

# Battle Baptist Church

## Being Transformed Together



1st May 2022

"Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies." Ps 103:2-4



'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

"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. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."  
2 Corinthians 12:9,10

### 'May the Lord bless you and keep you...'

It is great to be back after a few days away together with Ed up in London. After time away it can occasionally take time to get your head into gear and back into that weekly groove.

I sprang into action straightaway, as last Sunday I had the privilege of speaking at the Emmanuel Centre, with the central emphasis sharing about Renew Wellbeing and Renew 1066 here in Battle. As I shared about the journey we have been on I was struck once again of how God has blessed us. We started tentatively last July in the Cherry Gardens, then moved into the Manna house in October and now this past week we are open for two sessions a week, one on Wednesday mornings and a second on Monday afternoons. This week across our two sessions we connected with 25 people from our local community: what an encouragement and joy.

Every time we have a Renew 1066 session there is an opportunity to join in with a prayer rhythm, this is either based on Psalm 103 or the Lord's prayer. Before we start our prayer times, we reflect briefly on a phrase from the Psalm of the week shared across the wider charity of Renew Wellbeing by Ruth Rice, its director. This week the scripture is Psalm 67 and the phrase "God bless us" or "God blesses us" (v1).

Reflecting on this phrase, Ruth wrote: "I thought it a bit simple really. I was after something more... More? As I settled to meditate, I realised there is nothing more. I was overwhelmed with the sufficiency of His blessing on us, the amazing fact of His favour on us, the unbelievable privilege of His

constant abundant altogether love for us. I listened to the UK Blessing which I had heard many times before but today I cried like a baby as I listened and received His blessing and realised that this is all I need; all my family needs; all we need as a charity - and we already have it. He blesses us. His resurrection life speaks life over us. Wow."

If you have a moment, I would encourage you to listen to the UK Blessing (search on YouTube), or alternatively use the words below as a prayer:

The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you

The Lord turn His  
Face toward you  
And give you peace

May His favour be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And Your family and your children  
And their children, and their children  
In the morning, in the evening  
In your coming, and your going  
In your weeping, and rejoicing  
He is for you, He is for you

May His presence go before you  
And behind you, and beside you  
All around you, and within you  
He is with you, He is with you

Amen

God Bless You!

Emma

## PRAYER POINTERS

### Sudan

Political instability and violence persist since the military coup in October 2021. The economy is in deep crisis with shortages of food, fuel and medicine. Pray for a breakthrough in UN-led mediation between civilian and military leaders.

### The High Street

Please pray for local businesses as they deal with soaring costs, supply chain disruption as well as costly rents and business rates. Please also continue to pray that a suitable premises for Renew 1066 will become available on the High Street.

### Battle & Langton

Thank the Lord for the fact that BBC and St Mary's are invited to give assemblies to our local primary school on a regular basis. Pray for Caroline and Ed as they take the lead on this here: that the activities they plan will have a powerful impact.

# NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BTFC:** Huge congratulations to Battle Town Football Club! The first team have won the ESFL Premier Division, and on Tuesday night the club beat local rivals SC Pass Move Arrows 5-4 (after extra time) to win the East Sussex Club.

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.

**Pentecost:** We have been invited to jointly lead a service to mark Pentecost at St Mary's from 10am on Sunday 5th June. 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. Our neighbours in Mountjoy and

Mount Street will be invited to join us, and of course you are all welcome too! Provisional plans are for a BBQ, which will be served from 12 - 1.30pm.

**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** will be preaching at Ashburnham Chapel in the evening on 8th May, and at Kingswood Baptist Church on 15th May.

**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.

### Ignite

Join us for our monthly prayer meeting on Monday 9th May at 7.30pm in the chapel.

### Save the date!

The next men's breakfast will be held on Saturday 16th July from 9am at The Chequers. Very Rev Lee Duckett will be speaking.

### Church Meeting

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 24th May at 7.30pm in the chapel.

## What's on this week...

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

### Sunday 1st May

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

### Monday 2nd May (Bank Holiday)

- 1 - 3pm **Renew 1066** in the Manna House

### Tuesday 3rd May

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

### Wednesday 4th May

- 10am - 12 noon **Renew 1066** in the Manna House
- 6.30pm **BTFC Runners** meet at the Chapel
- 7 - 9pm **Prayer Meeting for Ukraine** in the Prayer Room

### Thursday 5th May

- 9.30am **Prayer Meeting** in the Prayer Room
- 3.30 - 5pm **After School Club** for KS2 children

### Friday 6th 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 8th May

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