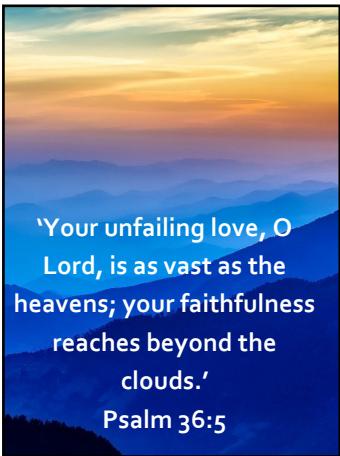


# Battle Baptist Church

## Being Transformed Together

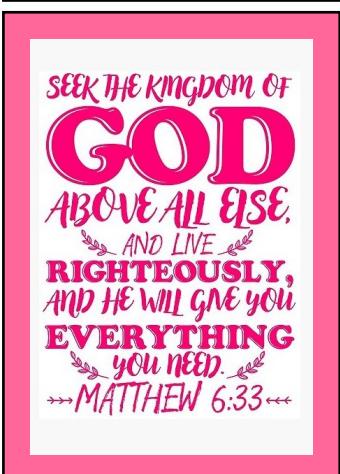


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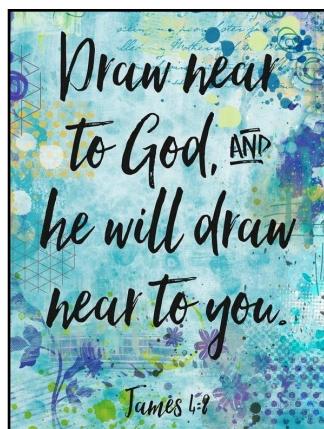
'Your unfailing love, O Lord, is as vast as the heavens; your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.'

Psalm 36:5



'Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.'

Proverbs 3:5,6



James 1:9

### "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."

A quick Google search suggests it was either Wayne Gretzky or Michael Scott who authored the above quote. In many ways it's a concept that has been reworked and used by others too, not least church pastor Mark Batterson who said: "God won't answer 100% of the prayers we don't pray."

This weekend along with Churches across the UK, we'll be marking National Sports Sunday. Now in its 5th year, its aim is to provide an opportunity for Sports Chaplaincy UK and its partners to encourage more Christians to see the community of sport as a place where they can effectively be an expression of God's love and compassion. Warren Evans, CEO of Sports Chaplaincy UK, believes:

*"We are called to support, serve and bless that community with the love of God. Whether it's praying or practically serving. As we emerge from the pandemic it is more important than ever that the church doesn't go backwards in their commitment to the community of sport."*

Jesus was all about building relationships. As we're considering in our current sermon series, this was often with those that others avoided. That said, it wasn't that Jesus was 'only' interested in the marginalised, ignored, rejected, the 'wrong' type of people - he came for all!

Sports Chaplaincy UK describes the role of chaplains as:

*"providing ongoing pastoral and spiritual care, by permission, to those of faith or no faith, for the holistic well-being of all involved in the community of sport. Being servant-hearted, striving to be pastorally proactive and*

*spiritually reactive. We serve all – a sports chaplain aims to serve all people in the club irrespective of position, beliefs or lifestyle."*

As a church here in Battle we have such an amazing opportunity where BTFC is concerned. The open door into the community is massive. So, what's our next move?

#### Pray

- Sign up to join the 4th Team. This is our prayer team, which we seek to send out specific requests relating to BTFC.
- Pray particularly for Gary, Kevin, Esther, Melanie and myself, in our different roles.

#### Support

- It would be great to have a massive turnout on the 4th of June to support BTFC as they play in the final of the National Christian Cup - if you haven't already done so, book your place on the coach.
- But looking forward what a powerful message it would send if every week the church was evidently present on the sidelines, whether at the Rec. or wherever the teams were playing?

#### Practically get involved

- There are loads of ways you could actively serve - speak to Gary, Kevin or myself to find out more.
- It would be brilliant if the church could offer tea and coffee after every match to the players in the pavilion - would you be up for being a part of that, maybe taking it on and forming a rota of people to make it happen?

Let's be praying that God will continue to guide us as we seek to engage with the community here in Battle of which we are a part - for his glory!

Ed Jones

## PRAYER POINTERS

### Northern Ireland

The complexities of the Brexit deal and deep-seated, passionate political views have led to paralysis in Stormont. Pray that negotiations will continue; that reconciliation may be possible; that the peace of the last 24 years will hold.

### Our Fellowship

Please pray for those in our fellowship who are full-time carers for loved ones. For those whose movement is restricted through ill health, infirmity or anxiety. And for those managing chronic illness. 'My grace is sufficient for you.'<sup>1</sup>

### Mash up Thursdays

This is the new name of After School Club, as decided by club members! Since September they have learnt about Daniel, Ruth and Peter, and the new focus will be on Nehemiah. Please pray for the children, the team, and that links will be made with families.

# NEWSLETTER

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## Battle Baptist Church *Being Transformed Together*

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# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **Church Meeting** will be at the Chapel on Tuesday 24th May at 7.30pm.

**National Christian Cup final, 4th June:** Details of the trip to Hemel Hempstead for BTFC's match were emailed out on Wednesday. Contact the office to book your place on the coach (£10). Entry to the ground will cost a further £10 on the day.

**Pentecost at St Mary's, 5th June:** Battle churches join together to celebrate Pentecost. Do come along! Tim and Caroline will be leading activities for all children attending.

**The Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** We are planning to hold a [Big Jubilee Lunch](#) here at the church on Sunday 5th June from noon. Please get in touch with the office if you would like to join us.

**BTFC's end of season** celebrations and

presentations will take place on Friday 10th June from 7pm at the Azur Marina Pavilion, TN38 0BU. Tickets are £15 per person and are available from Melanie

([melanie.gould@battletownfc.com](mailto:melanie.gould@battletownfc.com)) / 07956 084681).

**Emma Jones** is preaching at Kingswood Baptist Church this morning (twice!).

The next **Healing service** at Ashburnham Chapel will take place on 22nd May at 6.30pm and will be led by Very Rev Lee Duckett. Prayer ministry for those needing healing will be available after the service.

**Prayer Requests:** If you like, you can send your prayer requests to [prayer@battlebaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:prayer@battlebaptistchurch.org.uk) and Chris Doust will deal with them.

<sup>1</sup> 2 Corinthians 12:9

'And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands.  
As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.'

2 John v6



## What's on this week...

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

### Sunday 15th May

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

### Monday 16th May

- 9 - 11am **Caterpillar Toddlers**
- 9.30 - 10am **Prayer Meeting** in the Prayer Room
- 1 - 3pm **Renew 1066** in the Manna House
- 3.30 - 5pm **Chosta** for years 7-13

### Tuesday 17th May

- 10 - 11am **Walking Football** at the Rec
- 2pm **Tuesday Fellowship** in the Manna House

### Wednesday 18th May

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

- 7 - 8pm **Prayer Meeting** (for Ukraine & current affairs) in the Prayer Room

### Thursday 19th May

- 9.30am **Prayer Meeting** in the Prayer Room
- 3.30 - 5pm **Mash Up Thursdays** for KS2 children

### Friday 20th May

- 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 22nd May

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