

NEWSLETTER

12th August 2018



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



Walk
Suitable for all ages.
Meet at Church

Battle Baptist Church

**Commissioning
Sunday**

**16th September
10-2.30pm**

Exhibitions, refreshments, BBQ
lunch, children and adult activities
ending with a celebration
at 2pm.

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

COMING UP...

16th August at 6pm
Ladies seafront walk

3rd September 7.30pm
Prayer and Praise

5-7th October
BBC Teaching Weekend
with Ruth Rice

Our appointed location and time...?

We are in the last few days of an amazing trip up and down the East coast of the USA. Before returning home we are spending a bit of time in beautiful Chatham which is on the Cape Cod peninsula in Massachusetts (think Cornwall with a strong dose of New England).

The general idea is to relax here but after 10 days of travelling - planes and trains to catch, timed entry tickets, reservations to keep to etc, it's somehow been quite difficult to let go and wind down, not that I'm speaking for all members of the family!

When I visit a place far from home I often find myself thinking about how God has placed me in a specific geographical place at a specific time in history - why Battle and not somewhere across the Atlantic?! If we believe He has placed us here in Battle Baptist Church then it's possible He might have a very specific job for each of us to do isn't it?

However, what if we are so busy doing the things we think we ought to be doing, that we don't actually have time to do the things that God might have planned for us to do? What if we aren't listening to Him because we are busy doing our own thing and miss what He wants us to do and had planned for us way before we were born, in our appointed location and time?

As we know, the idea of balanced work and rest is something that God built into His creation from the very start. Nowhere in Scripture do we find that frantic rushing about

that can characterise our lives. Jesus had just 3 years of recorded ministry but we don't see Him telling his disciples to get a move on because there's so much to do. Instead, in the midst of all the needs and demands we hear Him say, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31).

If we do life God's way, there is a sense of order, with enough time to do everything we need to do and everything we are called to do. However we need to stand against the lies that the enemy whispers to us that resting is a weakness and believe that God does His best work in and through us when we've rested from our work.

As someone else said - "there's absolutely too much to do in God's kingdom for us to not be busy about our Father's business . . . but there's too much to do to not rest and recharge in the presence of Jesus".

As we look forward to our commissioning weekend on the 16th September there are many areas of ministry needing support within our fellowship. Before this date perhaps we can all take some time to prayerfully consider where the Lord wants to use us in the months ahead and be open to listen to the One who knows us best of all. Perhaps this might mean getting involved in something new that we never imagined doing, or even letting something go to allow someone else to step in and take the reins?

Yours in Christ, Shirley Whymark

PRAYER POINTERS

NEKOUNAMS

Pray for Datis, Hannah, Jasmine and Darius as they relocate to Kazakhstan.

HOLIDAY @ HOME

Pray that God would break into people's lives this week.
Pray that the leaders would be encouraged and strengthened.

THE TURNING

Pray for Battle, that God would destroy strongholds and prepare people's hearts for His good news.

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Bringing Life to the Heart
of 1066 Country, and beyond



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAKES: for Soul Survivor should be delivered to the church by Thursday 23rd August. Thank you.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB: Andy is looking to replace some of the after-school club games. If you have any unwanted easy to play children's games like Hungry Hippos or Buckaroo please let Andy know. *Thank you.*

CHURCH TEACHING WEEKEND: 6-8th October led by Ruth Rice, Renew Wellbeing founder. Keep

your diary free Friday evening and Saturday morning. There will be provision for primary aged school children on Saturday morning.

Ladies seafront walk and fish & chips 6pm 16th August



Meet at the Galley Hill end of the parade. Children and scooters/bikes welcome.

RE-START DATES

Mon & Thurs Caterpillar: 10th Sept
Tuesday Fellowship: 4th Sept
Friday Lunch & Coffee Club: 7th Sept
Wednesday Club: 12th Sept
Prayer & Praise: 3rd Sept
After School Club:
14th Sept

BBC RETREAT

Led by Roy Searl one of the Overseers of the Northumbria Community.
8-10th March 2019
With provision for children and young people.

WANTED

Helpers to serve refreshments from 4pm on Sundays from September for the 5pm gathering.
Please speak to Brenda Crew

What's on this week

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

Sunday, August 12th.

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

Wednesday, August 15th.

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

Thursday, August 16th.

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

Friday, August 17th.

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

Sunday, August 19th.

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