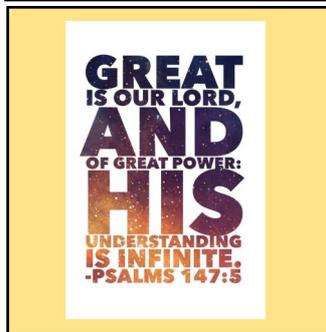
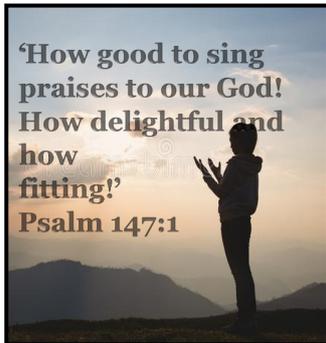


Battle Baptist Church

Being Transformed Together



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His grace is sufficient for me

Jehovah Jireh / My Provider / His grace is sufficient For me, for me, for me

It's been a long time since we have been able to worship together hasn't it? There is something about worshipping physically in one place as a body of believers that simply can't be replicated by Zoom, Skype or Microsoft Teams...

For me this particular song makes me think of Rob leading at the front of Chapel, resplendent in socks and sandals, getting more and more animated on his guitar as the pace picks up. Finally ending with a 'Hey!'

I have always tended to consider this description of God – Jehovah the Provider – as most relevant when running my business. My responsibility is to try and act with integrity whenever work challenges arise – His responsibility is to bring clients to my door.

However, the scope of God's provision is clearly intended to cover every aspect of our lives. His grace should be sufficient for me whatever challenges happen – but I wonder if I always believe that.

This week marked the beginning of the public inquiry into the Manchester arena bombings of May 2017. The inquiry began with the reading of the names of the 22 people who died, including a number of children. The press coverage has focussed on the youngest victim – Saffie Roussos aged only eight. *'A little girl with striking big eyes and a mane of dark hair, who loved dancing and making people laugh' (BBC News).*

Be honest. Mixed in with the sense of heartbreak at the loss of such innocent young lives, do you feel that very human emotion? *Well, I dodged*

that one. My children/grandchildren are fine.

I had a phone call a few months ago from the son of an elderly client. He had passed suddenly after a two day illness. *Very sad. I feel quite shaken, but at least my parents/grandparents are still okay.*

It is predicted that with the withdrawing of the furlough scheme there will be many further job redundancies announced. *That's bad for the economy, but my work/pension income shouldn't be affected so never mind.*

I realise that this is potentially sensitive ground and I do not mean to be insensitive. It is however so easy to fall into a drawbridge or silo mentality - looking to protect just those loved ones and those issues most closely related to you. To try and insulate yourself from the hurts you see happening to others and to be grateful that they are not happening to you.

Over time, though, this leads to a spirit of timidity. The world around becomes a very scary place and we lose the ability to trust that God's grace is and will always be sufficient. We would rather not test the theory. That is no way to be.

For those in our fellowship who are suffering now, be it through illness, bereavement, job loss or anything else, I would pray the words of 2 Corinthians 12:9: *'But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.'*

Seek solace in His word and His promises. Be open with Him about how you feel. Let Him be your sufficiency.

Yours in Christ

Charles

PRAYER POINTERS

COVID-19

As we enter another period of heightened restrictions, pray that the nation will respond responsibly. Pray for our leading public health officials as they guide us through the pandemic.

Education

Pray for all those working and learning in pre-schools, schools, colleges and universities. That it will be possible to focus on education rather than worry about the virus.

Community

Pray for families experiencing hardship because of reduced working hours or redundancy and for those families who called upon the CTIB Food Project over the summer holidays. Pray too for the resilience of local businesses .

NEWSLETTER

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 - Latest situation: There are a number of exemptions to the Government's 'rule of six' which allow groups of more than six to meet together in a COVID-19 secure way. These include people meeting in 'multi-purpose community facilities' (such as BBC) which are following 'COVID-19 secure guidelines' (which we are). Thus LIFEgroups can continue to meet. Youth groups and organised activities for young people (aged 5-18) are specifically excluded from the 'rule of six': youth sector activity is now considered an 'essential service'. The guidance states that young people may meet in groups of up to 15, indoors or outdoors. The key thing is to maintain 'small, consistent groups', which is what Tim and Caroline are doing. Furthermore, PHE do not recommend that young people wear face masks when meeting as 'children and staff are mixing in consistent groups and because misuse [of masks] may inadvertently increase risk of transmission'.

BBC is COVID-19 secure: We have put in place a number of measures on site (see [website](#) for more details) which mean that the buildings can be used safely by small groups, with the agreement of the Leadership. In addition to this, the Prayer Room is now open for use by individuals and small groups. Please phone ahead just to let us know that you plan to come in: this will help us keep track of numbers.

Foodbank: This week, the Foodbank would particularly welcome donations of small/medium boxes of cereal (not porridge); cold meat; tea bags (ideally packets of 40); and pasta.

Battle Town Football Club needs ball boys / girls to retrieve balls for them when playing home games at the Rec on Saturday afternoons. You would earn £5 per game. Get in touch with the office in the first instance if you are interested.

Pray for...

Our students heading off to university: James Conway, Imogen Dyer, Becca Lewis, Bethan Lewis, and David Lewis.

Help!

Our gardens and borders are in urgent need of care and attention! Could you help? We are planning a working party - details below.

Prayer meetings

The staff team will meet to pray for the work of the church on Mondays and Thursdays at 0930. Do join us if you would like to!

What's happening in September...

Caterpillar Pre-School is open Monday - Friday each week

Walking Football: 10am at the Rec each Tuesday. COVID-19 secure activities are in place.

Children in years 3-6: Join Tim for a Zoom chat after the morning broadcast on Sunday.

Meeting ID: 886 0693 4061

Passcode: 968150

AGM - Tuesday 15th September, 7.30pm: The AGM and ordinary church meeting will, exceptionally, be held virtually. Join either by clicking this [link](#), or, once you have opened Zoom, input this information: Meeting ID: 895 3024 1809 Passcode: 852831

Young People in years 7-13: This Friday (18th Sept), meet at Battle Great Woods at 7pm for fun and games.

Chosta will reconvene on Monday 14th September from 3.45pm - 5.15pm.

Wednesday 23rd September, 10am-1pm: Garden working party. It would be great to have a team of volunteers to help

with this. Please bring your own tools and a drink - we will provide doughnuts! Let Melanie or the office know if you can help - thank you!

Families with young children: Family services will be held at the chapel on the last Sunday of every month at 4pm. We start with our Harvest Family Service at 4pm on Sunday 27th September. Families will be asked to pre-book, and we hope to finish with a 'bring but don't share' tea. Further details will be available soon. Contact Tim if you would to get involved or join in on 07906 19967 or via battlebaptistyouth@gmail.com.

Meetings taking place this month

Monday 21st September, 7.30pm: Leadership (ministry updates) in the Manna House

Tuesday 22nd September, 10.30am: Elders' business meeting - in the Prayer Room

Tuesday 22nd September, 7.30pm: Trustees - in the Youth Room