



**Sunday 14th July 2024**

# Victoria Baptist Church News

*So I say to you,  
Ask, and it will  
be given to you;  
Search, and you  
will find;  
Knock, and  
the door will  
be opened  
for you.*



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## **MATTHEW 7:7**

When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.

*“So I say to you, Ask and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; **knock, and the door will be opened for you.**”* Jesus tells us He is the door and also to ask,

seek, and knock. In the book of Revelation, Jesus tells the church in Laodicea (and us) that He will knock on the door and if we open it, He will come in and eat with us. These three metaphorical doors hold promises

– let’s dig in and discover a little more and maybe discover a renewed love for The Door, a fresh insight into the promises, and be inspired again by the call to “go and make disciples.”



## **COFFEE-TIME**

See page 7 for details of the special treat in store for all of you staying for coffee after this morning’s service!

## **NEXT WEEK (21<sup>ST</sup> JULY)**

Chris Short will be preaching at 10am, starting a new series on Jacob. The regular fortnightly Prayer Meeting will be at 6.30pm.

## **News Sheet**

Next week’s edition will be another “2 weeks-in-1”, covering the period from Sun 21<sup>st</sup> to Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Aug so please submit your material well in advance, by Thurs morning (18<sup>th</sup>) at the latest.

## Staff/Office Matters

Staff movements for this coming week are as follows:

Chris	off Tues		
Sandra	off Thurs	Tim	in Wed & Fri mornings
Colin	off Mon	Jez	in Wed & Fri mornings
Erik	annual leave	Simon	off Tues
Julie	in Thurs	Nadine	in Mon & Thurs mornings
Kevin	off Sat	Phil	in Tues am, Weds, Thurs am

### Senior Minister

Chris Short

### PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

### Family Ministries

Simon Grimes - Children

Erik Cornelisse - Youth

### Church Administrator

Colin McMahon

### Caretaker

Kevin Virgo

### CAP Debt Centre Manager

Phil Papps

### CAP Debt Coach

Nadine Crawford-Piper

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- Sun 14    9.30am    Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office  
              10.00am    Live and Online with Erik and Simon
- Mon 15    6.00pm    Girls Brigade  
              7.30pm    CLT meeting
- Tues 16    7.15pm    Soaking in the Spirit (ladies only)
- Wed 17    7.00am    Prayer Meeting  
              8.30am    Community Fridge and Cafe  
              10.00am    Vicky Bees  
              6.30pm    Boys Brigade  
              7.00pm    Ladies Evening at Pomodoro e Mozzarella
- Thu 18    7.30am    Prayer Meeting (men only)  
              7.30pm    Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 19    10.00am    Outreach Prayer Meeting  
              10.00am    Vicky Bees  
              12.30pm    Friends, Food and Fellowship  
              4.00pm    VBC Open - Willingdon Golf Club  
              5.00pm    Kids Club  
              7.00pm    Xpect
- Sat 20
- Sun 21    9.30am    Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office  
              10.00am    Live and Online with Chris Short

## **FRIENDS, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP**



Please note that you need to add your name to the sign-up sheet as soon as possible if you want to come to next Friday's (19<sup>th</sup>) lunch.

Unfortunately our helpers who operate the dishwasher after our meal are now no longer able to help due to work commitments. If any one feels able to help for a couple of hours from about 1pm on the third Friday of each month we would be really grateful.

## **BIBLE JOURNALLING**

Please note the next session will be on Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>, NOT the 18<sup>th</sup> as originally advertised.



On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Roland Brown spoke at the Sunday service about the possibility of the church becoming a partner and having a team of people to support the tenants in *Hope into Action* housing. Following on from this presentation there will be a meeting on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm** for anyone interested in supporting this work and to hear about the work in more detail.

## Can you help?

Due to the very changeable weather in recent weeks we have exhausted our supplies of some of the emergency items we give out to rough sleepers and others.

We urgently need additional supplies of New or Used (clean)

- \* Sleeping Bags
- \* Blankets
- \* Groundsheets

If you can help with any of these please give them to a Street Pastor or Prayer Pastor or contact Graeme at [eastbourne@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:eastbourne@streetpastors.org.uk)



## Calling all CYCLISTS

Please note that we now have a bike rack available at the side of the church to secure your bikes. Do feel free to make use of it!

## Bernhard Baron Care Home

Summer Fayre - next Saturday (20<sup>th</sup>) 1.30pm-4pm.

Please see the poster on the notice board in the Welcome Centre for full details.

## Thanksgiving Services

The Thanksgiving Service for Debbie Martin will be held next Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup>), 2pm at All Saints Church. Debbie, a former member at VBC, will be well known by some of you having been a regular pianist for our Sunday services some years ago. Do feel free to support her daughters, Rachel & Helen, at the church on Wednesday.



The Thanksgiving Service for our former member, Andy Holter, will be held at the King's Centre on Friday week (26<sup>th</sup>) 11am.

## PRAYER DIARY 15<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY

**Monday** **There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.** As we begin a season of change – as children prepare to change schools and as a new government begins office, we give thanks for the chance to reflect, to review and learn, and for new beginnings. Take time to listen to God's plans for you.

**Tuesday** **a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,** Give God thanks for the processes of democracy around the world. As we look back on our own process give thanks for peacefulness. As we look at other places such as France and the USA which have very different ways, pray for peace in the minds of decision makers, for integrity and wisdom to make a just way forward.

**Wednesday** **a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.** At the time of writing, the NATO summit is taking place – pray for those nations in war situations. Lift to God the peoples of Ukraine and Russia, living under threat. Pray for the people of Israel and for the millions of displaced families living in fear and without basic needs in Gaza. We know that in our brokenness there is a time to kill and a time to heal, pray that healing will come swiftly in all such situations around the world.

**Thursday** **no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.** Ask God to help us remember that HE is in charge! Give thanks for the peace that God gives us in knowing we are loved. Wonder at the fact that He knows us and loves us and has chosen us from before time. Stay silent a moment to reflect, repent **and** rejoice that He is Alpha and Omega.

**Friday** **I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live ... - this is the gift of God.** We pray for those who are facing redundancy, for those who are in pay negotiations, for those, including new MPs, who have new roles and for those civil servants and others working under unfamiliar regimes. Pray, too for those who are seeking employment and fulfilment and for those who are looking to go on to training for the future.

**Saturday** **a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.** The school holidays are upon us and we give thanks for the opportunity for families to be together, but pray too for those for whom it will be a huge struggle. We bring to our God of compassion those who can't escape the hardship brought on by lack of resources. We pray for the love of Christ to reach out from all church-based holiday clubs and food kitchens to communities in need, and we pray for Simon leading the VBC holiday club.

**Sunday** **I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear Him.** Praise God that He is eternally faithful and good. Praise God for His patience, forgiveness and compassion. Praise God for His Sovereignty. Praise God that we are able to bring our prayers to Him in humble adoration.

**FUEL FOR PRAYER**



# GIRLS BRIGADE



We have had a busy summer term at Girls' Brigade. Some of the things we have done include making hedgehogs out of fruit, mask and apron decorating, and an outing to Drusillas. (Photos of the Drusillas outing to follow next week).



## Your opportunity to get involved

In order to run Girls' Brigade we need helpers. In September we will need someone to help with the older group (11-15 year olds), and someone to help with the younger group (4-11 year olds). If you are interested and would like more information, please contact the church office. This is only a helping role and you will not be expected to lead anything (unless you wish to). GB runs on a Monday evening (term-time only) from 6pm-7.30pm.

## Cakes



**In the hall after the service this Sunday, there are going to be cakes available, made by the girls. We would just ask for a donation towards the work of Girls' Brigade in exchange for a cake.**

## Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by  
**David & Wendy Dick**



*A huge thank you for the beautiful flowers  
and verse sent to me this morning. I was  
delighted to receive them. SC*

