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## **The Wrestler – Genesis 28:10-22 – Stairway to Heaven**

**“He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.” (Gen 28:12)**

This morning we're continuing our series with one of the most famous stories from the life of Jacob. What's often called 'Jacob's Ladder' is better described as a staircase, connecting heaven and earth. We'll see together that it's not just Jacob who needs one of those and nor is it only Jacob who is promised one.

That staircase gave Jacob confidence in the face of trouble and uncertainty. God willing, we'll see together that it can do even more for us.

This Sunday is also our opportunity to thank Erik for all the work he has done during his time at Victoria. Young people and old, have much to be thankful to Erik for. He has been a blessing among us in many ways. Erik has loved Jesus and taught us to do the same. He's communicated to all ages creatively and passionately and he's helped make many things at church more beautiful. We thank God for him and will send him off with our thanks and prayers.

I hope you'll be able to join us.



This morning's service will also include communion.

The fortnightly Prayer Meeting will be at 6.30pm

## **Next Week (11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST)**

This service will be led by Simon Grimes and his team as they bring the Holiday Club to an end.

# STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for the coming week are as follows:

Chris	off Tues, Fri	Colin	off Mon
Sandra	off Mon & Thurs	Phil	in Tues am, Weds, Thurs pm
Jez	in Wed & Fri	Kevin	off Thurs, Fri, 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

Mark Evason

## Finance Assistant

Julie Hanks

## Pastoral Team Leader

Tim Nunn

## Life Group Coordinator and interim Youth Leader

Jez Taylor

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- Sun 4 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office  
 10.00am Live and Online with Chris Short (Communion)  
 6.30pm Church Prayer Meeting
- Mon 5 7.30pm CLT Meeting
- Tues 6
- Wed 7 7.00am Prayer Meeting  
 8.30am Community Fridge and Breakfast Club
- Thu 8 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)  
 10.00am Summer Holiday Club  
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 9 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting  
 10.00am Summer Holiday Club
- Sat 10 10.00am BSL Café in Garden Room  
 10.00am Summer Holiday Club
- Sun 11 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office  
 10.00am Live and Online with Simon Grimes

**Preaching Engagements** *Please remember in prayer*

Francis Bates Aug 4 Punnetts Town, 3pm



Please note that there is NO Flow Café in August - but BSL Café will be taking place as normal - not in the usual venue of the Welcome Centre but in the Garden Room.

**Safeguarding Training**

There will be Safeguarding Training for staff, trustees and volunteers on

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept** 10am-12 noon

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct** 7-9pm.



If you are a volunteer working with children or vulnerable adults, please sign up to attend one of these training sessions.

Many thanks.

*Sandra Taylor and Anna Ingham (Safeguarding Team)*

## ART EXHIBITION

You are all invited to an art exhibition in October, being held at VBC. Yanti is a member of the church and we are looking forward to welcoming her Christian friends into the fellowship and hosting their exhibition in the church. We would welcome support from the church family in running this event. If you are available during any of the sessions to welcome visitors or serve tea and coffee please let Lucy Craggs know ([lucy@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:lucy@victoriabaptist.org.uk)). There will be a launch event on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at the town hall from 2-4pm, details to follow.

As well as inviting the local art community, we are excited that children from the local schools will be coming to be a part of art workshops in the mornings. Please do let Yanti or Lucy know if you would like to exhibit your art at the exhibition and invite all your friends! Postcards will be available to hand out.



*‘Love from afar’*

## China-UK Artist Exchange Exhibition

Free entry

### Art Exhibition

1st-3rd October 2024

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### Opening times

Tuesday 1st October	1-5pm
Wednesday 2nd October	1-5pm
Thursday 3rd October	1-4pm and 6-9pm
Workshops each morning 10-12noon. <i>Invite only</i>	

## ALL CHANGE



With Erik's departure from his role as Youth Worker - today is his last Sunday as a part of the team here at VBC - that obviously leaves a gap which needs to be filled. The Leadership Team are working on the recruitment process but it is not anticipated that we will be filling the vacancy in the immediate future. To cover the gap, Jez Taylor has kindly volunteered to take on the role of Interim Youth Worker and will consequently be increasing his hours from 1 day a week to 2 days with immediate effect. He has a team set up to lead us through the next few weeks and he will be concentrating on the admin side of the job and ensuring that everything is set up for the Sunday sessions and the Friday evening gatherings.

## HOLIDAY BREAKFAST



Please feel free to invite any families you know to come along to these breakfasts.  
Free family meal bags will also be available.

## WORKSHOPS

Two workshops will be taking place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 7pm-9pm in the small hall, both run by Jez Taylor - not simultaneously of course, there will be a short refreshment gap between the two!

The workshops are open to all and you can stay for both or just choose the one you feel led to attend.

The topics will be:

- Principles of Bible Study - getting the most from a passage
- Planning a group Bible Study.

The evening will be a mix of lecture and practice with an opportunity for questions. Coffee/tea and biscuits will be available on tap!

Please add this date to your diary and sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Centre.



## Good news!

In the last week a further 2 of our CAP clients have gone debt free! One of those has also got a job so that is a great turn around for them! We give thanks to God and ask the church to continue to pray for all the CAP clients.

Did you know that the total number of debt free clients from our centre at VBC is now 26, and debts of over £275,000 in total have been cleared?! We have capacity now for more clients, so if you know anyone who is in debt and would like help, point them to CAP.

If you want to join our team of befrienders or could accompany a debt coach on a home visit, let me know and I'll be happy to chat with you further. Thank you for your support,

*Phil Papps, CAP Debt Centre Manager*





**VOLUNTEERS**

**NEEDED**

Sunday Bees needs volunteers to  
keep running.

Can you give one Sunday a month to help  
with the pre-school Sunday school classes?

We are in desperate need of leaders and  
helpers to support the great team already  
working with some of our youngest church  
goers.

If you feel able to help please email, call or  
talk to Simon asap!



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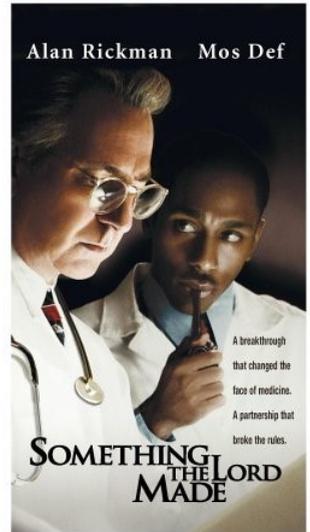
## SOMETHING THE LORD MADE

Sometimes when browsing the internet for free films to watch you come across a gem which resonates with you and what the Bible teaches. The award winning 'Something the Lord Made' film is such a movie <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkQlkk1IxJc>. It's a historical drama about the pioneering work of heart surgery but, more than that, how skilled work glorifies God.

The story traces the work of Dr Blalock, played by Alan Rickman, during the 1930-50s, as he first sought a cure for shock, then for a surgical breakthrough to save infants dying from 'blue baby' syndrome. Assisting him in this enterprise was Vivienne Thomas, played by Mos Def, a former carpenter and janitor, who Blalock quickly recognises has the intellect, practicality and resourcefulness to help him and, as it turns out, is invaluable for the success he eventually achieves. The trouble is, Thomas is black in a white-dominated field, has no professional medical training, is stuck in a low-ranking salaried position and is not given the respect or recognition his valuable work deserves, especially by Blalock. Despite these setbacks, Thomas is not deterred but continues in the work because, as he says, "It is good work, I enjoy it and it is saving lives."

This attitude inadvertently highlights an important Biblical principle; there is intrinsic worth in doing a job well, especially when using gifts God has given us to serve the wider community. Even Dr Blalock, who is portrayed as being far from a Godly man, is forced to utter, 'This is something the Lord made' when he sees how deftly and skilfully Thomas uses his hands to perform intricate surgery techniques that even he with his medical training struggles, and needs Thomas, to guide him with. Sadly, out of envy, selfishness and pride, he fails to give Thomas the credit due and it is not till much later Thomas is publicly recognised with an honorary doctorate.

The costumes, settings, acting, tension, pace and pathos of the film are all well handled, keeping the viewer's interest and attention, with a few shed tears, till the end. Above all, it is an encouragement to us all not to hide our talent 'under a bowl' but, whatever it is or how it is perceived, use it to glorify God and help others as that has great worth in God's eyes. As Solomon in one of his proverbs reminds us, 'Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.' Prov. 22:29.



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*John Demetriou*

## PRAYER DIARY 5<sup>TH</sup> - 11<sup>TH</sup> AUG

The Lord's Prayer is an excellent model for our daily prayers. This week, we will use it to guide our prayers.

### **Monday Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name.**

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1*

Take some time to meditate on God's presence as our Father and consider the significance of what that means to you. What difference does it make when you think of Him as our Father in how you pray for others? Please remember to pray for those who have had negative experiences with fathers, that they may come to experience the love of our Heavenly Father.

### **Tuesday Your kingdom come.**

*Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst." Luke 17:20-21*

Pray that God's rule may be extended to the lives of those in our family, our town, and our country. May His rule extend to leaders and governments in our country and across the world. Pray for wisdom for our leaders. Pray also for preparations for the Holiday Club running on 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Wednesday Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

*Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" Then He looked at those around him and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. Anyone who does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." Mark 3:33-35*

Pray that God's will may be done in your life. Ask God if your life is aligned with His will and listen to His response. Pray that His will may be done at VBC, in Eastbourne, and beyond. Pray for the Government that justice and compassion will be exercised in any decisions that are made.

### **Thursday Give us today our daily bread.**

*Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? James 2:15-16*

Thank God for all the good things He provides for us, especially those things received recently. Pray for CAP, that all those who are being helped will become debt-free so that they can afford essential food, toiletries and clothes for families and come to know God through the love shown to them. Pray also for the Community Fridge, which seeks to enable people to buy food at a reasonable price and avoid food waste. Pray for all families struggling to feed children during the school holidays.

**FUEL FOR PRAYER**

**Friday And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

*But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

*Matthew 6:15*

Pray for anyone you need to forgive, however long ago since the event. Ask God to help you if you feel you can't. Pray for families struggling with relationships. Pray for continued unity within the church so that those around you may see the love Christians have for one another. Pray for reconciliation in countries at war.

**Saturday Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and His mighty power. Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Ephesians 6:10-11*

Pray for Christians who are struggling with persistent temptations or addictions so that they may know Jesus' victory is working in their lives. Pray that they may have a helpful friend to support them. Remember, too, Christians who are being persecuted or suffering because of war, especially our friends in Ukraine. Pray for protection from evil in mind, body, and spirit, remembering that God has given us armour for the battles we face.

**Sunday For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever.**

*The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and His Messiah, and He will reign for ever and ever." Revelation 11:15*

Today, we reflect on the Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead, triumphing over sin, death, and the devil. Visualize Him seated at God's right hand, offering us the promise of eternal life through knowing Him. A time will come when everyone acknowledges that He is the Lord of all, even though this may not be evident in the world at present.



## **TRUST IN THE LORD...GOD IS GOOD**

Some of you are aware that Jo and I had an extended time away, due to my having a minor stroke on the first day of a holiday abroad. During the following three weeks, we experienced some testing times, and the protection and guidance of our Lord. There were times when the doors that opened were not as or when we expected but, on reflection, they were the ones that led us to having the care needed. In these times, we put our trust in God and He proved that He is good.

We feel very blessed to have such a caring church family, receiving encouraging messages and the knowledge that we were in the prayers of many people. We would like to thank you all for your concern and love and, particularly, we give thanks to God for His goodness to us.

*Keith Pamphilon*

**Flower Ministry**

The flowers last week were donated by  
**Bev & Debs Ebdy**  
on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary

*Thank you Church family for the beautiful flowers brought to me this morning. They've so brightened my day during some rather stressful times. TW.*



*A big Thank You for the beautiful flowers delivered to us. They arrived at a very opportune time given we have been struggling of late. J&RS*

The flowers the previous week were donated by  
**Ken & Gill Grimes**  
on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary



*Thank you so much for the lovely flowers - they , and the very appropriate scripture - really lifted my spirit. JH*



*Thank you for the beautiful flowers that were delivered recently on our return from our extended holiday. A very welcome homecoming gift. K&JP*