



Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup> 2022

**VICTORIA** Baptist Church News



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**Live @ 10 and online with Peterson Anand from New Hope Church**

## MEETING JESUS

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One day, Jesus was hungry and thirsty. He met a Samaritan woman at the well and asked her for water to drink. She was surprised that he was asking her for water as Jews didn't associate themselves with Samaritan people. However, Jesus offered her spiritual and living water. She wondered if Jesus could be the expected and divine Messiah. She believed in Jesus and shared her testimony to the people of the town. A great number of them believed Jesus to be the Saviour of the World.

Jesus had a divine hunger to save souls. He saved and transformed the life of the woman and the people of the town that day. Would you be hungry spiritually to save souls by introducing Jesus to people as the Saviour of their lives? God bless you.



## NEXT WEEK



During Chris' sabbatical, we have a variety of preachers on Sunday mornings, some external and some from our fellowship here at VBC. Next week, we look forward to hearing Martin Young, until recently Senior Minister at Rising Brook Baptist Church in Stafford.

## CRECHE

Creche facilities are available on the lower floor - in the Hive - for Sunday morning services. If you are a visitor, please speak to someone on the Welcome Desk and they will be able to give you directions. Please note that parents are asked to remain with their children. The service will be transmitted to the Hive.



# STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff are **IN** as follows -

Chris - on Sabbatical until Sept 12<sup>th</sup> \*

Sandra - every day except Thurs

Colin - every day except Mon

Erik - every day except Thurs

Helen - Tues, Wed & Thurs

Simon - every day except Thurs

Jez - Wed and Fri

Julie - not in on Thurs

Tim - Wed & Fri

Kevin - every day

\* In Chris' absence, contact the office or Tim Nunn for pastoral issues (or use the referral form on the website) - and Sandra Taylor, the CLT, or the staff team for other issues.

## 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

Helen Diplock

## Treasurer

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# The Week Ahead

Sun	31	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
		10.00am	Live at VBC and online - with Peterson Anand
		5.00pm	Prospective Members Meeting
		6.30pm	Healing Service
Mon	1		
Tue	2		
Wed	3	8.30am	Community Fridge and Breakfast Club (to 10am)
		7.00pm	Youth Work meeting for prospective helpers
Thu	4	7.30am	Prayer Meeting (for men only)
		7.30pm	Prayer for Ukraine
Fri	5	10.00am	Outreach Prayer meeting
Sat	6		
Sun	7	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
		10.00am	Live at VBC and online with Martin Young Communion led by Jez Taylor



We could (just about) maintain the status quo - **but our young people deserve so much better than that.** To grow this great ministry, we need passionate people to step up to assist with listening to, caring for and being with our young people (and the ones not yet part of the Kingdom !!). With the right people this might just mean one session a month (unless you of course like to serve more), **could this be YOU?**

If the above speaks to you, or you at least like to consider it, join us for a meeting on 3rd August in the Garden Room. **(for catering purposes) let Erik know if you are coming; erik@victoriabaptist.org.uk or 07517244376.**

## Jigsaws

Over the years, especially during the lockdown, we have accumulated a good number of jigsaws - which we would now like to dispose of to create extra storage space! Please feel free to have a browse and take any you would like to have a go at - but we don't want them back! They can be found in the hall at coffee time on Sunday for the next couple of weeks after which we will see if any of the local charity shops can make use of them.



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## Calling all Bookworms



Our next book club will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 10.30-11.30am during Flow Café with a discussion of George Eliot's "Adam Bede". If you find time over the summer to get into this slightly more demanding novel set in 1799 under the influence of the Methodist revival, you will be surprised at the author's depth of knowledge and the Christian content throughout the book.

Happy reading!

## Computer Scams

Those of you with computers will be only too aware I'm sure of the potential for criminals to hack into systems and to cause havoc with people's data.

We have had a couple of instances recently of VBC people receiving dubious e-mails, supposedly from another member of the church, but, when looked at more closely, are in fact sent from a spurious address which has



no connection with the person it has supposedly been sent from. It often asks you to look at the attached photos and, as I'm sure most of you know, this is the dangerous part - under no circumstances should you click on such attachments.

If you receive such an e-mail, we suggest you simply forward it to the following address - [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) - and let the I.T. experts deal with it.



## Thank You!

A huge thank you from Margaret Martin for all the prayer, support and good wishes from the VBC family, especially to all of those who played some part at the Thanksgiving Service for her husband, Derek, last Monday.

## PRAYER DIARY: 1<sup>ST</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

**Monday 1 Timothy 4:4** *“For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving.”* Pray for the mess of the created world at the moment as we see the impact of climate change. Ask God that the work of the researchers will be blessed and that the voices of the scientists will be heard and acted upon. Pray for farmers working in changed circumstances and that they will have perseverance in the difficulties.

**Tuesday 1 John 3:17-18** *“But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”* Pray for those people in the world who are climate refugees - who have no way of growing or harvesting to feed families. Pray for the children who are starving because of the situation. Give thanks for campaigning charities and the relief agencies who are working with local people to improve the situation.

**Wednesday Isaiah 24:4-6** *“The earth mourns and withers; the world languishes and withers; the highest people of the earth languish. The earth lies defiled under its inhabitants; for they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant.”* Continue to pray about the war in Ukraine and the way in which the most vulnerable are affected by the impact war is having on grain distribution. Pray that the ships will be able to leave and that the new harvest will be gathered despite the ongoing conflict.

**Thursday Colossians 1:16-17** *“For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through Him and for Him.”* Pray for our local council and those that work to keep our environment clean and in order. Give thanks for those who work in the refuse and water industries. Pray for those around the world that don't have clean water or any sanitation.

**Friday Nehemiah 9:6** *“You are the LORD, You alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and You preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships You.”* Reflect a while on the impact we can have at home and in our own lives on reducing, re-using and recycling. Look for ways in which we can make an individual difference or change and ask God to put these measures on your heart as a joyful sacrifice.

**Saturday Genesis 2:15** *“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.”* Lift to God those who are facing fuel poverty as prices rise. Ask that some long term positives will come from using less petrol, oil and coal and that we learn lessons for the future to reduce our carbon footprint and to share resources with compassion. Pray for governments trying to balance immediate crises with long term sustainability. Pray for integrity in leadership around the world and that their eyes will be focussed on the good of all.

**Sunday Revelation 21:1** *“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.”* Rejoice and give thanks because, despite the doom and gloom, our Lord is sovereign. He has the whole world in His hands and He loves and cares for us. Ask God for His love to flow more and more into yourself, our church and community and that the message of hope will be heard.

## Anyone interested?



One of our church members is keen to dispose of the organ shown above. Please contact the office if you may be interested. We are reliably informed it is in good condition!



## Hope Lebedyn



Whilst we would encourage you to continue supporting the Hope Lebedyn mission in the Ukraine, we would ask you to make all future donations directly to the mission rather than through the church. Cheques should be made payable to **Hope Lebedyn** or alternatively, use their website:

<https://hopelebedyn.org/>

## Road Works

Eldon Road will be significantly impacted from 1<sup>st</sup> Aug till 21<sup>st</sup> Oct whilst an “Essential gas main replacement programme” is undertaken. Multi-way traffic lights will be in operation as required so we would suggest those of you driving to church leave yourselves some extra time. Baldwin Avenue and Glendale Avenue will also be affected for part of this period.



## FLOWER MINISTRY

The flowers on display last week were donated by Keith & Jo Pamphilon



If you are interested in getting involved in any of the four main aspects of the Flower Ministry - donating, arranging, bunching or delivering, please see Chris McMahon for further information.

### A message from Gwen Lowe

*"Dear friends. What a lovely surprise when the gorgeous flowers arrived yesterday. Thank you so much, they are really brightening up my room. I am well-looked after here, the staff are friendly and helpful, also the food is very good. I miss attending VBC very much but my daughter Christine keeps me up-to-date. It has also been good to receive visits from a few of you ...Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers, and maybe I will be able to attend Victoria soon!"*

