



**Live in CHURCH**

**Live and online  
WITH  
Ian Coffey**



**VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
to see Jesus Christ honoured in Eastbourne and beyond

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## **Called, Loved and Kept**

“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.” (1 John 4:16)

What does it mean to be ‘called, loved and kept’ in Jesus Christ? (Jude 1)? We will consider a follower of Christ’s security, identity and ministry.

*Ian Coffey retired at the end of 2022 after 15 years on the teaching team at Moorlands College. His final post was as Acting Principal. He has also been extensively involved with Saltmine Trust, the Evangelical Alliance and Spring Harvest. He was the senior minister at Mutley Baptist Church in Plymouth for a number of years and has had a number of books published.*

*Ian and Ruth live in a small village in Dorset and continue to travel extensively serving local churches.*



Our fortnightly Prayer Meeting will be held at 6.30pm. All are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to attend!

## **Next Week (27<sup>TH</sup> OCT)**

There will be a Baptismal Service at 10am and Chris Short will be preaching.

There is a Prospective Members Meeting at 5pm, downstairs in the Hive. Please note this meeting is aimed at all of you who want to know more about what it means to be a Church Member. Please contact Richard Kirk for further details.

**membership  
MATTERS**

## Staff/Office Matters

Staff movements for the coming week are as follows

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

### 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

Mark Evason

### Finance Assistant

Julie Hanks

### Ministry Assistants

Tim Nunn (Discipleship)

Lucy Craggs (Women)

### Life Group Coordinator and interim Youth Leader

Jez Taylor

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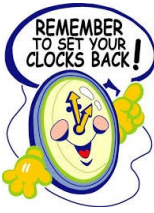
- Sun 20    9.30am    Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office  
              10.00am    Live and Online with Ian Coffey  
              6.30pm    Church Prayer Meeting  
              7.00pm    Xcav8!
- Mon 21    6.00pm    Girls Brigade  
              7.30pm    CLT Meeting
- Tues 22    7.15pm    Soaking in the Spirit (ladies only)
- Wed 23    7.00am    Prayer Meeting  
              8.30am    Community Fridge  
              10.00am    Vicky Bees  
              6.30pm    Boys Brigade
- Thu 24    7.30am    Prayer Meeting (men only)  
                               Next Men's Fellowship meeting 31<sup>st</sup> October  
              2.30pm    Women's Fellowship with Janice Bates  
              7.30pm    Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 25    10.00am    Outreach Prayer Meeting  
              10.00am    Vicky Bees  
              5.00pm    Kids Club  
              7.00pm    Xpect
- Sat 26
- Sun 27    9.30am    Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office  
              10.00am    Baptism Service with Chris Short  
              5.00pm    Prospective Members Meeting  
              7.00pm    Xcav8!



**Ladies Meal** - Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7pm, Pomodoro e Mozzarella

**Ladies Prayer Breakfast** - Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 9am-10.30am.  
 Speaker to be confirmed.

*(see sign-up sheets for both events in the Welcome Centre)*



Please remember that the clocks go back 1 hour at 2am next Sunday morning (27<sup>th</sup>).

**Thank you ...** to all who came along to Flow Café on Saturday. We had a very busy morning and raised £270 for MacMillan Cancer Research.



Next month (9th November) we will be raising funds for Eastbourne Blind Society.

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



It is with a thankful heart that we recall the brilliant team of volunteers who helped us last year to make possible the packing, delivering and funding of about 50 Christmas hampers. BUT .... now it's time to think about this year.

Can you help us?

We will need:

- a couple of people to write cards for our clients to send out the Christmas message of God's love
- monetary gifts to buy the food for the hampers
- contributions of toiletries or a big Celebrations box ...other brands also welcome
- a team of packers, details of dates to follow
- drivers to deliver the hampers
- If you are able to help in any capacity, please use the sign-up sheets which will be in the Welcome Centre in a couple of weeks time.
- prayer for the whole project

If you feel you may be able to help in any capacity, please contact Phil or Lesley for more info.

## CLT Vacancies

The closing date for nominations to the Core Leadership Team is next Wednesday (30<sup>th</sup>) so please give some prayerful thought to potential candidates. We have forms available in the office that need to be completed, by both a proposer and a seconder, as well as being signed by the nominee of course.

# LIGHT PARTY



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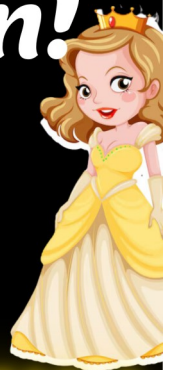
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to Halloween!

Crafts  
Snacks

Games  
Fun



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RECEPTION TO YEAR 6  
THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER  
5PM TO 6:30PM

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH, ELDON ROAD, EASTBOURNE  
**COME DRESSED AS A HERO!**

*Sign up here*





# Living Out Evening

Join us to explore the issue of sexuality. What does the Bible say? How should the church respond? And how can we engage with our culture?

13 Nov  
7pm to 9:15pm

All Saints  
Eastbourne



What does the Bible really say about sexuality? Is it good news for all of us? How can we support those who experience same-sex attraction to stay faithful to Jesus and flourish?

Join us as we explore these questions and more, offering a positive biblical vision and practical steps forward for Christians seeking to show Christ-like love to everybody.

The Living Out team will engage with our culture, share from the Bible, tell their stories, apply to church life and answer your questions. We'd love to see you there!

Living Out is delighted to be bringing you this event, and it is open to all Christians. While there are opportunities on the day to ask questions about what the Bible teaches in this area, those speaking are committed to the Evangelical Alliance's biblical and pastoral position with respect to homosexuality, summarised in [these affirmations](#). The focus of the event will be how we can uphold these truths and love and serve same-sex attracted people in our churches and society.

## PRAYER DIARY 21<sup>ST</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup> OCT

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.” John3:16–17*

**MONDAY** Father, we lift our politicians and business leaders up to You today. Through Your grace draw them close to Yourself, Your wisdom and Your ways. Lord, we ask in our prayers for You to encourage them to make the right decisions that align with what is Your will and Your plan. We pray for honesty, integrity, truthfulness and justice to be at the centre of all the affairs that our politicians deal with.

**TUESDAY** Living Lord, we pray for Your spirit to fall afresh on our church family and touch our hearts to come forward and help with the many activities which are the life blood of our church. Support is needed, Lord, with a number of our activities, eg Girls Brigade, Sunday School, compiling the prayer diary, serving coffees and teas on Sundays.

“ It is more blessed to give than to receive”. Acts 20:35

**WEDNESDAY** Lord, we bring to You in prayer the many who are concerned about managing their household bills, choosing between heating their homes or feeding their families. Thank You, Lord, for those who work in the organisations that offer support to those in need - eg Foodbank, CAP, Warm Spaces, Community Fridge. Pray that sufficient resources are always forthcoming and for those in need to know the presence of the Lord whatever their circumstances.

**THURSDAY** Father, we pray for Your Son, the Prince of Peace, to intervene in the many wars that rage at present. We pray for peaceful existence between Israelis and Palestinians, Sunnis and Shiites, Muslims, Jews and Christians, Russians and Ukrainians. We pray for negotiations that settle the deep rooted hurts that perpetuate historical conflicts. We pray for effective intervention to ensure justice for all and the protection of every life. Pray for an end to violence, war and death. Peaceful Lord, grant us a peaceful world.

**FRIDAY** Loving Lord, You are always near to us, especially when we are weak, suffering and vulnerable. We pray that You will reach out to those suffering from mental illness - lift their burdens, calm their anxieties and lessen their fears. Surround them, Lord, with Your healing presence so that they may know they are deeply loved by You and that they are never alone.

**SATURDAY** Lord, you are the King of kings, the creator of the universe and everything we see around us. We thank You, Lord, for the glory and beauty of the autumnal colours that surround us as the seasons change. ...

FUEL FOR PRAYER





**THANK YOU**  
**Victoria Baptist Church**  
**FOR SHARING YOUR 208kg**  
**HARVEST FESTIVAL 2024!**

*Registered Charity in England & Wales: 1149902 Registered Company: 08300396*

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sharing your abundance of Harvest festival donations.

The cost of living crisis continues to cause real difficulties for many people across Eastbourne. Understandably, this directly impacts on our donation levels leaving us in a position where we need to purchase foods to meet the demand. Your Harvest Festival donations are a welcome gift – thank you.

Despite striving to reduce foodbank usage, 2023's figures remained similar to the previous year. Our data record showed in 2023 we provided in excess of 287,780 meals and 102,030 of those were for children. This year to date we have provided approximately 177,870 meals. While this is a decrease the numbers remain significantly higher than we would like.

Our amazing team of volunteers and public support with donations are vital for us to be able to continue supporting vulnerable people across our town. Your contributions do make a real difference and we are incredibly grateful - thank you.

**Jess Holliday - Chief Executive**

**PRAYER DIARY contd** ... “You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light” Psalm 18:28 As the clocks go back and the evenings become darker, we pray for Your light to shine into every corner of our lives.

**SUNDAY** Father, as we gather to worship You, we lift up to You those who have it on their hearts to be baptised today. We pray for them to have courage and to be bold in their testimonies as they prepare for immersion. We pray that, through baptism, the impurities in their old lives will be washed away so that they may be reborn and, through the Holy Spirit, lead a life obedient to You. May the public declaration of faith set their hearts ablaze with a passion to build and grow Your kingdom.



**Victoria**  
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Christmas Craft workshop  
Make a wreath, table decoration,  
mince pies and a Holy family  
£5 per activity

Saturday 7th December  
7-9pm

Sign up sheets will be available from next Sunday (27<sup>th</sup>). Places are limited.

Refreshments will be provided and we will sit and enjoy some homemade mince pies at the end of the evening.

Please see Sandra Taylor or Lucy Craggs for further information.



## **Free Friday Take Aways**

**Free take aways are available every Friday from Leaf Hall for residents who are struggling.**

You can come to **Leaf Hall between 12.30 – 1.15 pm** and collect 2x take away dinners and one homemade soup cooked by local volunteers, so you have food for the weekend. For working people other arrangements can be made.

**All you need to do is : -**

**text Clare on 07902 214809 on a Wednesday to go on the weekly list starting that Friday.**  
saying .....

- Your first name
- number of adults
- number of children and ages
- special dietary needs

You then stay on the list until you no longer need the service, or don't turn up to pick it up.

**If you have no credit to text, call into Leaf Hall Wednesday morning and see Clare – (ring bell for entry)**

We look forward to welcoming you at Leaf Hall Community Kitchen.

Clare

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[www.ourneighbourhood.org.uk](http://www.ourneighbourhood.org.uk)

## Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by  
Nigel & Sue Collier,  
celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary.



*Thank you so much for the lovely flowers. - beautiful colours to brighten the day! The psalm verses were so uplifting too. What a privilege to belong to our church family. With love & blessings.. RF*

**Vacant Dates** A huge thank you to all who have stepped forward to fill the vacant dates for 2024. I'll give you a rest for now before making a big push for 2025 in a few weeks time!

*Chris McMahon*