

# Obadiah 1:3

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**Nate Morgan Locke** is a filmmaker, preacher and "Reformed Mythologist" teaching on storytelling, theology and culture. For nearly two decades, he has developed evangelistic video and film series, including Christianity Explored, Life Explored, and, most recently, the 321 course for Speak Life, where he works as Creative Director. Nate literally grew up in Narnia (his parents' house, near Stoke-on-Trent) and has seen the world as a fairy story ever since. He served at All Souls Langham Place and St Bart's Bath, before moving to Philadelphia to study at Westminster Theological Seminary. Nate now lives by the seaside in the UK with his wife and two children.



Nate will be speaking from the book of Obadiah:

*"Essentially, God brings the proud down and raises the humble.*

*The people of Edom believe that God cannot "bring them down to the ground", but because of their treatment of their brother nation, Israel, the Lord will humble them.*

*As Christians we can be encouraged in our faith because, though we face opposition, Jesus is the humble one who comes down to save.*

## **This Evening**

Our fortnightly prayer meeting will be at 6.30pm whilst our Sunday evening Youth Group, Xcav8, meet for the first time this term at 7pm (until 8.30pm). The group is aimed at those in Year 10 and above.

## **Next Week (22<sup>nd</sup> September)**

Chris Short will be preaching at the 10am service.

## Staff/Office Matters

Staff movements for the coming week are as follows

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

### Senior Minister

Chris Short

### PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

### Family Ministries

Simon Grimes - Children

### Church Administrator

Colin McMahon

### Caretaker

Kevin Virgo

### CAP Debt Centre Manager

Phil Papps

### CAP Debt Coach

Nadine Crawford-Piper

### Treasurer

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### Finance Assistant

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### Pastoral Team Leader

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### Life Group Coordinator and interim Youth Leader

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- Sun 15 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office  
10.00am Live and Online with Nathan Locke from Speak Life  
6.30pm Prayer Meeting  
7.00pm Xcav8!
- Mon 16 6.00pm Girls Brigade  
7.30pm CLT meeting
- Tues 17 Soaking in the Spirit - first meeting back Tues 24<sup>th</sup>
- Wed 18 7.00am Prayer Meeting  
8.30am Community Fridge  
10.00am Vicky Bees  
6.30pm Boys Brigade
- Thu 19 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)  
10.15am Men's Fellowship with Chris Knott  
2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Mark Simmons  
7.30pm Bible Journalling  
7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 20 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting  
10.00am Vicky Bees  
12.30pm Friends, Food & Fellowship  
5.00pm Kids Club  
7.00pm Xpect
- Sat 21 9.00am Ladies' Prayer Breakfast with Claire Short
- Sun 22 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office  
10.00am Live and Online with Chris Short  
7.00pm Xcav8!



**CHURCH MEMBERS MEETING** - Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7.30pm.  
Please see page 7 for details.

## BAPTISM

It is hoped that we will be having another Baptismal Service, maybe at the end of September. If this is something you would like to consider, please have a word with our Senior Minister, Chris Short.



## Hope

Pain drags me down  
but I crawl back up.  
Pain saps my strength  
but I call on my reserves.  
Pain threatens my existence  
but I want to survive.

I praise you Lord, out of the depths  
please hear my cry and rescue me.

I look to Christ upon the cross,  
where love and suffering meet,  
impaled to bear my sin and shame,  
the Father's face both dark and hidden.  
But waiting in that dreadful scene  
new hope of life and light is given.



*(C) 2/9/2024 John Demetriou*

## KABUBBU



This is a picture of Daisy Nantamu, a student at Kabubbu in Uganda. Our life group has been helping to support her for a number of years. This summer the rains failed which had a huge impact on local farming with the crops failing to produce a harvest. Many families who rely on farming have found themselves in real difficulties feeding themselves. Please add the children and staff to your prayer list. If you feel moved to help in some other way, contact the Quicken Trust, Hailsham.

*John Glover.*

## GIRLS BRIGADE

Looking for something fun and fulfilling to do on a Monday evening?  
Well look no further, 25 girls are needing YOU!

No GB experience needed. We just need 2 people 18+ to help with games and craft (no prep will be required) - one to help with the 5-10 year olds and another to help with the 11-15 year olds. Monday evenings, term time only from 6pm-7.30pm.

For more information, please contact the church office. Many thanks, Jenny



## PRAYER DIARY 16<sup>TH</sup> - 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPT

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phillipians 4:6-7*

**MONDAY** As September moves on, remember those heading off to university and perhaps leaving home for the first time. Pray for families experiencing the "empty nest" feeling, that the love of God would replace their emptiness. Pray too for our children at school, settling into new classes and new teachers. For some this is easy and for others it can be traumatic. Pray for families you know. Finally, pray for Christian teachers across the land, that they may be a light in what can be a dark place.

**TUESDAY** Thank God today for the many ministries that VBC is involved with and run - Men's and Women's Fellowships, FFF, Community Fridge, Alpha, Life Groups, CAP. etc. Pray that those who lead them are filled with the Holy Spirit to lead well and speak Jesus to all they come across in the ministry. Pray too for the pastoral team who seek to care for those in need in our fellowship. If you know of someone who is sick, in hospital or grieving, pray for them.

**WEDNESDAY** Pray for the Lord's guidance as Chris and the search team seek to find a replacement for Erik. Pray for wisdom and discernment as the team meets to work out the vision for Family Ministries at VBC. Pray that The Lord has already anointed a person to take over and pray they will respond.

**THURSDAY** As we meet today to pray for Lebedyn and Pastor Bohdan and his team, be aware that the situation is getting worse. The war is edging closer to Lebedyn every day. Pray for the team; for strength, endurance and wisdom as they seek to serve the local community. Pray for protection over the team and the facilities they have. As we think of war in Ukraine, there are many other places too where conflict is raging such as Israel/Gaza, Yemen, Sudan. There is still unrest in Syria and other Islamic nations. Pray for peace and the intervention of The Lord to end conflicts.

**FRIDAY** Our children's work and youth work are key ministries for the future of the kingdom. Today pray for Simon as he leads the Children's ministry work. Pray for the volunteers who support him at Vicky Bees, Sunday school and Kids club. Thank God for our children and pray for them to see the love of Jesus and grow in faith. Pray for Jez and the team of volunteers who are keeping things going until a new youth worker arrives. Thank God for their enthusiasm and willingness to commit to serve.

**FUEL FOR PRAYER**

**SATURDAY** Today, please remember our royal family, especially the King, as he recovers from cancer. Pray for our new government, whatever your political colours. Pray for wisdom for our Prime Minister and his cabinet and for all Christian MPs. We need integrity, reliability and morality in our leaders if we are to see God bless this nation again. Pray for revival in Parliament!

**SUNDAY:** As we gather to worship today, please pray for Chris as he delivers God's word. Pray for our musicians, technical team and stewards. For those who make coffee and clear up. Pray for Kevin as he manages our facilities and ensures they are fit for purpose. Thank God for the staff team who serve VBC faithfully. Today, pray that the Holy Spirit will minister to all who come through the doors as they need it. May no one leave without feeling God's blessing on them

## Church Members' Meeting

Wed 25th Sept, 7.30pm



1. Introduction, Welcome and Prayer
2. Agreement of Minutes and Matters arising
3. Membership Report - **Richard Kirk**
4. Finance Report – **Mark Evason**
5. Ethos Statement - **Chris Short**
6. Youth Appointment Update & Staff Matters - **Chris Short**
7. Charitable Status and Assets Update – **Andrew Phillips**
8. Forthcoming CLT elections
9. Hope into Action
10. AOB: **Items for consideration to be emailed to the church office by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**
11. DONM: **7:30pm, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024**



## BIBLE READING NOTES

Bible Reading Notes from Oct to Dec 2024 are now in pigeonholes for those who have ordered them.



## Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by  
a friend of VBC



*Just to say how much I appreciated receiving church flowers yesterday, a lovely surprise & absolutely beautiful. I feel so very blessed by the loving concern of VBC. Big thankyou! TP*



**Vacant Dates** We only have a few dates left this year if you would like to donate the flowers one week - Oct 20, Nov 17 & 24, Dec 1 & 15.

Looking ahead, we have already had a booking for 2025! If you too have a special occasion next year and would like to donate around a particular date we would suggest you let us know as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

Please contact Chris McMahon for further details.