



Sunday 14th November 2021

VICTORIA Baptist Church News





**This week's message is brought to us by Jez Taylor
as we commemorate Remembrance Day
10am at the church and live online via YouTube.
4pm this afternoon - Passion for Life with Chris Short**

Remembrance

At this time of year our thoughts turn to remembrance. We reflect on the past and remember those who sacrificed their lives in wars so that we may enjoy life and freedom. We are asked to remember those fallen in Flanders fields and in other war zones. This year too, many will be remembering those lost to COVID. This is a difficult and troubling time of year for many people.

It is no coincidence that "remembrance" has many parallels to the gospel. We are asked to remember Jesus' sacrifice in a memorial meal. In fact the Bible asks us to remember many things. You will find out how many on Sunday! Fortunately I will be speaking about just THREE.

Remember your creator - Remember Lot's wife - and "Do this in remembrance of me."



At the end of the 10am service, we will be switching to the TV broadcast of the National Service of Remembrance, held at the Cenotaph on Whitehall, London, and observing the two-minute silence.



STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

The usual staff days off this week - Chris on Tuesday, Sandra, Erik & Simon on Thursday and Colin on Monday. Julie will be in the office on Thursday and Tim on Wednesday.

Senior Minister:

Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister:

Sandra Taylor

Family Ministries:

Simon Grimes - Children

Erik Cornelisse - Youth

Church Administrator:

Colin McMahon

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Mask Wearing

In the light of fluctuating COVID figures locally, the CLT would encourage you to revert to wearing masks on Sundays and at other meetings when moving around the building. It is down to the discretion of individuals as to whether they remove them when seated and for singing. Please continue to sanitize your hands on entry to the building.



Sun 14	9.40am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
	10.00am	Remembrance Day All-Age service with Jez Taylor
	4.00pm	Passion for Life with Chris Short
Mon 15	6.00pm	Girls Brigade
	7.30pm	CLT Prayer Meeting - all welcome
Tues 16	6.45pm	Alpha - "Why and How should I read the Bible?"
	7.15pm	Soaking in the Spirit (for ladies only)
Wed 17	8.30am	Community Fridge (until 10.30am)
	10.00am	Vicky Bees
	5.15pm	Boys Brigade (ages 4-8)/ 6.15pm (ages 8-18)
Thu 18	7.30am	Prayer Meeting (for men only)
	10.15am	Men's Fellowship - with Julian Dale (All Saints YW)
	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship - with Iris Tipping
Fri 19	10.00am	Alpha Prayer Meeting
	10.00am	Vicky Bees
	12.30pm	Friends, Food & Fellowship
	5.00pm	Kids Club
	7.00pm	Xpect!
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Sun 21	9.40am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
	10.00am	Live at VBC and online - Chris Short {Romans 7}
	4.00pm	Passion for Life with Chris Short

The Week Ahead



And further ahead ...

Wed 24 Nov, 7.30pm	Church Meeting - CLT elections Details of this to be found on page 8
Tues 30 Nov, 2pm	Funeral of Irene Goddard at E/B Crem (see page 6 for details) <i>Christmas details to follow next week</i>





a passion for life

“God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any of us.”

Acts 17:27 (NIV)



This week in our afternoon service, we will be focusing on the key question: **Why should we journey with the people around us?**

This session aims to help us to see that God has placed everyone where they are in order that they would seek Him and find Him and to understand that God uses Christians in their unique circumstances to help people encounter Jesus.

There will be a video presentation and time for discussion and prayer. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us. Those who have been able to attend so far have expressed how useful these sessions are.

If you are unable to make it this week, then here is a link to the video and a few questions for you to consider once you have watched it. Maybe you could discuss the questions with others.

<https://www.apassionforlife.org.uk/ibd1-vid-download>

- How does knowing God's aim for the world is for people to meet Jesus affect our thinking about the purpose of life?
- Think about the truth that God is the Creator, Sustainer and Ruler of your life, street and community. How does this give you confidence and what does that mean as you share Jesus with others?
- Focus on those who live near you. Think about the following: What do I know about them? What have I done to serve them? What can I do to serve them if I haven't done so already?

Finally, spend some time in prayer:

- Praise God that He is Creator, Sustainer and Ruler of the universe. Praise Him for His grace in saving us. Ask God to draw people around you to Himself and to help you be more willing to join in journeying with them towards life in Jesus.
- Ask God to help you to remember and see that nothing is an accident, God is in control of it all and has purposed you to meet and point others to Jesus.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS



With there not having been a news sheet last week, some of you may not be aware that **Irene Goddard** passed away recently. She had been living in Beechwood Grove in recent years and was sadly unable to attend services.

Her daughter, Janette, tells us that the funeral service will be at the main chapel of Eastbourne Crematorium on Tuesday 30th November 2pm - masks are to be worn.

Following the service, afternoon tea will be served at:

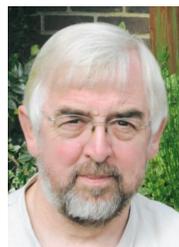
Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club, Royal Parade, Eastbourne, BN22 7AA

Pay and display parking is available at Fisherman's Green car park (adjacent to the club) or there is random street parking.

If anyone is planning on coming, please let the office know asap so we can let Janette know for catering purposes.

And we were sad to hear that **Norman Roberts** passed away this week, having been ill for some months. Our thoughts are very much with his wife, Janet, and the family, at this very difficult time.

Funeral arrangements will follow shortly.



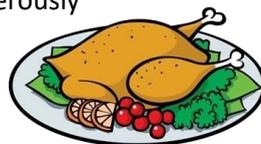
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CAP

This year, we are providing Christmas Hampers to our clients, with all that they need to enjoy a traditional Christmas Dinner. We would welcome financial donations for these. Please make payments to VBC in the usual way - online preferably but cheques and cash also acceptable - with a reference of **CAP Gift or CAP Hamper** to ensure it is allocated to this particular aspect of the

CAP ministry. Thank you to those who have already generously donated.

We will be making the hampers up on 22nd December, for delivering on 23rd December. If you are able to help with either the making up of the hampers, or the deliveries, please let Helen Diplock or Lesley Corke know.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In October we were approached by the Well-being and Lifestyle co-ordinator at The Hawthorns, Independent Living Centre in Carew Road, asking if the church would be able to provide a Sunday service for them. There are one hundred residents at The Hawthorns. So this is a great opportunity for community outreach.



It is proposed that we offer a service on a Sunday, once a month, between 4.30pm and 6.00pm. The service to last no more than 45 minutes.

The CLT have asked me to take this forward. We need to build a team of people who would be willing to take a turn at running a service so that nobody is committed to being available every time. Each service would need three people, plus a keyboard player. So, I am asking for volunteers please. If you feel this is something you could help with please be in touch with me. Perhaps some of the Life groups could take a turn at providing the service? If your Life group could help please let me know. If we get a good number of volunteers I envisage no-one would need to commit to more than twice a year.

Depending on volunteers and availability we may be able to do a 'one-off' before Christmas for them and then start properly in 2022.

For further details, please contact me directly or ask the church office for my contact details.

Thank you.

Carol Dadswell



PRAYER DIARY

This regular feature of the news sheet (on page 13 this week) is produced faithfully by a small group of people on a rota basis and their efforts over so many years is very much appreciated by many.

We are now in need however of a couple of volunteers to join the existing team. This would involve writing the prayer diary for the news sheet around 7 or 8 times a year. If you feel this is a ministry you could support, then please contact Sandra who is arranging the rota for 2022.



Church meeting Agenda 24.11.21

AGM

1. Introduction, Welcome & Prayer
2. Appointment of auditors
3. Safeguarding statement

Church Meeting

1. Membership Report
2. Finance Report
- 3.. Property matters
4. CLT elections
5. Alpha update
6. Afternoon service time
7. Christmas services
8. DONM – **7:30pm, 23rd February 2022**

Please note that items you wish to raise, or questions to be asked concerning items not on the above agenda, need to be notified in writing, or via email, to the church office by Monday 22nd November.

With a key part of the Church meeting being the election of members of the Core Leadership Team, the following pages include profiles/testimonies of all those who have been nominated (in alphabetical order!).





Paula Burr

It has been my privilege to serve on the CLT for the past 3 years so I am standing for a second time to build on the work done with the team in that time to fulfil the vision of our church.

I have been a Christian since I was in my early-mid teens due to God working through the faithful ministry of Sunday School teachers, loving friends and some good Christian books at a challenging time in my life. This has involved

God with me in the many ups and downs through the changing seasons of life's journey.

I have been attending VBC since 2011 and became a member soon after that.

While attending Victoria I have been involved in the Worship team, Girls Brigade, Sunday School, Prayer Ministry, Ladies Soaking Group and have started leading a Life Group.

I work as a technical supervisor at Sussex University, am a trade union rep, and also involved in a mental health first aider network in my work place.

Other areas where I have had experience of governance in the past are Lewes and District Churches Together Homelink, diaconate at Newhaven Baptist Church, Breakout Community Trust (Newhaven) and a staff member of University of Sussex Council.

I believe God has called me to continue this work, relying on Him and trusting Him to lead us where He wants us to go together as His church.



Lucy Craggs

I grew up in a loving home in Willingdon, a butcher's daughter and youngest of three girls. I spent many fun days on the Brown family farm as a child and that's where I first heard about Jesus. I went on to study in Manchester and Innsbruck then started my career in recruitment in London. I returned to Eastbourne in my late twenties and trained as a primary school teacher. Both my sisters had been following Jesus and been praying for me for ten years. I was always interested in the life they led and the Jesus they followed and started attending VBC. I stepped



into the light and was full of joy, an indescribable joy! I prayed, started reading the Bible and attended an Alpha course. Having given my life to Jesus, I was baptised in early 2003. God has been faithful through challenging times and guided me at each crossroads since then. I met my husband Paul ...

... on the day I was baptised at VBC and we were married the following year. The Craggs family showed me how to be a Christian wife and mother. We are parents to three children and have been helped in our parenting by the church family and praying sisters in Christ. My Mum always helps those in need and inspires me to look to others. As a member of VBC I have been able to serve by running and teaching Sunday school, mentoring teenage girls, planning holiday clubs, arranging meals to be delivered to new parents in the community and facilitating parenting courses. I am now a trustee of two charities, including Eastbourne NetworX. I am passionate about the marginalised and lost as well as family life. I would be honoured to serve VBC as a part of the CLT; I am thankful so many in our church family have helped me grow in faith and showed me the character of Jesus.



Frances Hall

I was born and brought up in a small village near Sevenoaks in Kent. As a family we attended the little evangelical free church. I made a commitment to faith, giving my life to the Lord at the age of 11 and was baptised at around 17. Looking back I am so thankful to the people who faithfully gave their time to teaching and guiding me through Sunday school and youth work (I am still in touch with my Sunday school teacher to this day!) and through the ministry of the church. Having

worked in the leisure industry for 3 years following my degree, God clearly called me to work with profoundly disabled children. So, in obedience to this calling, I came to Eastbourne in 1988 to study for my PGCE in order to be able to teach, and I never left! I'm thankful that God enabled me to make my home here, and am constantly grateful for his provision. Having worshipped at Kings Church for much of my time in Eastbourne, I came to Victoria Baptist Church in 2008, and was warmly welcomed into what very quickly became my spiritual home and family. I am aware that over the years I have been the recipient of much spiritual, emotional, and practical care, guidance and provision. Having endeavoured to give and serve when and where I could within the restraints of work commitments, being now retired from teaching I hope that, by being a part of the CLT, I can support the nurturing and growth of God's people of all ages at Victoria so they too may benefit from input and provision in the same way.



Steve Jupp



I grew up in a loving Christian family in the Strict Baptist denomination but never really experienced Jesus personally until I started exploring other less "formal" forms of Christianity. Eventually, it was in the 1990's that I experienced the grace and love of Jesus in my heart when travelling through Canada and seeing His beauty and majesty. I committed my life to Christ through this experience. I was baptised at VBC by Rev John Murray and subsequently married my wife Liz in 1996. We have three children - Jonah (21), Millie (19) and Phoebe (16) all being, at some time, very active in the life here at VBC. I helped with the children's work for many years and have also been a part of the Technical Team on the Sound Desk on Sundays. God has been very gracious to us as a family helping us through some very traumatic and emotional times through the years and it is for His glory that we can share our experiences with others. With VBC being a huge part of our family life for over 25 years it gives us insight into how this amazing family church works and the love that flows into and from it but, we always want more for more, and that is where I would like to offer my time and experience, in both business and family life, to move VBC into a new exciting era where its heart is on its sleeve.



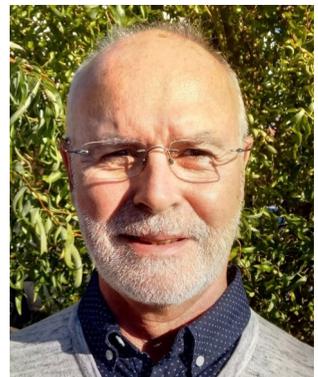
RICHARD KIRK

I have now seen twelve years' service on the CLT, and a number of years as a Deacon before that. I, and my wife Julia, have been at Victoria for over forty years.

I have spent my life in engineering and marketing, travelling the world with this work, but now I am happily retired. I am now an author and a poet, having published 3 books so far with another on the way.

I am currently the Membership Coordinator at VBC, seeking and processing new members as they join the church, taking over this role in 2015.

I set up the VBC Facebook page some years ago and I am now a part of the team which keeps it going. I am also the person responsible for Daily Bible Dose Eastbourne, another popular Facebook page, and I have daily input into our Twitter account, @VBCEastbourne, with daily verses and encouragement. I am also part of the team maintaining the VBC website and on-line diary.



My CLT responsibilities – apart from membership matters – have included GDPR and Safeguarding.

Jez Taylor

I have been a member at VBC since 1991 and have served in youth, children's work, and leading services and preaching/teaching. I served as a CLT member for 12 years under Ian White's leadership and have completed 3 years with Chris. I bring experience of being a leader and decision maker in education and in church.



During this time God has been preparing me for greater ministry at VBC, honing my gifting and providing opportunities to serve. This is evident in the way I am now serving the life group ministry having led one for many years.

Wreath Making Evening



Tickets on sale each Sunday after the service, or contact the Office

PRAYER DIARY: 15TH – 21ST NOVEMBER

1 Peter 3:11,2: “Search for peace, and work to maintain it. The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and His ears are open to their prayers.” (NLT)

Monday This week is Inter-faith week. Pray that by talking to people of different faiths this will bring understanding of other’s views and promote what we believe to be the only true faith. Jesus’s mission to the world was to break down divisions and encourage people to live in harmony together.

Tuesday Today is Pray for schools day, the aim of the organisation is to ensure that every school in the UK is prayed for by local Christians. Pray for the success of this mission and that many children will learn of Jesus through this work.

Wednesday Pray for all our members & friends who are unwell, that God’s healing and comfort will be with them and their families supporting them during this time of concern. Pray also that the medics who treat them will be empowered with wisdom & compassion.

Thursday People in Eastern and Southern Africa are suffering due to financial problems and violence. Pray that Christian charities working in these countries will have influence on governments in the area. Pray especially for Northern Mozambique where over 700K people have fled violence and Tanzania and Zimbabwe experiencing issues within communities.

Friday *Friends, Food and Fellowship* is taking place today, pray that this will be a time to enrich faith and develop relationships within the Church.

Saturday The Big Winter Sleepout is taking place this weekend to raise money for The London City Mission which carries out work among the homeless to provide warm breakfasts and clothes. Pray for the work of Christian charities like this as they spread Jesus’s message in a practical way.

Sunday Praise God that nothing can stop the progress of His church throughout the world. New challenges give rise to new ideas and solutions. God is in control of these and can work through us if we are open to His prompting and insight given to us through prayer.

FUEL FOR PRAYER



CHURCH BOOKSTALL

Please visit the bookstall in the Welcome Centre, where we have Christmas cards, Christmas books and Advent candles for sale -all at very reasonable prices. Thank you for shopping local!



Please join us on Saturday at Flow Café and support the work of the Street Pastors. There will be the usual bacon and sausage sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee, and crafts and games for the family. Bring along your crochet or knitting, your Bible for journaling and your creativity for card making. So much to do! We look forward to seeing you.

The Most Reluctant Convert

A new film about C.S. Lewis as a young man is opening at Eastbourne Cineworld for one showing only **this Sunday 14th November at 4.20pm.**



It's directed by Norman Stone who also directed the first version of *Shadowlands* and *The Narnia Code* - both for the BBC. Further details can be found at www.cslewismovie.com

Last Sunday it premiered in 14 UK cinemas; and six of these then added an extra performance because the advance bookings were so good!

Premier's *Unbelievable?* programme two Saturdays ago featured a discussion on the film. Justin Brierley said, "I really loved it - fantastic film. It was just so good." You can watch the interviews on the Premier radio website.

LIVING LIFE EASTBOURNE



If you are supporting our shoebox campaign this year, please remember to bring them to church by next Sunday, 21st, as the boxes will leave for their destination on Wednesday week, 24th.

Thank you and God bless. Mick & Lyn Trott

BIBLE JOURNALLING



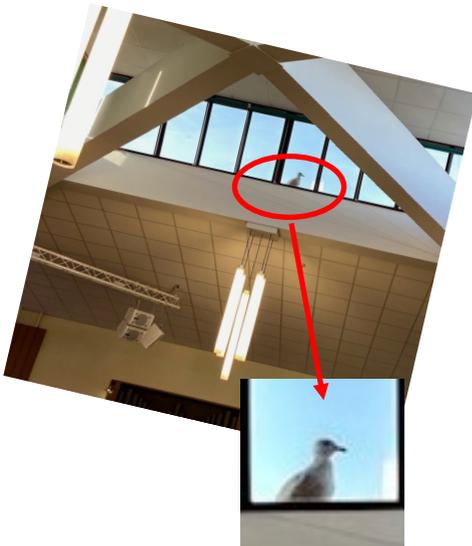
We are holding an Advent Bible Journaling session here at VBC on Thursday 2nd December at 7pm. You do not have to be artistic and anyone over the age of 11 is welcome. All that is required is a love for God's word and a desire to reflect on it and share thoughts and ideas with others. Bring your Bible, any art supplies you might have and a drink. Please let Emma Moore or Sandra Taylor know if you wish to attend.

OTHER recent news ...



Bayo & Emma recently celebrated their graduation from Spurgeon's College - many congratulations to them both!

And this was followed by Emma's induction as Minister of Gosport Waterfront Baptist Church last Saturday, pictured here with mum, Sue.



And finally ... Chris will be relieved to know that he had at least one pair of ears listening intently to his preaching last Sunday! Thanks to Ian Doling for his powers of observation.

FLOWER MINISTRY

The flowers on 31st October (shown immediately below) were donated by the Jupp family, in loving memory of Reg.



Please convey my sincere thanks to all concerned in sending me a beautiful bunch of flowers. I really felt the love and prayers behind this gift. My VBC family are SO precious to me - God bless you!

And last week's flowers (shown below) were donated by Hanny Balmer.



I am so grateful to receive those flowers from Our Church! There's no words can describe my feelings... Thank you so much for everything!



Such a lovely surprise to receive a beautiful bouquet of flowers, delivered by an equally lovely smiling lady! A huge "THANK YOU" to all involved in this caring ministry. Blessings to all.