were genuine. By now slightly miffed I tried using the Royal Mail service instead. After all I have been at the same address for twelve years now so surely they know who I am.

After a further half-an-hour and several failed attempts at answering the questions they asked about me I came to the conclusion that either they knew me better than I did or that I had multiple identities in cyberspace which were currently sulking and refusing to speak each other.

How simple then, yet also profound, to consider the spiritual identity ascribed to us by God!

"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ" Romans 8:16-17

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" John 1:12

"He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will" Ephesians 1:5

There is no room for ambiguity. No registration fee or cross-referencing to our financial records. There may initially be a checking of our criminal past, but thankfully God's mercy wipes this clean. We are adopted into His family and become one of His children.

In society we can take our identity from the work we do, from the people we know, from the clubs we belong to and from the family we are part of. This is identification by reference to what is outside of us and what surrounds us.

By way of contrast, in God we take our identity by reference to Who is inside us. "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you?" 1 Corinthians 3:16. The Holy Spirit is the seal within us, marking us as belonging to Him.

That is who we are. Part of His family. And that is the identity we should rest all our hope and confidence upon.

Yours in Christ, Charles Dunn

PRAYER POINTERS

THE GATHERING

Pray for the group of men going to the Gathering men's festival. Pray that God would move mightily in their lives.

THE CARNIVAL

Pray that God would richly bless the toddler and baby groups (including Caterpillar) involved in the procession.

HOLIDAY @ HOME

Pray for more bookings and God's strength and encouragement for those leading it.

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of 1066 Country, and beyond



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CHURCH COMMISSIONING WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER: we hope to build on the success of last year's commissioning weekend. For the moment, please save the dates 15th & 16th September and watch this space for more information.

FOLLOW-UP: If you are following

anyone up from The Turning, please collect a free Bible from the office to give to the person you are meeting.

SOUL SURVIVOR: Final payments are now due.

UNITED CHURCHES PRAYER: is this Wednesday in the prayer room from 12.30pm (bring a packed lunch).

BATTLE CARNIVAL 23RD JUNE: all are welcome to join the "Tiger Who Came To Tea" themed procession leaving 10.45am from the Rec. Dress as a tiger or in orange and black. Tiger face painting from 10am in the guide hut.

THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS: latest magazine is available for collection from the foyer.

SAVE THE DATES

BBC Teaching Weekend
with Ruth Rice 5-7th Oct
BBC Retreat Weekend
with Roy Searl 8-10th Mar

NEXT SUNDAY

Two gatherings at
8.45am (communion) and
10.45am - ALL AGE

CAKES!

Please get baking for SOLID children's camp. We need lots of homemade or shop bought cakes for hungry leaders and children. Deliver them to the office by 5th July

What's on this week

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

Sunday, June 17th.

● 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 & Youth Group. ● 5pm: Evening of Testimonies from The Turning with Youth Alpha and Sunday Club.

Monday, June 18th.

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

Tuesday, June 19th.

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

Wednesday, June 20th.

● 10am—1.30pm: **Games Emporium** £1.50. ● 12.30-1.30pm: **United Churches prayer** in the prayer room (bring a packed lunch) ● 7pm: **Battle Baptist Runners** meet at the Church.

Thursday, June 21st.

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

Friday, June 22nd.

● 7.30am: **Early morning Prayers** in the youth room followed by a 'do it yourself' breakfast. ● 10.30am: **Coffee Club** in the Youth Room. ● 3.30-5pm: **After School Club**. ● 7-9pm: **412**.

Sunday, June 24th.

● 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.