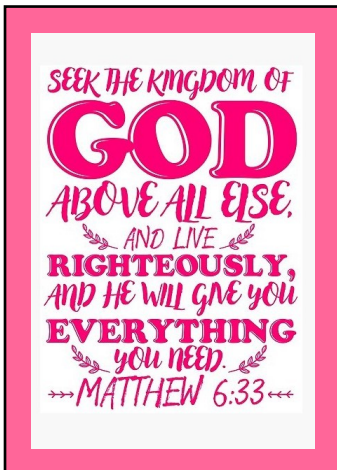
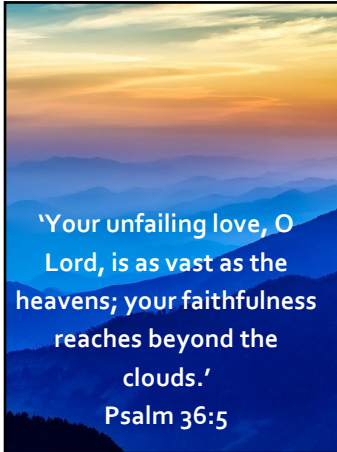


Battle Baptist Church

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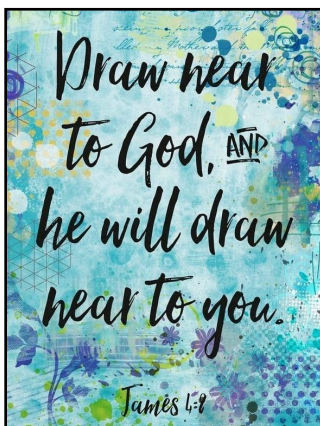


11th May 2025



'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 I don't even like (let alone play) sport...!"

Let's be honest, if that's you, this coming weekend and the Community Sports Sunday might appear to prove problematic.

Once again, Battle Town Football Club and Battle Baptist Church are hosting a 'Community Sports Sunday' from 9am to 2pm on Battle Recreation Ground. It's an opportunity for us to get out of our building, connect with those around us, build some bridges, have some fun and seek to share the difference that knowing Jesus makes!

That said, I'm aware there are those for whom the whole idea of Community Sports Sunday is just not your thing and therefore you may have already decided to 'sit this one out'.

The thing is, that would be a massive shame, because you will be greatly missed. Not because we're expecting you to lace up your boots, join those who'll be doing a spot of running or even join in with the rounders match. No, you'll be missed because we're gathering together as church: it's just at a different location.

Our Community Sports Sunday is part of National Sports Sunday - this year celebrating its eighth year. Started by Sports Chaplaincy UK, National Sports Sunday is at its very simplest an opportunity to pray for the community of sports which, as their CEO Warren Evans describes it, is "The greatest untapped mission field in the world!"

It all starts with simply being present.

So, can I encourage you to come along? Bring a chair (or ask at the info point and we'll get you one from the Pavilion), and a packed lunch – or buy a Pizza from the van that'll be there – and do at least two things:

Watch a bit of sport. There are various exhibition matches running throughout the day, showcasing all that BTFC has to offer. If you're not sure who to support, simply choose a side and cheer them on!

Pray. Throughout the day, as you're taking in all that goes on, be praying. It doesn't have to be fancy or clever (and it's probably best in your head rather than out loud!), but why not simply pray the phrase "Lord, bless this community," or "Thank you God for the opportunity of Sport". Pray for those within the church particularly involved in BTFC, that God would give opportunities to develop relationships and share about Jesus. Pray "Come Holy Spirit"!

For us as a church, Battle Town Football Club is one of the ways we are able to connect with the community around us, seeking to share the love of Jesus. It is a massive missional opportunity for us, one we can all too easily take for granted.

Here's to a great weekend and let's be expectant for God's in store!

Ed
Chaplain of Battle Town Football Club

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PRAYER POINTERS

BTFC

Please pray for refreshment for all over the summer and that everyone will return enthusiastically. Pray too that:

- we will find the right person to lead our Development side (3rd team) next season;
- other volunteers offer to assist the managers;
- we attract players to sustain the adult sides and start a new Walking Football team; and that we will be able to start a new team in the youth section;
- players will be curious and that we take opportunities to share our faith.

BTFC Runners

Give thanks to God for the good number of runners we see each week and how relationships have formed. Please pray that we would show God's love to the runners. Pray too for protection from injury; and for healing for those who are injured or unwell.

News and latest information

Community Sports Sunday, 11th

May: The programme of events at the Rec is as follows -

9am Junior Parkrun

BTFC events on the main pitch

10am Youth training

11am Cattell Cup (Walking Football match between Battle Knights and Battle Axes)

12noon Veterans' match

1pm Adult men's match

Events on the top pitch

10am Children's games

11am BTFC Runners' taster

12noon Walking Football taster

1pm Rounders Match (open to all)

North Macedonia Trip - finance: Are you a teenager or young adult who

would like to go on this trip next month but the cost is a barrier for you? Speak to one of the Elders! People in such circumstances can apply to The Halliday Fund for financial support.

Tuesday Fellowship: Forthcoming speakers include Shirley Whymark (13/05) and Keith Barnes (20/05).

Christians in Battle: The next ecumenical prayer meeting will be held tomorrow (12th) in the Prayer Room at 2pm.

Prof Ben Blackwell, Principal of WTC, will be leading two events next week. On Monday 19th May he will be at Christ Church, Tunbridge Wells in the

evening, and on Tuesday 20th May he will be here at BBC from 10am - 12noon. Pick up a flyer from the foyer for more details and to book (free) tickets.

Social Event: Join us for a session of lawn bowls on 14th June at [Battle Bowls Club](#) from 11am. *Go on - you know you want to!* All are welcome; all equipment is provided. Refreshments at [The Railway](#) afterwards. Speak to Phil E or Rob H for more information.

Prayer Requests: Email your prayer requests to the prayer ministry team at: battlebaptistchurchprayer@gmail.com

'Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.'

Philippians 2:3b-5



Regular events

Pre-Worship Prayer | Sundays | 9.45am | The Gallery

Worship | Sundays | 10am & 6pm | The Chapel

Sunday Club | Sundays | 10am | The Chapel & Manna House | 0 - 10 year olds

Sunday Youth | Sundays | 10am | The Chapel & Youth Room | years 7 - 13

Caterpillar Toddlers | Mondays | 9 - 11am | Manna House | 0 - 3 year olds

Tuesday Fellowship | 2 - 3.30pm | Manna House

Renew 1066 | Wednesdays | 10 - 12 noon | Manna House

BTFC Runners | Wednesdays | 6.30 - 7.30pm | Manna House

Prayer meeting | Wednesdays | 7 - 8pm | Prayer Room

Walking Football | Thursdays | 10 - 11am | Battle Rec | Over 50s

Early Morning Prayers | Fridays | 7.30 - 8.15am | Youth Room

Coffee Club | Fridays | 10 - 12 noon | Manna House

BBC Youth | Fridays | 7 - 9pm | Manna House | years 7 - 13

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