



Sunday 22nd May 2022

VICTORIA Baptist Church News

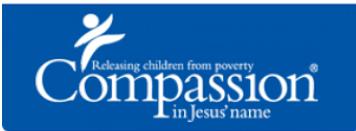


“ ... He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ”

Matthew 25:32



10am - live at VBC and online with Andy Hutchinson

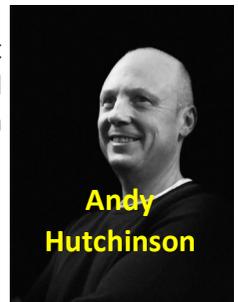


We are joined this morning by Andy Hutchinson, Head of Partnerships (South of England) at Compassion UK. According to Andy's Twitter account, he is passionate about life, people & education, specialising in English Language coaching. We look forward to hearing more from him as he brings God's word to us.

Local Church – TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Matthew 25: 31-46

What we do on this earth validates what we really believe, not just what we say we believe. The message this morning will emphasise that our priorities as individuals and as local church must also be God's priorities. Andy will unpack God's priorities for the local church and why serving the poor is such an important aspect of the outworking of the gospel. He will also show how our response to 'the least of these my brothers' relates to the final judgement.



Next Sunday ...

... we welcome **Neil Hilton** (*Good News Brighton* and former youth worker here at VBC) to preach at our 10am service;

And ...

In the evening, at **6.30pm**, we welcome to our **Healing Service** the **Rev. Jan Vidler** - Baptist Minister and hospital chaplain - who will be sharing with us her amazing story of healing and renewal.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Erik is on leave on Monday, Kevin is on leave on Thursday and Friday, and Chris on Tuesday & Friday. Otherwise the usual pattern of days off and days in for the staff team -

Days off - Colin (Monday), Sandra & Simon (Thursday)

Days in - Julie (Thursday), Jez & Tim (Wednesday & Friday)

Senior Minister

Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

Family Ministries

Simon Grimes - Children

Erik Cornelisse - Youth

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Please note that **next week's news sheet will in fact cover 2 weeks**, given that we have a 2-day bank holiday coming up the following week on the Thursday & Friday. All material needs to be in by Thursday lunchtime (26th)

Sun	22	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
		10.00am	Live at VBC and online with Andy Hutchinson from Compassion UK
Mon	23	6.00pm	Girls Brigade
Tue	24	6.45pm	Alpha - "Why and how do I pray?" with Ollie Meakins
		7.15pm	Soaking in the Spirit (for ladies only)
Wed	25	8.30am	Community Fridge (until 10am)
		10.00am	Vicky Bees
		5.15pm	Boys Brigade (ages 4-8)/ 6.15pm (ages 8-18)
Thu	26	7.30am	Prayer Meeting (for men only)
			Men's Fellowship - next meeting June 9 th
		2.30pm	Women's Fellowship with Rev. Memona Shabaz
		7.30pm	Prayer Meeting for Ukraine
Fri	27	10.00am	Vicky Bees
		10.00am	Outreach Prayer Meeting
		5.00pm	Kids Club
		7.00pm	Xpect!
Sat	28		
Sun	29	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
		10.00am	Live at VBC and online with Neil Hilton from <i>Good News Brighton</i>
		6.00pm	Healing Service with John Glover

The Week Ahead



Fri June 3

Church Jubilee BBQ, 12.30pm

CRÈCHE PROVISION FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS

The crèche facilities have now moved downstairs to the Hive. Parents will still be able to watch the service on the screen there. If you are unsure where to go, please ask someone to direct you. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide supervision, so parents will need to remain with their children.





Jubilee BBQ Tickets are going fast for the bank holiday BBQ on Friday 3rd June. With only 30 or so tickets remaining, you need to get in quick if you want to come along.

Social Events

On our first outdoor meeting of the year, we were blessed with wonderful weather, and a beautiful location at the Bluebell Woods. Great walk, wonderful fellowship, and of course a lovely cup of tea to round it all off. Look out for our forthcoming events (see below), and please join us.



Sat 4th June 10am

Coffee at Holywell Cafe, followed by a walk along the seafront at 11am. Come to both or either.

Sat 30th July 12.30pm

Hampden Park Picnic.



Small Hall

Please note that the small hall is out of action for the foreseeable future owing to urgent repairs to the ceiling being needed. Please keep clear and ensure that your children do not use it at all until you are given the all-clear.



Exams

Please note that we are helping out Cavendish School by providing spaces for 2 of their students taking GCSE exams. If you see a DO NOT ENTER sign outside the halls or downstairs, please take note and keep well clear! Seek advice from the office if your need is urgent. All morning exams are finished before 11 with just the one afternoon exam next month.



EAL Life Group

The new life group for those who speak English as an additional language is starting on Tuesday June 7th at 1pm downstairs in the Hive. There will be a crèche for any pre school children. Please contact Sandra if you would like to join us.

PRAYER DIARY: 23RD– 29TH May

'You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in Your word' Psalm 119:114

Monday We are thankful for those who care for children at the Compassion projects in churches around the world. We pray that the sponsored children may know of the Lord's love and care for them through this project. May their hearts be filled with joy and their burdens light.

Tuesday Pray for the Alpha course now in its 5th week. Lift up the leaders, some young and new to this role, that they may be aware of the leading of the Holy Spirit. We pray that those who attend each week may 'taste and see that the Lord is good'.

Wednesday As members of the community come to buy produce at the Community Fridge today, may they enjoy a cup of tea and good conversation. For those struggling with bills and family life let them receive support, hope and love within the church community. We pray particularly for single parents to receive the help they need in caring for their families.

Thursday Eastbourne families are opening their homes to Ukrainian families. We ask Lord that, when families arrive, they may feel welcomed and safe; that they are well supported by the community and host family; receiving all the help they need in settling into a completely new life.

Friday We bring to Jesus the children who enjoy meeting on Fridays at Kids Club or Xpect. We pray that laughter may echo through the building as they meet - an experience of the joy of the Lord; that they may make good friends and hear good news from God's word. We give thanks for the leaders and volunteers who care for the children each week.

Saturday Give thanks for the work of *Good News Brighton* in Moulsecomb, Brighton led by Rev. Neil Hilton. Ask for God's continued guidance and blessing on the projects organised and the relationships being built in the community by *Good News Brighton*. We pray that Neil and his wife, Jess, may be strengthened and encouraged in the mission they are leading with 'every spiritual blessing in Christ'.

Sunday 'Lord my God, I called to You for help, and You healed me' Psalm 30:20. Many of us may have experienced a healing in our lives and we ask that those needing healing for physical, spiritual and emotional pain may come to the Healing Service by faith and receive prayer. Let this be a time of renewal and refreshing.



Please pray for the family of Daphne Sandy who passed away last weekend. Funeral details will be announced as soon as they are available.

FUEL FOR PRAYER

SPONSORSHIP

On 3rd July I will be cycling 100km (62miles) from London to Brighton to help raise funds for Women v Cancer who support 3 women's cancer charities - Breast Cancer Now, Ovarian Cancer Action and Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust. If you feel able to help my fundraising efforts (even the smallest amounts all go towards the final total and will be gratefully received) and help these amazing charities please follow the link to my fundraising page. Thank you. Frances Hall.



<https://join.dream-challenges.com/fundraisers/franceshall4325/london-to-brighton>



HELP NEEDED

A chest of drawers, and ideally a TV, are needed by a couple in the church for their Ukrainian guests.

BOYS BRIGADE

At the annual display last Saturday, George Ebdy (in his absence) and Suwi were each awarded the very high honour of the Queen's Badge. Many congratulations to them both.



INVITATION

You are all invited to attend the Grand Opening of Battersea Chapel on Saturday 18th June from 2pm.

Battersea Chapel is of course where our former member Bayo Babalola and his family moved to just over a year ago and Bayo & Deneese would very much appreciate your support, either by attending this service, by prayer or by both!

Please let the office know if you are able to attend and we will pass on the numbers to the office in Battersea.

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS MEETING

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in Church Membership on Sunday 29th May at 5.00pm. The meeting will be held downstairs in the Hive and will last for approximately 45 minutes.

For more details please contact richard@victoriabaptist.org.uk

FLOWER MINISTRY



The flowers on display last week were donated by **Chris Wrench, in memory of her son-in-law, Reece.**



"Thank you so much to my lovely church family for the beautiful flowers I received on Monday to celebrate my 93rd birthday."

Audrey Brown

