



Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Victoria** Baptist Church News

YOU ARE THE 

**SALT**

OF THE EARTH

*and the*

 **Light**

OF THE WORLD

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MATTHEW 5:13-16



## 10am - All-Age service live at VBC with Erik Cornelisse

### ALL Change!!

Have you ever seen one of those quick change acts? A person comes onto the stage, they wave a sheet in front of them and the next thing you know, they are wearing a completely different outfit ... the transformation stuns us.

Or how about Superman and his amazing quick changes? One minute a sedate and very normal newspaper reporter, Clark Kent, the next minute the All Conquering Hero, changing into a colourful costume in the blink of an eye as he zooms off to fight some crime or an evil act taking place!



In our Christian lives, we are also called to transform. To transform into Christlikeness. Through our time together we will look at individual, corporate (body) transformation and how we are sent out to transform the world around us



### Live Streaming

Please note that there will be NO live streaming of All-Age services here at VBC. An edited version of the service will be available online, generally within a day or two of the event. Safeguarding concerns are the reason for this.

# STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Pretty much back to normal this week with the usual days off and days in.

Days off - Chris (Tuesday), Colin (Monday), Sandra and Erik (Thursday) & Simon (Tuesday & 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

## Church Administrator

Colin McMahan

## Caretaker

Kevin Virgo

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## Finance Assistant

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Reminder - all material for the news sheet needs to be submitted by Thursday lunchtime. There is no guarantee it will be included if submitted after the deadline!

Sun	8	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
		10.00am	All-Age Service Live at VBC with Erik Cornelisse
Mon	9	6.00pm	Girls Brigade
		7.30pm	CLT meeting
Tue	10	6.45pm	Alpha - "Why did Jesus die?" Speaker: Tim Nunn
		7.15pm	Soaking in the Spirit (for ladies only)
Wed	11	8.30am	Community Fridge (until 10am)
		10.00am	Vicky Bees
		5.15pm	Boys Brigade (ages 4-8)/ 6.15pm (ages 8-18)
Thu	12	7.30am	Prayer Meeting (for men only)
			Men's Fellowship - next meeting May 19 <sup>th</sup>
		2.30pm	Women's Fellowship with Rev. John Glover
		7.30pm	Prayer Meeting for Ukraine
Fri	13	10.00am	Vicky Bees
		10.00am	Outreach Prayer Meeting
		5.00pm	Kids Club
		7.00pm	Xpect!
Sat	14	2.00pm	Bluebell Walk, Arlington (see page 7)
Sun	15	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
		10.00am	Live at VBC and online with Chris Short

## The Week Ahead



Sat May 21

Games Evening 7.30pm (see page 7)

Fri June 3

Church Jubilee BBQ, 12.30pm (see page 7)

## 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.



## PRAYER DIARY: 9<sup>TH</sup> – 15<sup>TH</sup> May

**Monday** 2 Chronicles 16:9 “For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.” We can praise God that we are never out of His sight, but can always draw on His strength if we are fully committed to Him. Let us pray for those who might be unsure of their level of commitment.

**Tuesday** 1 John 2:5 “But if anyone obeys His word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in Him: whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did. Jesus lived.” Jesus, who is our Saviour, and greatest teacher, lived in total communion with His Father, as well as in total obedience to God and His word. Let us ask Him where we fall short of His standards, and ask that our Heavenly Father helps us grow more like Jesus in communion with, and obedience to, Him.

**Wednesday** Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Pray for all the Christian groups that meet in our buildings. Pray that the leaders demonstrate this fruit to those who attend, and pray for those – young and old – who belong to the organisations or groups, pray they come to know Jesus as Saviour and grow this fruit in their lives too.

**Thursday** 2 Timothy 1:7 “For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.” Thank God for the pastors and team in Lebedyn, and other Christians in Ukraine who demonstrate their self-discipline, love and the power of God in tumultuous situations. Pray for their continued safety, health and strength. Please ask God that all provisions needed should arrive in time. Also pray for those whose faith has been sorely tested by the awful suffering some are enduring. Pray too for any Russian Christians who are struggling.

**Friday** 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” Let us pray for all we know in our own friends or family who need comforting. Let us also remember before God any we know in the family of God who have such needs too, thanking Him for the comfort we have received when we needed it, and asking God’s help to share our testimony as/when appropriate to encourage others.

**Saturday** Psalm 132:13-14 (Amplified Bible) “For the Lord has chosen Zion, He has desired it for His habitation: This is My resting-place forever [says the Lord]; here will I dwell, for I have desired it.” As those Jews in Israel, and around the world, gather around the scriptures, pray that they will have their eyes opened to the truth about their Jewish Messiah. Currently, an Imam has called for the destruction of Israel before 8<sup>th</sup> July. Please pray.

**Sunday** Psalm 145 “I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise You and extol Your name for ever and ever.” Please praise and exalt our wonderful, gracious Heavenly Father. If stuck for words, open Psalm 145 and let it lead you into praise and worship, or just read it out loud to the Lord.

## Interested in Drumming?

Following the acquisition of a new, electronic drum kit recently, we now have the old drum kit to dispose of.

If you are interested in taking them off our hands, and maybe see yourself as joining the VBC band one day, please contact the office as soon as you can.



## VBC Open

Interested in golf, play occasionally or regularly? Please join us at the Willingdon golf Club on (a provisional date) Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. 2.50pm is the first tee-off and we may finish the event with a simple meal plus Prize giving and Fellowship!

A perfect opportunity to invite your non-Christian golfing friends. Cost - approx £40 per person. **Please contact Jez - £10 deposit secures your place.** (A playing handicap/reasonable standard of golf is required. This is not for first-timers or beginners)



## Jubilee BBQ



Tickets are now available for the church BBQ on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Come along and have fun while celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have outside caterers providing the food. The church has subsidised the cost, so tickets will be £5 per person, under 3s are free. There will also be an ice cream van, coffee van and various activities to keep you occupied. Please feel free to invite friends and family.

Tickets will be on sale every Sunday morning after the service from today (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>) until 29<sup>th</sup> May and will also be available from the office.

## Social Events

Our programme of events for the next three months:

### 14<sup>th</sup> May 2pm Bluebell Walk. Bates Green Farm Arlington

Adults £6.00, Children (3-16yrs) £3.00.

Family (2 adults and up to 4 children) £16.00

Dogs welcome on leads.

Please feel free to invite friends outside of church.

Meet up inside.

4<sup>th</sup> June 10am for coffee at Holywell Cafe, and then walk along seafront from 11am. Come to both or either.

30<sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm Hampden Park for picnic.



*Louise, Jo, Carole, Kate & Rebecca*

## Games Evening

Join us for an evening of competitive fun on Sat May 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be plenty of games to play and refreshments will be served. Join as a team of up to 6 or sign up as an individual to join a team on the night. Chris will be sharing a short testimony about how a certain game changed his life. Come and join the rest of us in trying to beat Colin & his team! Sign up in the Welcome Centre asap as places are limited.



## Living Life

Living Life Eastbourne has decided to merge their efforts in supplying humanitarian aid to Ukraine with a local charity CFC (Computers for Charities).

Since Lyn, Finley and I went out to Croatia to help the Red Cross with the Ukraine refugees, we heard many stories about their loved ones left behind and how they would wish for our help in getting food to them. (see our recent newsletter online [www.livinglifeeastbourne.org.uk](http://www.livinglifeeastbourne.org.uk) )

We have a direct route into Odesa and we will be sending food and first aid equipment (tinned food only) approximately 3 tonne. If you would like to contribute then please drop your goods off to the church clearly marked MICK UKRAINE (*please bring your contributions to the office*). If you would like it collected, you can call me directly on the either of the numbers advertised on our website.



On another matter. I have just signed the lease for TJ Hughes and once we are in there, it should take approximately 3 weeks before we open. There will be a charity shop, coffee shop together with a book reading area, mother and toddlers group, a sensory room and lots more so please watch this space.



Thank you in anticipation of your kind help.

**Life groups @ VBC**  
Friendship, Faith and Fun at the heart of our community



We are looking to start an **English as an Additional Language Life Group** targeted at young mums. It will run monthly on a Tuesday lunchtime. There will be a creche facility

(volunteers needed). If you know anyone who may be interested in developing conversational English with a spiritual slant please let Jez or Sandra know.

## Vacancy at Safe Families



### Safe Families Seeks

## Community Volunteer Manager

*Facing life alone is hard, and when you feel there is no one there to support you it is a scary place to be.*

*Therefore, at Safe Families we exist to create relationship and connection, offering support, hope and belonging to improve the lives of those in our communities because everyone deserves to belong.*

The position of Community Volunteer Manager offers a great opportunity to join the staff team in our fast-growing charity. This will be a demanding but also highly rewarding role offering the successful candidate the opportunity to make a real impact in the lives of isolated families.

We are looking to recruit a new Community Volunteer Manager for Safe Families in East Sussex. Safe Families is a Christian Charity that seeks to empower and release the potential in the church to bring connection and belonging to families in their local community. We really want to get the right person for this important role so would like as many people as possible to be made aware of the vacancy.



## Safe Families

Find out more below

<https://safefamilies.uk/eastsussex-community-volunteer-manager/>



For details about church membership, please contact our Membership Secretary, Richard Kirk.

## Give Thanks!

*Another of Malcolm Robertson's messages  
from his booklet - "It's for you!"*



**IT'S  
FOR  
YOU!**

On holiday recently a friend reminded me of that delightful text in Thessalonians, "In everything give thanks".

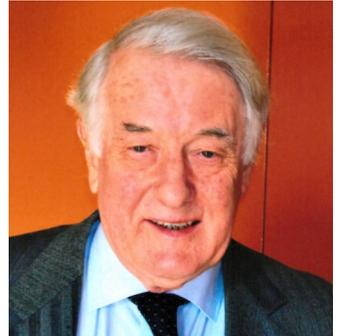
Well, I suppose that's alright in a perfect world when the sun always shines, when one enjoys the best of health, when one's plans and wishes find fulfilment without interruption and life swings along in happy harmony. Fine - it's easy to give thanks, but experience tells me that we don't live in a perfect world. What about the early morning pressures – dashing off to work late only to find that the car's got a puncture! The exam results are through and you've failed and must take them all again. Your check-up at the doctor's reveals what you feared and surgery is necessary, and how about those deteriorating relationships at home, at work, at school? Yes, an imperfect world where many lives are tinged with heartache and discord.

"In everything give thanks", you say. No, it isn't easy. How then can we obey the Scriptures? Well, of course, some people have more genial personalities than others. Some are born with a buoyant spirit. But there's more to it than that.

I believe that the ability to lift oneself continuously above the normal, arises not only from a fortunate personality, but particularly, as far as a Christian is concerned, from a spirit that is entrenched in the love of God - whose life is fully yielded to the claims of Jesus Christ and whose confidence is in a power greater than his own.

During our holiday, whilst changing a film in the boot of the car, I laid my car keys down and then slammed the boot – the keys locked inside. "In everything give thanks"? Well, I tried, and without going into detail, the sequence of events that followed were quite remarkable and in the evening we felt the day had been richer for the experience.

So, shall we try it – in everything? Yes, IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS.



# SAINTS and SINNERS!



**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

**Our Lady of Ransom Church**  
Grange Rd, Eastbourne BN21 4EU



**7:30pm Ticket by donation (suggested £5-£10)**

An evening of secular and sacred music and storytelling exploring and celebrating the journey of faith as saints and sinners on the road.

**John Holmstrom (keyboard) and Dominic Dring (saxophone, flute and vocals) with special guests.**

*"A great chilled out evening with quality musicianship and superb voices. Storytelling and moving music mixed with believable and relatable tales of two friends and their journeys of faith. Excellent."*

*"It was so moving, so beautifully produced, something I shall remember for a long time. Altogether a real privilege to be there. What an evening!"*

Supporting the work of The JPK Project – providing opportunities for people with learning disabilities.

For more info and tickets: [www.saintsandsinners.live](http://www.saintsandsinners.live)

Tickets also available on the door.



# FLOWER MINISTRY



The flowers on display last week were donated by  
**Ian & Jane Parratt**



*"What a delight it was to receive such a fine display of flowers to mark my birthday. I'm aware of the involvement that occurs to provide this Church service, and it does provide such pleasure, so my thanks to all who took part to bring colour into the home."*

*"Thank-you, and the rest of the VBC Flowers Team, for kindly arranging for the wonderful bouquet of flowers that were delivered to our home earlier today - they are most welcome and very much appreciated."*



The flowers below were on display at Wednesday's  
Thanksgiving Service for Brian Coombe.