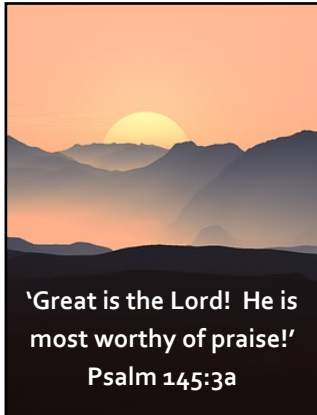


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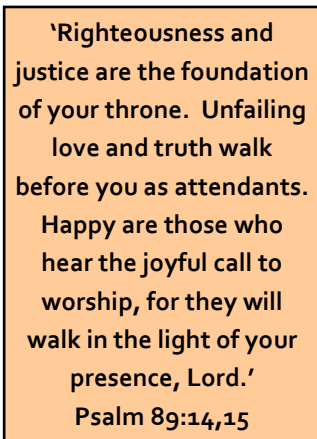
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'Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!'
Psalm 145:3a

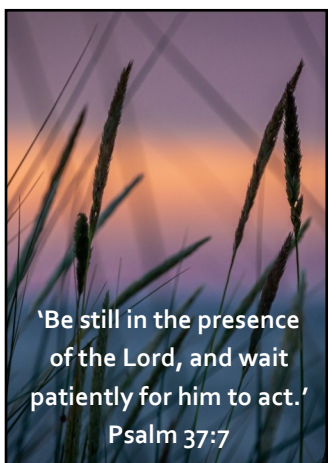


'Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Unfailing love and truth walk before you as attendants. Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence, Lord.'
Psalm 89:14,15



'Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.'

Psalm 37:5



'Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act.'
Psalm 37:7

Renew Wellbeing Weekend

This weekend is Renew Wellbeing weekend, the one weekend each year when the charity celebrates all that God is doing in and through our Renew spaces across the UK, and now in Australia too!

The theme of this year's weekend celebration is the Big Picnic. Picnics are very important in the Renew Wellbeing story because the charity grew out of a dream (vision) that our founder Ruth Rice had, where multiple picnics were springing up on a battlefield. People were dancing, and there was a sense of peace and joy forming within the depths of the ongoing battle all around. The picnics are symbolic of the many Renew spaces now being set up and the battle surrounding them represents the loneliness, despair and sadness that we can all face at times which in turn can affect our mental wellbeing. The uniting and growth of these picnics represent the many wonderful churches opening safe places for anyone to attend to their wellbeing.

So, whilst there are actual picnics happening around the country, this is also an opportunity for us to think about what wellbeing means, and this weekend we are focusing on Psalm 25:13. The Hebrew for wellbeing is *tov*, a word so rich with meaning but we don't have a great translation of it in English, so a variety of words are used in our bible translations like

'goodness', 'prosperity' or the phrase 'dwell at ease'. The ESV translation '*my soul shall abide in wellbeing*' is the one we are using. How you attend to your wellbeing will probably look quite different to me. Do you have a hobby or pastime which gives you a sense of joy and peace? If not, it may be time to find one! In our Renew centres, we share in different activities which give us a sense of wellbeing. We also invite anyone who wants to join us in our prayer space halfway through the session, where we lead a very simple prayer based on Psalm 103. We believe that God is ultimately the source of all wellbeing - none of us can truly experience *tov* without Him, but at the same time we know that life sometimes gets really tough - and we acknowledge this, not trying to pretend everything is 'fine, thank you'. At Renew 1066 here at BBC, our hope is to encourage others that don't yet know Him to turn towards Him and learn to pray in simple ways with us. Please pray for everyone who comes.

If you would like to know more about what Renew Wellbeing is, have a look at our website www.renewwellbeing.org.uk. I would love to chat with you about wellbeing, as I know Emma and Catherine would too!

May you have a glimpse of *tov* in your life this coming week,

Shirley

PRAYER POINTERS

General Election

Lord, 'we acknowledge the importance of discerning Your will amidst the noise... of political discourse... Help us discern the values that honour Your kingdom and guide us in making decisions that reflect Your justice and compassion.'¹

Our troubled world

Please continue to pray for places of long-standing conflict: [Gaza / Lebanon / Israel, Sudan](#) Syria, [Ukraine](#). 'Uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute. Rescue the poor and helpless; deliver them from the grasp of evil people.' Ps82:3b,4

Baptisms

Annabel and Lucy will be baptised today. Please be praying for them both - now and in the coming weeks - for strength and spiritual protection. For the opportunity of wider witness that these services offer.

NEWSLETTER

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Election, 4th July: Come and join our regular prayer meeting this Wednesday (3rd) where we will be praying specifically for our country and our leaders. Meet in the Youth Room from 7pm.

You might like to read the election briefing '[Love, Pray, Vote](#)' produced by the BU's Joint Public Issues Team ahead of Thursday.

A reminder that there will be no After School Club on the 4th as BBC will be used as a polling station all day.

Membership: Nesi N has asked to become a member of BBC. As usual, if you have any comments to make about this, please get in touch with one of the Elders.

Coming up... Our next day of prayer and fasting will take place on Thursday 11th

July. Prayer sessions will be led in the Prayer Room at noon and 7pm.

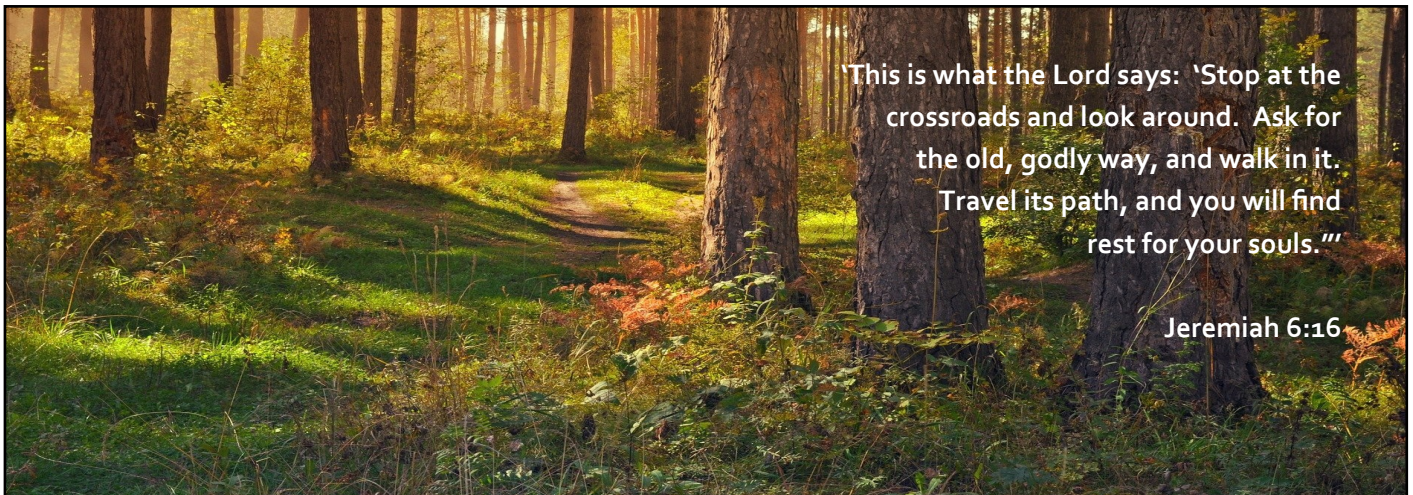
The monthly **Christians in Battle** prayer meeting will now take a break until September.

David S is recuperating in the Irvine Unit at Bexhill Hospital, TN40 2DZ and would love to receive visitors! Visiting hours are from 10am - 8pm.

Emma J graduates from Spurgeon's Bible College on 13th July. She will be ordained as a minister on Saturday 14th September at a service which will be held at St Mary's at 3pm. More details to follow.

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

¹ Taken from BU's [General Election Prayer Guide p5](#)



What's on this week...

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

Sunday 30th June

- 10am **Morning Gathering** with Baptism at the Chapel
- 6 - 7.30pm **Evening gathering** with Baptism at the Chapel

Monday 1st July

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

Tuesday 2nd July

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

Wednesday 3rd July

- 10am - 12 noon **Renew 1066** in the Manna House
- 6.30pm **BTFC Runners** meet at the Chapel
- 7 - 8pm **Prayer Meeting** in the Prayer Room

Thursday 4th July

- All day **General Election:** BBC used as polling station

Friday 5th July

- 7.30 - 8.15am **Early Morning Prayers** in the Youth Room
- 10am - 12 noon **Coffee Club** in the Manna House
- 7 - 9pm **BBC Youth 'Night in the Woods'** with Beulah Baptist Youth

Saturday 6th July

- 2pm **Wedding of Mim and Chris**

Sunday 7th July

- 10am **Morning Gathering** at the Chapel
- 6 - 7.30pm **Evening gathering** at the Chapel