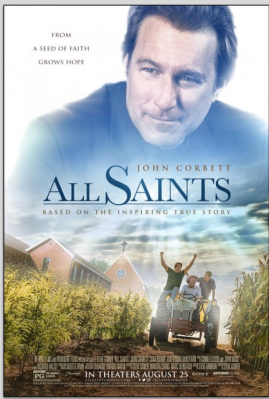


# NEWSLETTER

29th July 2018



**Summer  
Spaces at  
5pm  
Next Sunday...**



**Film Night  
All Saints PG**

All Saints is inspired by a true story of an Episcopalian priest (John Corbett) who saves a struggling congregation with the help of a group of refugees from Myanmar.

**Battle Baptist Church  
Commissioning  
Sunday**

**16th September  
10-3pm**

Exhibitions, refreshments, BBQ lunch, children and adult activities ending with a celebration at 3pm.

**A day to celebrate all  
God has done and all  
He will do.**

**COMING UP...**

**16th August @ 6pm**  
Ladies seafront walk

## Shine like the sun...

One thing that we have all enjoyed [some of us more than others] over these past weeks has been the sunshine....and plenty of it. It gives warmth and light to us here in the world, and growth to the plants. Scripture has a few things to say about the sun and sunshine. It reminds us of God's love for us – like the sun, it is always over the earth - never ending.

Psalm 84 v 11 The Lord God Almighty is a sun and a shield; the Lord bestows favour and honour. **No good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.** If we live without God, we live in darkness, but if we walk with the Lord, he will enlighten and enliven us, he will guide us and lead us: The Lord will give us grace and glory.

This is echoed in Matthew's gospel 13 v 43; **the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.**

Judges 5 v 31 **May those who love you O Lord, be like the sun when it rises in its strength.**

And with the light and heat, comes the warning regarding each day: Ephesians 4 v 26. **don't let the sun go down while you are still angry.** We are called to be peacemakers – not just in the world at large, but in the church, the home and the family. Nothing is going to take God by surprise, he knows and sees everything; and we are reminded as we look around the world, that **'there is nothing new under the sun'** – Ecclesiastes 1 v 9.

The devil loves it especially when Christians [and countries], get angry and fight one another.

Three weeks ago, I preached about the importance of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us, and last Sunday following on from that, Mark preached about the importance of love.

The sunshine reminds us of God's love for us – the sun does shine everyday- we cannot always see it, but it is up there in the sky and shining. We sometimes may feel that God has left us, or forgotten us, or is sleeping, but the truth is that he hasn't – he is always there. We can remind ourselves of that every time we are conscious of the sun. **God's love is never ending.** And that is a good example of love for us, however we feel, as we walk on with the Lord. He loves you. It is so important that you receive it. We can know it in our minds, without actually receiving it. We need to receive it into our hearts. Perhaps we should remind ourselves of it, as we awake each morning to live a new day - **God loves me. Jesus died for me. I'm precious -I'm special. Praise the Lord. God loves me...all day every day.**

The love that we share should, like God's love, be never ending.

Lamentations 3 v 22,23: **Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail; they are new every morning.**

The importance of love is reflected in how many times that the word **love** is used in the Bible. 642 times!

It is important that we continue to take on board and share the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control, against such there is no law.

It is interesting - the word 'sun' – and how it reflects the title 'Son'. As the sun in the sky shines on us, so does the Son of God shine on us. Ephesians 5 v 14: **Wake up O sleeper, rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.**

Yours in Christ, Francis

## PRAYER POINTERS

### SOUL SURVIVOR

Pray for the leaders and young people that God would keep them safe and do a transforming work in their lives.

### COMMISSIONING

Praise God for the many activities and ministries at BBC. Pray that the celebration in September would glorify God.

### HOLIDAYS

Pray that those going on holiday would be kept safe and experience a time of renewal and refreshing.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**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.

**ALL AGE QUIZ NIGHT:** 5pm on 12th August. Pick up a booking form and enter as a team (up to 6 people) or as an individual and you will be placed on a team.



### 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 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: **Beetle Drive**.

#### Wednesday, August 1st.

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

#### Thursday, August 2nd.

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

#### Friday, August 3rd.

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

#### Sunday, August 5th.

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