



## RBC NEWSLETTER: JUNE 2018

Dear Church Family,

June promises to be a busy month in the life of the church – especially the first few weeks! On **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> The Turning Mission** will be launched in the Hastings area, (which includes Rye) in a special service at His Place Community Church, Robertson Street Hastings.

The Mission itself will take place every morning here in Rye with training and worship followed by evangelism on the streets for one hour **each day from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>**. The timetable for the week is overleaf.

In the **evenings throughout the week at 7.30pm** we will be having gatherings to worship God and pray for the equipping of the Holy Spirit for the next day. On Mon, Tues; and Wed these will be at RBC. On Thurs, it will be at St Leonard's Baptist Church, Chapel Park Road St Leonards (with music led by our own Geoff H and Ian G); and on Friday a celebration of the week at His Place Community Church, Hastings. **Please do come along** to as many of these as you can, to be prayed for if you are going out on the streets, and to support and pray for others who are volunteering. We are not having house-groups that week and ask that house-group members will come to these evening meetings instead. During the week, even if you are not able to participate in any other way, **please do pray daily for the mission** - for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit; for useful receptive conversations and divine appointments; for people to be open to prayer and seeds of faith being planted in their lives.

**It is not too late to get involved** – even if you suddenly sense a divine prompt on the day – just come along and be part of this exciting venture. Many who have stepped forward in fear and trepidation in other parts of the country have found that God has gone before them and set up divine appointments – also that He has equipped them beyond their wildest dreams and given them not just the courage to speak to people, but also the right words to say, and many have seen people open to prayer for healing, or to inviting Jesus into their lives. The responses have been amazing and we long to see God do something similar here.

On **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>** after the mission finishes, we are planning a **Testimony Service**, where we hope to have many testimonies from the mission – but also any testimonies of how you have seen God at work in your lives. We would love to have some Street Pastor testimonies too.

Of course if people come to faith during the mission they will need to be followed up quite quickly and it would be good to have some more volunteers to take these folk through the **Discipleship Course** we have been working through in house-groups and Sunday sermons. Please speak to me very soon if you would be willing to do this.

On **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June** we shall be celebrating our **Church Anniversary** – 268 years of Baptist witness in Rye and 108 years in this building. As previous years, we will be having a **Gift Day Celebration Service** with an opportunity to bring a special gift in thanks to God for all He has done in the last year. The service will be followed, weather permitting, with a **barbecue fellowship lunch**.

Praying for God's Spirit to equip and bless you as You serve Him this month.

Your pastor and sister in Christ, **Fiona**

**The Turning Mission Programme - Rye**

**Mon – Sat Mornings – Outreach**

9.45 Arrive at RBC for Coffee

10-11 am Training

11-11.30am Prayer and Worship

11.30-12.30 Outreach on the Streets

12.30 Return & debrief (finish by 2pm latest)

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**Evenings – Praise, Worship and Prayer** for next day – all at 7.30pm

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>** – His Place Community Church, Hastings

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>; Tues 5<sup>th</sup>; Wed 6<sup>th</sup>**- Rye Baptist Church

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>** – St Leonard's Baptist Church, Chapel Park Rd, St Leonard's (*music led by Geoff & Ian*)

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Celebration @ His Place Community Church, Hastings

**Follow Up for New Converts**

*Please pray for people to come to faith during the mission, and please also consider whether you would be willing to meet up with a new convert over coffee for a few weeks to share with them what it means to be a Christian and introduce them to church. We have some volunteers but may need more – please speak to Fiona asap.*

**Gathering at “The Well”**

The next meeting of The Well is on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – a tea, cakes and chat in RBC downstairs hall -all (Ladies) welcome.

**Engage**

Our next Men's Fellowship gathering for a meal and chat will take place at **Thursday 21st June at 7.30pm** - venue to be confirmed. All (men) welcome. Please let Ian G know if you would like to come.

**Please help Foodbank by donating:**

Cereal    Soup    Pasta / Rice  
Pasta Sauce    Beans    Tinned Fruit  
Tinned vegetables  
Tinned Meat / Fish  
Tea /Coffee    Sugar  
Toiletries    Nappies    UHT Milk  
Gluten- Free Foods

NB. All items to have at least 3 months till use-by date, and tins to be in good condition (no dents!) please!

**Coffee Plus Table Sale - Donations Needed**

**If you have any unwanted items that you could donate for our Thursday table sale at Coffee Plus – please bring them along on a Thursday morning.** Various items in good condition ( not jumble!) e.g. Ornaments; books; toys etc

**New General Data Protection Laws**

From 25<sup>th</sup> May we may only keep your data (contact details) if you have given your written consent. If you are a church member *or* a regular attender, please ensure you have seen Geoff A and signed the relevant form so we can continue to provide pastoral care for you as appropriate.

**Prayer Corner**

Although, due to changes in the laws for data protection, we will no longer be listing specific people's names for prayer on this newsletter, please do continue to pray for your church family and their families, especially where you are aware of specific needs. Every prayer counts and makes a difference, and all are much appreciated by those prayed for.