

Battle Baptist Church

Being Transformed Together

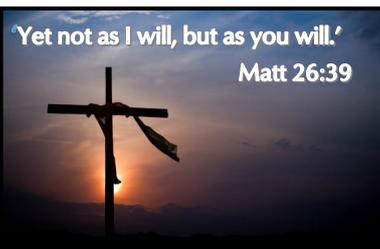


10th November 2019
Remembrance Sunday



'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for ones friends.'

John 15:13



'Yet not as I will, but as you will.'

Matt 26:39

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'

John 14:27

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

*his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness."*

-Lamentations 3:22-23



Fixtures Sat 16th Nov:

1sts: Rock a Nore (H)
2nds: Old Hastonians (A)
3rds: (No Game)

The ultimate sacrifice

Al Geiser was a friend of ours in Afghanistan. He was a larger-than-life character with a great sense of humour. His work was mostly with helping to produce hydro-electricity for villages so that villagers could have lights in their homes. Al partnered with an Afghan colleague to help get his business going, and they built a workshop and brought in all the big pieces of equipment that they needed.

One day, in 2008 while Al and his partner were at a funeral service, the two of them were kidnapped. Al spent almost two months in the mountains not knowing what was going to happen to him. Many days he was tied up and left alone for the day. He spent a lot of his time praying and one of his captors asked him why - didn't he know that his life was in his captor's hands? Al looked at him and said, "Yes, but in whose hands is your life?" He was told if he would just say the words, he could convert to Islam and they would let him go. But he said, no, he couldn't and wouldn't do that.

During this time his church got together every day to pray for his release and that he would make it through this time. Suddenly, after 56 days, he was rescued by US special forces and was sent back home to Ohio.

However, it wasn't long until Al decided that God didn't save him just to be back in a safe place in Ohio.. His business partner, who, like him, had been kidnapped and later released, didn't have a choice about leaving the country and going somewhere safer to live. Al didn't feel that it was right for him to remain at home - he very strongly felt

that God was calling him to go back to Afghanistan. And so, after six months, he returned.

Business was going well. In 2010 Al's wife joined him, and they lived with an Afghan family who loved and cared for them both, accepting them as members of the family.

Then, in July 2012, Al went with his business partner and an employee to a village to install a part for a hydro-electric project. It wasn't very far away, but they decided to stay overnight and go back to Kabul the following morning.

The next morning, however, on their way back, their car was stopped and all three of them were shot and killed. Al was just 65 years old.

As Gladys, Al's wife, wrote later: 'I think his life is a legacy that we can leave with our family, our church family and with others who will go to serve not knowing how it will all end up. To know that God is with you. And if God calls you, that's the place to go.'

As we remember those who have sacrificed themselves for our United Kingdom, lets also remember those, like Al, who have sacrificed themselves for God's Kingdom. The Kingdom that grows through love and sacrifice, and ultimately, of course, through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. What sacrifice are you making for the Kingdom?

Steve

PRAYER POINTERS

Holiday Club

Thirty seven children attended last week's Holiday Club. Thank the Lord for contacts made, and pray that seeds sown will be nurtured and will flourish.

Staff team

Thank the Lord that Caroline and Tim are now both in post. Pray for the whole team as they work together, especially as we head towards the brilliance and the bustle of Christmas.

Our country

In these unprecedented times, praise God that He is in control, and that He is Lord of all. Pray for wisdom and good judgement for those in positions of national influence.

NEWSLETTER

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Damien and Annet Miller: The latest newsletter from the Millers is available - please ask Steve Reading for a copy.

Friday Lunch Club: We are looking for two assistant cooks to serve in this friendly, popular ministry once a month. Do you perhaps know of someone outside the church who might be prepared to take on the role?

Cleaning: Our cleaner Colin is taking annual leave from Sunday 10th - Tuesday 19th November. The staff team will cover the cleaning of the pre-school. It would be very helpful if we could all play our part in keeping the rest of the premises clean over the next week. Separately, Nathan Dyer and Sunny Chislett have started work as cleaners on Saturdays.

Foodbank: Many thanks for your generous donations at our harvest services - it amounted to over 80kg! We are now collecting for Christmas, as we plan to give hampers to those we know of who are in

need. Many thanks for your continued support. Suggested Festive donations: Christmas pudding, custard, tins of: ham, chicken in sauce, vegetables, potatoes, fruit, salmon, crab; fancy biscuits including shortbread; sweets and chocolate; Christmas cake (slabs are fine - it doesn't have to be a whole cake); chocolate logs; children's selection boxes; mince pies (please check the date on the latter). We are also pleased to receive Christmas crackers, napkins or balloons.

Community: BBFC is working hard with Battle Town Council to obtain grant funding to refurbish the pavilion at the Rec. Part of the plan is to create a Clubroom / Refreshment Area (not a café), and BTC would like to know what local people think of this proposal. Express your views by filling in their questionnaire either electronically or on paper by **22nd November** (paper copies in the foyer).

Men's breakfast

... takes place this Saturday!
Why not join us for fabulous fellowship and a fantastic meal?.

Tim Fudge

Tim will be working flexibly to enable him to be involved fully with our youth events. His day off will be Thursday.

R.E.A.L Women

With regret, we must cancel the Christmas Crafts event planned for 30th November. We are now planning for a crafts event around Easter.

What's on this week....

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

Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Sunday

- 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

Monday 11th November

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

Tuesday 12th November

- 10.30am -11.45am **Walking Football** at the Rec
- 2pm **Tuesday Fellowship** (speaker: Mike Ward)

Wednesday 13th November

- 10am - 3pm **Art and Crafts** in the Manna House
- 6pm - 6.45pm **Youth Home Group** @ The Shed
- 6pm - 7pm **BBFC training** at Claverham 3G
- 7pm **Battle Baptist Runners** meet at the church

Thursday 14th November

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

Friday 15th November

- 7.30am **Early Morning Prayers** in the Youth Room followed by 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** for teens

Saturday 16th November

- 8am - 9.15am **Men's Breakfast** (speaker: Christopher MacDonald)

Sunday 17th November

- 8am-8.30am **Breakfast** in the Manna House
- 8.20am **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room
- 8.45am **Chapel Gathering** with Communion ● 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
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