

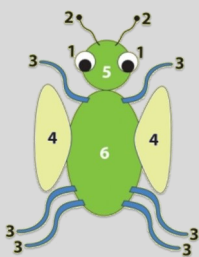
NEWSLETTER

22nd July 2018



Summer Spaces at 5pm

Next Sunday...



Beetle Drive For all ages

Battle Baptist Teaching Weekend 5-7th October '18



With Ruth Rice Renew Wellbeing Founder

Ruth is passionate about seeing churches turn themselves and their great habits of welcome, care and prayer inside out to reduce isolation and increase wellbeing in every community.

COMING UP...

[15/16th September](#)
BBC commissioning weekend

Always give 100%...

...can and probably should be applied in many cases, except as a t-shirt I once saw reminded me, when donating blood.

This summer we're considering the whole issue of generosity - what does it mean to be a generous people. One of the initial challenges we can face when seeking to grapple with this whole area, is that our thoughts and the potential implications of any exploration end up focussing on money. In part there is nothing wrong with this. We may be aware and if not, we'll see over the coming weeks, that this is a focus within the whole topic that the Bible speaks about and Jesus teaches on. A concern though, is that this is often where any unpacking can stop. Our generosity becomes defined by the pounds and pence that we give. How much, how little, to what and to where. It can become a point of comparison with others, a bone of contention within ourselves.

Now, without a doubt I would want to emphasise the reality that to be able to carry out the ministry we believe God has given us to do and called us to be a part of, does cost money. There is no getting away from this, however much we might fear ourselves getting swept along in our often consumeristic society.

The challenge, or to look at it a different way, the opportunity before us, is to see the sheer vastness of what it can mean for us to be a generous people. The title of the series 'Living a life worth giving' seeks to express something

of the possibility that is out there, that is before us. What does it mean to be generous in terms of our relationships or through the ministry Jesus invites us to be a part of?

Obviously at this time of year many are away on holiday, so can I encourage you to listen in via our website to those sermons you're not here for. We're also going to be compiling a pamphlet with key excerpts from each of the talks, which will be available in September, so we can continue to collectively reflect on this whole issue. As with last summer's teaching, where we looked at what it means to be a welcoming people, this is not something we will be ticking off our list once the summer is done. I believe it is a key area in terms of how we move forward as a church and one we will be returning to again.

Above all, over the next seven weeks as we look at different areas of what it means to be generous, may we be open to the voice of God speaking to and challenging us afresh. What might it look like for each of us, as we reach September 2nd, having been changed by the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through us? What percentage will we give? How willing are we to live the life God is calling us to - whatever the cost?

Here's to the adventure we're embarking upon, together.

Be blessed, Ed Jones

PRAYER POINTERS

MEMBERSHIP

Pray for Rebecca, Trish, Sam and Mark as they explore membership at Battle Baptist Church

FINANCES

Praise God for how He provides for us individually and as a church. Pray that He would guide and direct our giving.

THE TURNING

Pray for all those who responded on the streets and for those involved in follow-up.

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of 1066 Country, and beyond



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAKES: Thank you so much for the wonderful cakes that you provided for SOLID. At the end of August a group of hungry young people and their leaders are going to Soul Survivor. It would be great to bless them equally with cakes (homemade or shop bought). So please get baking, freezing and buying cakes ready for the August bank holiday weekend. *Thank you.*

PAT DEERING: there will be a service at 12.30 on 27th July at Halton Church in Ore for people who knew Pat.

LADIES SAVE THE DATE: 6pm on Thursday 16th August. Bexhill seafront walk with fish & chips. Meet at the Galley Hill end of the parade.

HOLIDAY AT HOME: there are still spaces on this year's Holiday at Home. Enjoy fun, friendship, inspiring talks,

outings and home cooked food on Monday 13th, Wednesday 15th and Friday 17th August.

BATTLE BAPTIST RUNNERS: are now training for the BBB10k in September. If you can run 5k and would gradually like to increase your mileage over the summer, join us on Wednesdays at 7pm. If you would like a Battle Baptist Runner top or vest at £17.99 (sizes from XS to XXXXL) please order via Esther.esterjdunn@gmail.com or 07892 877405

TUESDAY HEALING PRAYER: will be taking a break from meeting over the summer. They will be operating a prayer circle. If you have any prayer needs, please contact the office and we will pass your needs onto the group.

SAVE THE DATES

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

YOUNG PEOPLE

Can you help on Holiday at Home? Helpers are needed to wash up at lunch time on 13th, 15th & 17th August. Speak to Peter or Pennie.

WANTED!

Helpers to serve refreshments from 4pm on Sundays from September for the 5pm gathering.

What's on this week

It's Summer!!! Please check the schedule carefully as many of our normal activities take a break

Sunday, July 22nd.

- 9.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 10am: **Chapel Gathering**, with creche, Sunday club and youth group. Refreshments in the Manna House afterwards. ● 5pm: **Treasure Hunt.**

Wednesday, July 25th.

- **Wednesday Club:** Lunch at 39 Newlands Ave, Bexhill TN39 4HA. Please let Gill know if you are going. ● 7pm: **Battle Baptist Runners** meet at the church.

Thursday, July 26th.

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

Friday, July 27th.

- 7.30am: **Early morning Prayers** in the youth room followed by a 'do it yourself' breakfast.

Sunday, July 29th.

- 9.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 10am: **Chapel Gathering**, with creche and Sunday club. Refreshments in the Manna House afterwards. ● 5pm: **Beate Drive.**