

Battle Baptist Church

Being Transformed Together



26th September 2021

'The Word gave life to everything that as created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.'

John 1:4,5

'Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.' (Prov 3:6)

Here in Battle and the surrounding countryside we are blessed with so many wonderful footpaths. Some of us have rediscovered areas and places on our doorstep that we had long forgotten. At the moment, many of our local footpaths are overgrown with nettles and brambles - so much so that it can be a challenge at times to put one foot in front of the other. It is always a great encouragement when you see a signpost or a trail ahead. That great feeling of assurance, 'Yes!', you are on the right path.

In my sermon last Sunday God reminded me once again, that we are called to follow Jesus' example. In Philippians 2 it says:

'In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.'

The example that Jesus shows us, is the way of humility and service. He walked the path of sacrifice, putting his selfish desires to one side and choosing the selfless journey. Talk about BIG steps to follow... Praise God we are not left to walk this path alone. We can know God's constancy and faithful presence daily through the Holy Spirit.

The words of this familiar song by Jarrod Cooper sum this up so well. I encourage you to pause now and use these words as a prayer:

*King of kings, Majesty
God of Heaven living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest friend
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end
All within me falls at Your throne*

*Your Majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty*

*Earth and Heaven worship You
Love eternal, Faithful and True
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near to Your throne
All within me cries out in praise*

*Your majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty*

Let us live to serve His Majesty, as He keeps us in the beautiful attitudes of joy, simplicity and gentleness.

Emma

**'What can I offer the Lord for all he has done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and praise the Lord's name for ever.'**

Psalm 116:12,13

'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'

Micah 6:8

PRAYER POINTERS

South Sudan

Hope following independence in 2011 has dissipated and now there is a humanitarian crisis in the country. Ongoing conflict, lack of security and ineffective basic infrastructure means that many suffer from hunger. Pray for effective political leadership.

Families in poverty

Rising energy prices, the end of the furlough scheme and the withdrawal of the £20 universal credit uplift creates a 'perfect storm' for people on lowest incomes according to the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Tuesday Fellowship

Please pray for Melvyn as he prepares for the restart of Tuesday Fellowship. May it be a time of good fellowship and spiritual blessing for all who attend. Pray for opportunities to invite new people to join the group.

NEWSLETTER

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rachel Ettinger writes: "Thank you to all our church family for your prayers and love over the past few months. The Lord kept me calm and peaceful through my hospital stay. He has brought me through once gain. Bless the Lord, O my soul."

Brenda Parsons: The Funeral Service for Brenda will take place at Wealden crematorium, Horam Road, Horam, Heathfield TN21 0FX on Friday 8th October at 10am followed by a Thanksgiving Service here at the church at 12 noon. This will be followed by a buffet lunch at the Brickwall Hotel and Restaurant at The Green, Sedlescombe, to which all will be welcome.

Sunday Club: Tim would really value more volunteers to support him as he leads this important ministry. Please could you prayerfully consider whether you might be able to contribute to this? Thank you!

Harvest Festival, 3rd October: We will be collecting donations for the Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebration. Supplies

of all provisions are very low at the moment, and donations of anything would be most welcome!

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

Church Weekend, 15th - 17th October:

Please use the sheets in the foyer to indicate which sessions you will be attending - thank you!

WORLD  VIEW

Burundi - Simon Guillebaud writes: Having applied well in advance, we finally got permission from the Minister of the Interior to send 600 young people in 43 different teams across the country to do COVID sensitisation in rural areas and general evangelistic outreach. In the end, 25,305 people were reached with the gospel in a meaningful way, and 9,051 became followers of Jesus. Wow!

Gardens Tidy Up

A working party will meet at the premises on Weds 6th October at 9.15am. Refreshments provided!

Prayer meeting

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

Emma Jones' Induction

...will be held here at the Chapel on Sunday 3rd October at 4pm.

What's on this week...

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

Sunday 26th September

- 10am **Worship Gathering** at the Chapel followed by refreshments in the Manna House
- 4pm **Family Service** (in person only) Join us for craft, music, games and fun with puppets!

Monday 27th September

- 9.30am **Prayer Meeting**
- 9 - 11am **Caterpillar Toddlers**
- 3.30 - 5pm **Chosta** for years 7–13. Come along for games, chat, discussion and cheesy chips!
- 7.30pm **AGM & Ordinary Meeting** in the chapel

Tuesday 28th September

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

Wednesday 29th September

- 6.30pm **BTFC Runners** meet at the chapel

Thursday 30th September

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

Friday 1st October

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

Sunday 3rd September - Harvest Festival

- 10am **Worship Gathering** at the Chapel followed by refreshments in the Manna House
- 5.30pm **Sunday Breakout** online for teens