

Battle Baptist Church

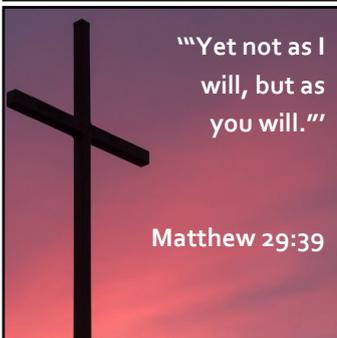
Being Transformed Together



14th November 2021



'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.'
John 15:13



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

Matthew 29:39

'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

FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN CAME NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE OTHERS TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY.
MATTHEW 20:28

Remember

Conflict, pain, destruction and loss are experienced and felt on numerous levels, in a variety of ways. These are not things that by being rich, or living in a certain country or at a specific time whilst here on this earth we will ever be exempt from.

This Sunday we will once again be pausing to remember the end of the First World War when the Armistice was signed in November 1918. Ending 52 months of horrendous conflict, Big Ben sounded in Parliament Square to signal the news as thousands gathered in Westminster and outside Buckingham Palace to celebrate.

The culture that has today become the norm of the ever-updating news stories, is in many ways at odds with all that the 11th November and Remembrance Sunday represents. The number of news items carried into tomorrow, let alone, next week, month, year or century is often so very few.

Each of us will pause and remember in our own way. Each of us faces grief, sadness, pain, loss and suffering through a whole array of different situations and circumstances. Each of us responds to the atrocious things we see and hear reported day in and day out from our unique 'perspective' on the world.

The act of remembering will evoke a variety of feelings and emotions. More and more though, the reality is that, for many, 11th November and Remembrance Sunday comes under the guise of history certainly where the First World War is concerned.

It is still something we should rightly learn about: it is important to remember those who gave their lives so we in this country and others like us could be free. Yet, surely as well as remember, it is something that should guide us into our future. A moment to ask the question, so what's next?

The concept of learning from our mistakes is nothing new. On a world stage we may feel we have little sway or impact as to how things are shaped, the direction or course specific events take. These are the situations we need to bring to God in prayer - recognising that we don't have the answers and even if we did, we don't have the means by which to see them outworked.

We do though each have the opportunity to impact the world around us, the surroundings or our lives. Only this last week I was in Battle and Langton Primary School delivering their midweek worship. Reflecting on the parable of Sower, I talked about how we each have the opportunity to make a difference: in the way we act; the words we speak; the manner in which we listen; the way we live our lives...

As we look back, may we in turn look forward. May God grant us by His Holy Spirit, the ability to live our lives for him. May we learn from what has gone before and may our part in what lies ahead, bring glory to Him alone!

Be blessed

Ed Jones

PRAYER POINTERS

Poland / Belarus

Complex geopolitical issues have resulted in thousands of people having to camp on the Poland / Belarus border. Already fleeing from danger in their home countries, they now find themselves in desperate circumstances.

For our fellowship

Please pray for those in our fellowship who are ill, and for those who have long term health issues. For good sleep and a closeness to our Saviour. For resilience and peace. For effective medical treatments and recovery.

Coffee Club

Thank the Lord for the opportunity to connect with people in our community through Coffee Club. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be at work. Pray too for Steve and Linden as they take the lead in making all feel welcome.

NEWSLETTER

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Renew Wellbeing: Training is being offered for those interested in becoming hosts for our Renew 1066 space on Monday 15th November from 7-9pm via Zoom. Participants from a range of Renew hubs will be joining the session. Please get in touch with Emma if you would like any further information.

Request for help: Melanie is organising a meal on Saturday 20th November in the evening for BTFC leaders, managers and their partners, If anyone would be willing to assist with washing up afterwards between 8pm and 9pm that would be really appreciated, Please contact her on 07956 084681.

Our next **Garden Work Party** will be on Wednesday 24th November at 9.30am. We would love to see you there! Please message Melanie on 07956 084681 to let her know you can help.

Men's breakfast: Andy Dyer will be speaking at the next Men's breakfast at The Chequers Inn on 11th December (meet at 9am). Contact Rob Hamilton to book a place. **Revised cost:** £10, to include food and unlimited drinks.

Foodbank: This week donations of the following items would be particularly welcome: tinned potatoes; chocolate treats / Haribo etc; coffee; packs of 40 teabags; squash; UHT milk; toilet rolls; deodorants (for men and women).

Frank Vaughan: We have been told that Frank, who used to worship here, passed away on 10th October.

'For everything there is a season,
a time for every activity under heaven...'

Ecclesiastes 3:1



What's on this week...

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

Sunday 14th November - Remembrance Sunday

● 10am **Worship Gathering** at the Chapel followed by refreshments in the Manna House

Monday 15th November

- 9.30am **Prayer Meeting**
- 9 - 11am **Caterpillar Toddlers**
- 3.30 - 5pm **Chosta** for years 7 -13.

Tuesday 16th November

- 10 - 11am **Walking Football** at the Rec
- 2pm **Tuesday Fellowship** Speaker: David Lewis

Wednesday 17th November

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

- 7.30pm **Church Meeting** at the Chapel

Thursday 18th November

- 9.30am **Prayer Meeting**
- 3.15 - 5pm **After School Club** for KS2 children

Friday 19th November

- 7.30 - 8.15am **Early Morning Prayers** in the Youth Room followed by do-it-yourself breakfast.
- 10.30am - 12 noon **Coffee Club** in the Youth Room
- 7 - 9pm **BBC Youth**

Sunday 21st November

- 10am **Worship Gathering** with Communion at the Chapel followed by refreshments in the Manna House