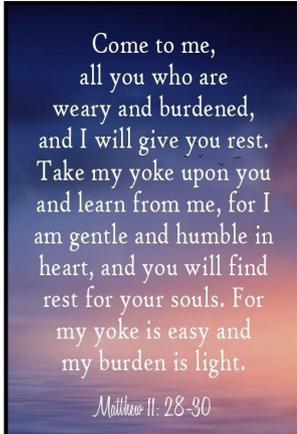


Battle Baptist Church

Being Transformed Together



2nd February 2020



'The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul.
The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.
The commandments of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living.
Reverence for the Lord is pure, lasting forever.
The laws of the Lord are true; each one is fair.
They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold.
They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb.
They are a warning to your servant, a great reward to those who obey them.'

Psalm 119:105-112



Fixtures Sat 8th Feb
1sts: Crowhurst (A)
2nds: Jnr Club Tackleway (H)
3rds: Catsfield (A)

One of 'those' moments...

Well that was something of a weekend! I'm always reticent to call out a 'kairos moment'. I think it possibly comes from the fact that on the one hand it's a phrase I've known some to bandy about at every opportunity, all too happy to declare it as often as possible, whereas others might see it as something so sacred and holy that it's not for us to make a judgement one way or the other and then if we do, it has to be done in hushed tones.

The word *kairos* is Greek for "opportunity" or "fitting time." It's apparently found 86 times in the New Testament and whereas the Greek word *chronos* means a specific amount of time (such as a day or a week), the word *kairos* is described as the right, critical, or opportune moment. It signifies a proper or apt time for action.

Now, whereas the Bible doesn't explicitly refer to "Kairos Moments", there are numerous verses and accounts that without doubt resonate with it as a term. Moreover, the concept of looking for God at work, learning from experience, and applying His Word as we live day by day is both biblical and a right way for us as disciples to act.

When the people were confronted with Jesus' life-changing message, they had an opportunity (a *kairos*): the question was would they respond appropriately?

In the same way, when Jesus called the disciples to follow Him, there was a moment: would they leave all and follow Him, or would they stay with the safety of what they knew?

Reflecting back over last weekend, when Ken and Sue Benjamin were amongst us - raising the question *Where do we grow from here?* -

and as I've begun to pray through what I believe God was saying to us as a church, I have a feeling that it may have been something of a holy catalyst for us, a 'kairos moment' for our fellowship.

If you weren't able to join us, firstly can I encourage you to listen to all Ken shared across the day (you'll find the sermons on our website). Second, can we be praying into where God is leading us. I believe it is about what comes next that counts, how we weigh and respond to the things He is saying to us together.

We are blessed in so many ways here as Battle Baptist Church and it would be very easy for us to sit back and simply keep doing what we're doing, because we like it, it suits us: we have people coming through the doors, what's to complain about really, and let's be honest - no one likes change. What we are currently doing isn't necessarily wrong or bad at all, and indeed is often excellent; but I believe it is essential that we remain willing to review all that we do before God - and make changes where directed as we seek to stay relevant to His purposes for us.

I found the wider picture Ken shared of our denomination sobering, yet also inspiring and personally galvanising. We need God to guide us, end of story. The last thing we need is a load of good ideas or dreamed up schemes. No: we need God to speak; for us to hear; and we need the courage to respond!

Be blessed

Ed Jones

PRAYER POINTERS

Caterpillar Toddlers

Thank the Lord for Pauline and her team of volunteers as they lead this busy ministry. Pray for Tim, too, as he builds relationships with local families. May God's Spirit be at work.

World Mission Links

Please remember in your prayers the Kakishes in the Holy Land and Claire Grimble in Nepal. Pray for protection, provision, guidance, and abundant blessing on their work.

BBFC

BBFC is entering into an exciting new phase of development! Pray for Kevin and Gary as they steer the club through change. Pray that more people will respond to the gospel as a result.

NEWSLETTER

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melvyn Nolan is preaching at Sedlescombe at 10.30am today.

Tuesday evening Alpha - We have three cooks and two washer- uppers in place - thank you so much for volunteering! We are still looking for one or two more people to prepare meals for those attending this course; and, ideally, another one or two people to help wash up afterwards. Catering costs will be covered. Please get in touch if you can help.

Crèche at 10:45am - We seek more volunteers to work with the youngest in our fellowship. Sessions include a Bible story, a simple craft activity, and a whole lot of FUN! Please contact the office if you can help.

Youth Bible Group - 'The Shed' has evolved into 'The Tent'! We meet in the Chapel (in a tent!) on Wednesdays from 5pm - 5.45pm. Everyone in years 7-11 is welcome.

SOLID camp, 3rd - 5th July - There are eleven spaces left on the trip to this popular and exciting camp (cost: £80 per child). The deadline for applying for places is 15th March - please speak to Andy or Tim if you would like more information.

Keeping up with BBC Youth: Search for 'youth @ Battle Baptist Church' on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/youth@battlebaptistchurch) to find out latest news for Chosta, The Tent, 5pm Sunday Slot, 4:12 Sunday and 4:12 Friday.

Thanksgiving for Maureen Watson - Please remember to tell the office if you plan to go to the service celebrating Maureen's life on Wednesday 12th February at 2.30pm.

Membership Directory - Jo is preparing an updated directory. Please check your details in one of the four draft copies available in the foyer, and amend as necessary. Thank you!

Church Meeting

Our next Church Meeting will take place on Thursday 13th February at 7.30pm in the chapel.

R.E.A.L. Women

Join us for our monthly coffee morning this Thursday at Blackbrooks from 10am.

Men's breakfast

Join us for a fab fry-up and fine fellowship on Sat 15th Feb at 8am! Speaker: Mark Hirst; Cost: £4 Sign up in the office.

What's on this week....

The Caterpillar Pre-School is open Monday to Friday

Sunday 2nd February

- 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
- 6pm **Encounter** in the Chapel

Monday 3rd February

- 9am - 11.30am **Caterpillar Parents and Toddlers**
- 10.30am - 12noon **Alpha** in the Youth Room
- 3.45pm - 5.15pm **Chosta** in the Youth Room

Tuesday 4th February

- 9.15am **Prayer-for-Healing Group** (prayer room). At 10.45am there will be prayer for all who come
- 10.30am **Elders' Business Meeting**
- 10.30am -11.45am **Walking Football** at the Rec
- 2pm **Tuesday Fellowship** (speaker: David Laskey)
- 7pm - 9pm **Alpha** in the Manna House

Wednesday 5th February

- 6pm - 8pm **BBFC** training at Claverham 3G
- 5pm - 5.45pm **The Tent** in the Chapel

Thursday 6th February

- 9am - 11.30am **Caterpillar Parents and Toddlers**
- 10am **R.E.A.L. Women Coffee Morning** at Blackbrooks
- 2pm - 3pm **Prayer for World Mission** in the Prayer Room

Friday 7th February

- 7.30am **Early Morning Prayers** in the Youth Room
- 10.30am **Coffee Club** in the youth room
- 12.30pm - 2pm **Friday Lunch Club** in the Manna House
- 3.15pm-5pm **After School Club** for years 3-6
- 7pm-9pm **4:12 Youth Club** for teens

Sunday 9th February

- 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** with Communion
- 5pm - 6pm **Youth Gathering** in the youth room
- 6pm **Encounter** in the Chapel