

Battle Baptist Church

Being Transformed Together



15th September 2019



Church Retreat Weekend

with

Stuart Elmes

Fri 4th - Sun 6th Oct

Pick up a leaflet and sign up!

Theme: John 15

*There will be a full programme
for children and teens*

'Let all that I am praise the Lord. O Lord my God, how great you are! You are robed with honour and majesty. You are dressed in a robe of light. You stretch out the starry curtain of the heavens; you lay out the rafters of your home in the rain clouds. You make the clouds your chariot, you ride upon the wings of the wind.'

Psalm 104:1-3



Fixtures Sat 21st Sept:

1sts: Crowhurst (H)

2nds: Old Hastonians (A)

3rds: Old Town Lions (A)

'A time for...'

This Sunday we will be gathering for our Commissioning Weekend. This is a time when, following the summer break - and as the beginning of another academic year is marked - we take the opportunity to give thanks to God for all that the last year has held and pray expectantly for the coming season.

It is an occasion in the life of the church where we get to see something of a snapshot in terms of all that goes on. The exhibition from 10am is a chance to chat to those who are involved in different areas, finding out what goes on and exploring how we each might play our part. Enjoying a BBQ together (as I write the forecast is looking absolutely glorious), we have the chance to relax together and to continue to grow as a community. Finally, from 2pm the short all-age service is a moment when we're able to thank God for his goodness and pray with a sense of anticipation for all He has ahead of us.

As well as collectively commissioning the ministry of the church that outworks itself in a whole variety of ways, we will also be officially marking the start of an exciting new chapter as we commission both Tim Fudge and Caroline Dyer into their new roles as Youth, Children's and Families Worker and Youth and Children's Worker. When we first began exploring a role to work within these areas, it was with a real sense that if God is in this it will happen; if He isn't, then it won't. This view came about not least because many churches are looking to fill such roles at this time, there isn't a plethora of individuals simply sitting about waiting to take them up and our own

self-imposed timeframe was exceedingly tight to say the least. One regional minister aware of our situation, has since commented to me that to not only find a suitable candidate, but to find two was 'miraculous'. And indeed it is, but then that's what God is all about, so it shouldn't surprise us.

The words of Ecclesiastes chapter 3 and the first 8 verses speak of there being *a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens*. The words in those verses are such a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness through all things. Life brings its challenges, its ups and its downs. I pray for us as a church that through them all we will keep our eyes fixed on Him and our feet firmly following where He leads.

Whatever the coming months hold, may we commit again to all that God is asking of us as His people. May we celebrate together the wide and varied ministry we are privileged to be involved in. May we take a moment to pause, thanking God for His continued provision, guidance and challenge as we seek to serve Him with all we are – 'Being Transformed Together' - and seeing this community impacted eternally for him!

Be blessed

Ed Jones



PRAYER POINTERS

Election of Deacons

As we seek to appoint deacons for the next two years, be prayerfully considering who to nominate in each ministry area. 'Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others...'

University Students

Pray for our students as they return to their studies:
Midge Dyer (Kingston); Abi Jones (internship at Canterbury) Becca Lewis (Reading); David Lewis (Durham); Rory York (Sheffield).

Our country

In these unprecedented, times, praise God that He is in control, and He is Lord of all. Pray for wisdom for our political leaders. And may we act as channels for healing and peace wherever God places us.

NEWSLETTER

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Community

BBC will be hosting family workshops next weekend in preparation for Battle Festival's 'Big Blue' event on Sat 28th Sept.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mevlyn Nolan: Melvyn is preaching at Halton Baptist Church this morning.

BBFC: The Football Club needs a new Chair. Please be prayerfully considering whether this might be something that you could undertake as we continue to seek God's guidance beyond summer 2020.

Supporting BBC's ministries: Thanks to those people who have volunteered so far. We still have some gaps to fill! Please consider whether you could contribute to any of the following:

Friday Lunch Club: cook required once a month for this popular club.

Caterpillar Parents and Toddlers: could you spare three hours once a month to help with this busy ministry?

Sunday Club: we need one more leader to work with children aged 4-7 once a month. Speak to Esther for more details.

R.E.A.L. Women: Come and join us for 'Just Desserts' in the Manna House on Saturday 19th October at 7.30pm. Make

your favourite dessert and bring to share with others. Taste as many as you dare! Take home a copy of the recipes of the ones you loved. Why not bring a friend?

Holy Land trip 20th June - 1st July 2020: a wonderful opportunity to see the places where Jesus walked; and to help with the children's summer camp run by RCO Ministries. Please pray and think about whether you could be part of the team. Speak to Ed, Steve or Rita for more details.

Cleaners: We are advertising for two cleaning posts - each to work 3 hours on a Saturday. See Jo in the office for more details.

Foodbank: We have been very busy this week with new clients including three large families. We have run out of tinned potatoes, soup, cold meat, and are really low on rice pudding, tinned spaghetti, biscuits and treats. Your donations are really appreciated - thank you.

Caroline Dyer

A slight change in Caroline's working hours at the church:

Mon 9.30am-5.30pm

Tues 9.00am-12 noon

Friday 1.30pm-9.30pm

Sun 5pm-6pm

R.E.A.L Women

Please note that the monthly coffee mornings at Blackbrooks will now take place on Tuesdays, not Thursdays. Meet from 10am.

What's on this week....

The Caterpillar Pre-School is open this week Monday to Friday.

Sunday 15th September

- 10am - 2pm **Exhibition of BBC Ministries** (refreshments will be available)
- 12.30pm - 2pm **Lunch** (hot dogs and choc ices)
- 2pm - 2.45pm Whole church gathering for **Worship and Recommissioning**

Monday 16th September

- 9am - 11.30am **Caterpillar Parents and Toddlers**
- 3.45pm - 5.15pm **Chosta** in the Youth Room

Tuesday 17th September

- 9.15am **Prayer for Healing Group** (Prayer Room). At 10.45am there will be prayer for all who come.
- 10.30am -11.45am **Walking Football** at the Rec
- 2pm **Tuesday Fellowship** (speaker: Ann Proctor)

Wednesday 18th September

- 10am - 3pm **Games Emporium** in the Manna House
- 1pm - 2pm **Unity Prayer Meeting** in the Prayer Room
- 6pm - 6.45pm **Youth Home Group @ The Shed**
- 6pm - 8pm **BBFC** training at Claverham 3G
- 7pm **Battle Baptist Runners** meet at the church

Thursday 19th September

- 9am - 11.30am **Caterpillar Parents and Toddlers**

Friday 20th September

- 7.30am **Early Morning Prayers** in the Youth Room followed by a 'do it yourself' breakfast
- 10.30am **Coffee Club** in the youth room
- 3.15-5pm **After School Club** for primary age children
- 7pm-9pm **4:12 Youth Club**

Saturday 21st September

- 11am - 1pm **Family Junk Percussion Workshop** in the Manna House (part of Battle Festival) **Also at 2pm tomorrow.**

Sunday 22nd September

- 8am-8.30am **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**
- 5pm - 6pm **Youth Gathering** in the Youth Room
- 6pm **Encounter** in the Chapel