

welcome



VICTORIA
Baptist Church
Sunday
6TH January 2019

celebration



reflections

9.10am Prayer Time

9.30am

"Epiphany: The Spirit of Wisdom & Revelation"
Emma McPhail is preaching
Reading: Ephesians 1:3-23
Communion Offering for BMS

10.45am

Refreshments in the hall

11.15am

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today



Please note we have an induction loop installed (not in the gallery)

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DIARY

- M:** 7.30pm Cardarama
- Tu:** 5.00pm Under 11s football at Cavendish Sports Centre
5.45pm Under 14s football at Cavendish Sports Centre
7.30pm Evening of Prayer
- W:** 10.00am CAMEO
10.00am Vicky Bees
10.30am Prayer Time
5.15pm Boys Brigade
- Th:** **12 noon** Men's Fellowship: meet at The Moorings
2.30pm Women's Fellowship: Speaker - Chris Short
3.00pm Prayer Group for the Suffering Church
7.30pm Nineveh Prayer Group
7.30pm Ladies' Creative Evening
- F:** 10.00am Vicky Bees
5.00pm Kids Club
7.00pm Xpect!
- Sa:** 10.00am Flow Cafe
10.30am Creative Writing
- Su:** 9.10am Pre-Service Prayer Time
9.30am Family Service with Jez & Sandra Taylor
11.15am Reflections with Don Smith

Staff Days Off : Chris Short – Mon & Tues
Emma McPhail – Tues (college) & Wed
Sandra Taylor – Thurs & Fri
Erik Cornelisse – Thurs
Bayo Babalola – in on Thurs & Fri

- FUTURE DATES -

- 20th January - Evening Service ("Praise & Testimony") - 5.30pm
24th January - ALPHA course starting

FAMILY MINISTRIES

The tea scheduled for this afternoon - for those of you involved in Sunday School/Youth work - has had to be postponed. Erik & Sandra will inform you of the rearranged date asap.



this week

Prayer Diary: January 7th – January 13th

"Forgetting what is behind and reaching for what is ahead, we press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenwards in Jesus Christ" Philippians 3:13-14

MONDAY As we take down the festive lights, let us give thanks for every blessing of the past Christmas season. Pray for the many folk who came to the special services that the message that was clearly given may bear fruit. Pray for folk to sign up for Alpha.

TUESDAY In January many make a new year resolution. Help us to discern what changes really matter and give us a double portion of your Spirit to make those changes and keep to them. Tonight we have a Church Evening of Prayer: perhaps this could be your new year resolution to attend each month?

WEDNESDAY CAMEO resumes today. We have 160+ church members who are aged 70+. Remember their various needs and pray that some of these might be met by some of us who are younger! Many of these folk have served faithfully in past years: may we honour them in their senior years, especially as so many still have so much to offer VBC.

THURSDAY At this time of year, while we shiver, the Southern hemisphere is in high summer. We pray for relatives, friends and former members now living/serving abroad and pray for those desperately seeking to escape danger or poverty in other parts of the world. May they meet with understanding and compassion in Europe and here in the UK.

FRIDAY At the start of a new year our church looks at the year ahead and how we plan to bear witness to Christ, and how we'll serve our community in the name of Christ. We therefore pray for events and programmes coming up in our church life: Flow cafe, Eastbourne Day of Prayer; our outdoor Events Team; together with the work of Street Pastors, Chaplains and those who serve via Foodbank and through the work of NetworX.

SATURDAY In January we set our compass afresh on You, Lord. We pray for the work of our Small Groups as the leaders meet today; You are our ever-present, ever-loving God. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us. May we not waver or procrastinate in our discipleship, but enter our new year sharing your joy and singing your praises. Lead us through this month with faith, hope and love.

SUNDAY *"Lord for ourselves, in living power re-make us, self on the cross and Christ upon the throne, past put behind us, for the future take us, Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone."* (Timothy Dudley-Smith)

fuel for prayer

Today's flowers in the church are given by:

Corrie Paxton



NetworkX

Sincere thanks to the VBC congregation for their generosity on Christmas day. The collection has provided NetworkX with over £1000. This money is used to provide for families in whatever way is required to improve their quality of life; such as food, clothes, bedding, school uniform, new baby equipment and clothes, English exam fees, driving test costs, comparison and equivalence of qualifications and plenty more. All donations are used completely to support families; all NetworkX befrienders and supporters are volunteers.

NetworkX Trustees are all VBC members, Pippa [secretary], Janet and Tony, and Bruce Bird [treasurer]. Just at the moment Pippa needs to take a break from secretarial duties. Is there anyone in the congregation who would like to join the Trustees as secretary and is happy to send out agendas, and take notes at meetings? Forum Meetings are 1 hour long on Wednesdays at 6.30 pm, Jan 16th, Feb 20th, April 10th, May 29th, July 3rd, Sept 11th, Oct 30th and Dec 4th at VBC. We also have 3 trustee meetings and the AGM. January 25th is the next Trustees meeting at 10.00am at VBC. The AGM is on Saturday June 22nd. There will be two other trustee meetings. If you are available and interested in joining us in our endeavour to improve the lives of people in our town, then please do contact me.

Anakarina and her two young sons from Venezuela, currently live in a damp flat. The rent is £625, quite low for a flat in Eastbourne, but Ana has to work at night in care work to earn enough to pay the rent, as well as other bills. Her husband is currently working in Spain where he can earn more as he has little English. Ana and Victor worked in hospitals in Venezuela. Ana has friends who sleep at her house at night to look after the boys. If anyone is aware of a dry, small flat in Eastbourne, or even a place that could be shared with another family, please let me (Anna Reid) know.

What makes a good short story?

The stories of Samson, David and Goliath and the Prodigal Son are all precursors to the modern short story. At the next Creative Writing group meeting on Saturday 12 Jan (10.30am) in the John Butcher room we will look at what goes into making a good short story. All welcome. Contact John Demetriou for more information.

Apologies from Jez

In my sermon last week, I said that the Book of Job was written by Solomon - which is not actually correct. I misread my commentary and my notes and should have said that Solomon wrote the Song of Songs. Hopefully this hasn't caused anyone a problem - at least this was not key to the heart of the message!



SIGN UP!

Please see the sign-up sheets in the Welcome Centre if you are interested in coming to the Alpha course, starting in January.