

# Battle Baptist Church

## Being Transformed Together



12th September 2021

'For the mountains may move and the hills disappear' but even then my faithful love for you will remain.'

Isaiah 54:10a

'Then John gave this testimony, "I saw the Holy Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him... I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.'"

John 1:32,34

'... So he is first in everything. For God in his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything on heaven and earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.'

Colossians 1:18b-20

'Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives.'

Colossians 3:16a

### Time to riot?

Earlier this week Ella and I were sitting on the sofa together as she was searching YouTube, listening to various songs by *The Cheeky Pandas*. For the uninitiated, they are five pandas named Rory, Milo, Lulu, CJ and Benji. As well as being 'good friends' with worship leader Pete James, they provide free online resources to help children and families grow in their faith. Check out [www.cheekypandas.com](http://www.cheekypandas.com) to find out more.

Anyway, YouTube loves to suggest similar videos to those you are watching. For Ella and I this meant we were pointed to videos of the band *Rend Collective* (writers of such songs as *My Lighthouse* and *Build your Kingdom here*). One video that we watched was of their song *Revival Anthem*. The lyrics are as follows:

*Spirit fall down, start a holy riot  
Fill this place now with the tongues of fire  
Oh, break the strongholds, come and unleash heaven  
Burn within us, make us bold as lions*

*This is our revival anthem  
Can you feel the darkness shaking?  
Oh, we are the dry bones rising  
This will be our great awakening  
This is our revival anthem*

*Fill our hearts, Lord with a holy danger  
Lead us beyond our fear of failure  
We'll fight the good fight in Your strength and power  
We'll take back the night, victory is ours, yeah.*

The heart and the passion driving these lyrics truly grabs me – they echo the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the rising of the dry bones prophesied by Ezekiel and the reality

that we are in a fight for which we need to put on the full armour of God so we might stand firm, as Paul reminds us in Ephesians 6.

Many may feel that we continue to find ourselves living through uncertain times. But, actually, I wonder if this is ever *not* the case? Yes, the last couple of years may have heightened that sense of life's unpredictability, elevating the apprehension felt by many in society: but when truly is life straightforward and 'plain-sailing'?

As disciples of Jesus, young through old, we are to gather, bringing praise and worship in celebration of the Lord. Alongside this, Jesus' commission that we should go into the world also remains the same. The world's need for the love, forgiveness and hope that is offered through God's son is essential more than ever.

We need the fresh filling of the Holy Spirit, enabling us each day to respond to Jesus' call. The call to follow, to speak out, to go the extra mile, to be ready to make a difference as we follow Jesus wherever he leads.

That is why we've set aside time to pray this weekend. That's why I hope we'll all engage however we can, in coming before God, seeking him earnestly, his guidance and fresh passion for the fight that is ahead.

As we relaunch our Sunday morning gatherings this weekend, may we come expectant, anticipating that God will move. I'm praying that He will reveal himself afresh to us, that as God's people, his family, we may hear His voice and together fight the good fight in His strength and power, joining in His holy riot!

Ed Jones

Listen to *Revival Anthem* by *Rend Collective* at <https://youtu.be/Egw65U99qjU>

## PRAYER POINTERS

### Lebanon

Without a government for over a year, embroiled economic collapse, Lebanon is in crisis. Swathes of people have fallen into poverty and basic services such as water and power are unreliable. Please pray!

### Renew 1066

The Renew 1066 team will be hosting a wellbeing space on Wednesday mornings once again - in the Manna House for the time being. Please pray for Emma and the team, and for new connections that may be made.

### Elders

Ed, Rita, Charles and Shirley are spending time together on retreat from Monday 13th afternoon through to Wednesday morning. Please be praying for them as they seek God's will for our church. May the Holy Spirit be at work.

# NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Brian Corner writes:** 'Rosemary and I wish to thank our church family for the many cards we have received over the past weeks; the prayers by the prayer team; and individual prayer that has taken place across the church membership. We ask for continued prayer as I prepare myself for four weeks of radiotherapy.'

BBC's **AGM** and an **Ordinary Members' meeting** will take place on Monday 27th September at 7.30pm at the Chapel.

**Harvest Festival** will be celebrated here on Sunday 3rd October at 10am.

**Emma Jones' Induction:** Please note that this will take place at **4pm** on 3rd October - many apologies for the error in last week's newsletter!

**Coffee Club** restarts on Fridays at 10.30am from 8th October. Drop in for a cuppa and a chat!

**Church Weekend:** This will be held from Friday 15th October to Sunday 17th October at the church premises.

**Community:** Residents of Battle Parish have been invited to vote in a referendum on the [Battle Neighbourhood Plan](#) on Thursday 16th September. The Manna House will be used as a polling station on that day from 7am until 10pm.

### Digging Deeper?

Find materials for further study under the 'For Further Fought...' tab on the church [website](#).

### Prayer meeting

October's prayer meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th from 7.30pm - 9pm here at the chapel.

### Catching up?

Go to the BBC [YouTube Channel](#) to find sermons, broadcasts, testimonies and more.

## What's on this week...

Caterpillar Pre-School is open Monday – Friday this week.

### Sunday 12th September

- 10am **Worship Gathering** at the Chapel followed by refreshments in the Manna House
- 12 noon **Family picnic** at the Rec

### Monday 13th September

- 3.45 - 5.15pm **Chosta** for years 7 –13. Come along for games, chat, discussion and cheesy chips!

### Tuesday 14th September

- 10 - 11am **Walking Football** at the Rec

### Wednesday 15th September

- 10 - 12 noon **Renew 1066** in the Manna House
- 6.30pm **BTFC Runners** meet at the chapel

### Friday 17th September

- 7.30 - 8.15am **Early Morning Prayers** in the Youth Room followed by do-it-yourself breakfast.
- 7 - 9pm **BBC Youth Club Night** at the Chapel

### Sunday 19th September

- 10am **Worship Gathering** at the Chapel followed by refreshments in the Manna House
- 4pm **Dedication** of Baby Thomas (in person only). All are welcome!
- 5.30 - 6.30pm **Sunday Breakout** online for teens