



Sunday July 10th 2022

VICTORIA Baptist Church News



“Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.”

2 Timothy 2:1-2 (NLT)





All age service at 10am - live at VBC with Erik Cornelisse

Passing the Baton

This time of year is for many about getting ready for a transition of sorts. Some prepare themselves for moving from primary to secondary school, others will be moving to college or even graduating. Major transition moments. In a lot of ways, it marks the end of one leg of the race and the beginning of another. To put it another way, we are in the season of passing the baton. But what if we drop the baton (make a mistake), does that mean you're no longer in the game or even disqualified?



This Sunday we will look at Paul and Timothy and the whole idea of inter-generational and biblical passing on of our baton – the gospel itself.



Creche

Please note that the crèche will again be in the Welcome Centre during this morning's service and is likely to continue there for a while until we are able to get the snug refurbished following the recent leaks.

Funeral Details It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Derek Martin during this past week. Derek is Pete Martin's dad, and had only just recently joined the VBC family with his wife, Margaret. Funeral details will be confirmed when they are available.

The funeral of Andrew Houston will be on the afternoon of Friday 22nd July. A Thanksgiving Service will be held here at VBC at 1.45pm and there is a sign-up sheet available in the Welcome Centre if you would like to join the family for refreshments after the service.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff are **IN** as follows -

Chris - every day except Tues
Sandra - every day except Thu
Colin - every day except Monday
Erik - every day except Thu
Helen - Tues, Wed & Thurs

Simon - every day except Thu
Jez - Wed and Fri
Julie - Thurs
Tim - Wed & Fri
Kevin - every day

Senior Minister

Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

Family Ministries

Simon Grimes - Children
Erik Cornelisse - Youth

Church Administrator

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The Week Ahead

Sun	10	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
		10.00am	Live at VBC - All age service with Erik Cornelisse
		7.00pm	Xcav8
Mon	11	6.00pm	Girls Brigade
Tue	12		Soaking in the Spirit - no meeting this week
Wed	13	8.30am	Community Fridge (until 10am)
		10.00am	Vicky Bees
		5.15pm	Boys Brigade (ages 4-8)/ 6.15pm (ages 8-18)
		7.30pm	Men's Curry Night
Thu	14	7.30am	Prayer Meeting (for men only)
		7.30pm	Prayer for Ukraine
Fri	15	10.00am	Vicky Bees
		10.00am	Outreach Prayer Meeting
		5.00pm	Kids Club
		7.00pm	Xpect!
Sat	16	10.00am	Flow Cafe
		10.30am	Creative Writing
		10.30am	Bookworms
Sun	17	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
		10.00am	Live at VBC and online with Chris Short
		7.00pm	Xcav8

Men's CURRY NIGHT



It is NOT too late to sign up for this week's Curry Night, details of which are given below. The sign-up sheet is still in the Welcome Centre.

There is the potential for 'car sharing' from VBC - if you can offer a lift or would like one, please add some appropriate notes next to your name on the sign up sheet. There is a free car park on the right just beyond the restaurant before the old railway bridge. To be explicit – you will be paying for your own meal!

Venue: The Royal Indian Restaurant, 21A, South Road, Hailsham.

Date: Wednesday 13th July.

Time: 7.30pm.

And more dates for your diary ...

EVENTS

Picnic July - Sat 30th 12.30pm at Hampden Park. Meet at tea hut, then we will move nearer the lake. If you turn up later, just call 07763 400789 and we will direct you.

August - Sat 20th 10.30am Meet at **Seven Sisters car park, walk** down to Cuckmere beach for **rock pooling** (low tide about noon). Bring a picnic if you wish to extend your day.

September - Sat 17th 2pm meet at **Arlington Reservoir, and walk** (about an hour) followed by cuppa at the tea hut.

October - date TBC afternoon tea at Hydro (will need to know numbers, details nearer the date).

December - Sat 3rd Christmas Wreath Making.

All these events are open to friends and families of VBC.

Entertainment coming soon.

Saturday (16th) **Rock Choir**, who practise here every Wednesday morning, are holding two concerts, at 2pm and 7pm. There is an entrance fee for this event and the choir have kindly offered to donate proceeds to our Community Fridge.



A Huge Thank You!

Last weekend I successfully completed the London to Brighton bike ride.

Thank you so much to all of you who contributed so generously to my fundraising for Women v Cancer. I have raised nearly £950, and this ride has raised around £40,000 in total for the charity. Your support has been greatly appreciated.

Frances Hall

Best wishes ... Brenda Bastin would like to send her best wishes to everyone that knows her at Victoria. She is so full of thankfulness and praise to the LORD. She says He has His arms around her all the time.

Volunteers needed



We are in need of people to join our coffee team rota. The role involves preparing coffee before the service and then serving afterwards. Each team currently has a turn about once every 3 months. If you are willing to give an hour or so of your time once every 3 months to join a new team or supplement an existing team, then please contact Sandra in the office. It is a great way to meet people and you get some control over the quality of the tea and coffee!

Also...please remember to bring your own reusable mug so that we can cut down on our usage of paper cups.

Update from Living Life

I just thought that you might like to know that 3 tonnes of food aid was successfully delivered to Odessa in Ukraine by my good faithful brother in Christ, Simon Rooksby.

We are now raising funds to send the children of Ukraine based in Croatia, on a ten day holiday to the Adriatic coast via the Slatina Red Cross. Each child attending costs £200 and this pays for the following:

- Transport to the coast
- All food
- Accommodation
- Excursions around the Island of Čiovo
- Activities throughout the day



To help us raise funds for these children, Roger and Iris Tipping have agreed to allow us the use of their garden once again to hold a cream tea.

You don't have to book a ticket but it would be good if you could let us know if you are able to come in two weeks, Saturday 23rd July, from 11am - 2pm.

The cost is £5 per person.

For more details. Contact Living Life on 07813 964413 and speak to Marjorie Loftus. We look forward to seeing you there.

Every blessing, Mick Trott

Flow Café

Those of you who read the news sheet in great detail will have noticed that the date of July's Flow Café has been moved to **Sat 16th July**. Please join us for coffee, cake, chat, crafts and bacon or sausage sandwiches. We will also be starting our knitting/crochet group in anticipation of selling our creations at Christmas for charity. Our chosen charity this month is the **Community Fridge** to raise funds for our free summer breakfast club.



CREATIVE WRITING

Our next meeting will be next **Sat 16th July** at 10.30am in the Hive, during Flow Cafe. The title for homework is '**Here comes Summer**' for you to get your writing fingers moving. We will also do a writing exercise. There will then be a summer break with no meeting in August. All welcome and if you want more information please contact John Demetriou through the VBC office .

CALLING ALL BOOKWORMS

And running at the same time as Flow Café and Creative Writing, we have the next meeting of our Bookclub when we will be discussing the book "Small Pleasures" by Clare Chambers. Contact Ingelore Demetriou for more details.



A CUPPA IN THE GARDEN

Sun July 10th 2.00 to 5.00pm

Wendy and David invite all to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in their garden, just around the corner from the church. They would welcome donations for Ukraine (Hope Lebedyn). Their address is available in the Members' Directory or from the office.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Two small, local churches are looking to jointly appoint a Finance Officer to help out their hard-working, volunteer Treasurers with the day-to-day running of the accounts and finances. Both churches - St. Barnabas United Church (Langney) and Trinity Church (Willingdon) - are Local Ecumenical Partnerships which means they belong to the Baptist, Methodist and United Reform Churches, and are part of the Eastbourne Team of Churches. Contact the office if you would like more details.





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.**



YOUTH

planning evening

**3rd AUGUST
GARDEN ROOM
7.00pm**

Helping young people discover the wonder of God, who He created them to be, and loving others

Life groups @ VBC

Friendship, Faith and Fun at the heart of our community



If you are interested in joining a Life Group, please contact Jez Taylor - or pick up a leaflet from the Welcome Centre and contact a group leader directly.

Jez is looking to run a Life Group Leader Development session. There are groups ready to start, but we could really do with a few leaders stepping up. If that is you, whether you're in a group or not, contact Jez and he will organise a session in the Autumn.

Hi .. OR SHOULD I say .. GOODBYE ...

Hi everyone, this is Jack. Or perhaps I should rather say ... goodbye. By the time you read this, I will hopefully be back in Glasgow, this time to stay.

Yes, the sun has set on my time in Eastbourne and my internship has come to an end. I'm returning home to move on to whatever lies ahead for me. I'm sure many of you would be keen to ask what's next for me and believe me, I'm just as curious. The future is uncharted waters for me and while I have an idea of what I'd like to do, I'm ultimately only going to end up on the shore that God provides for me, so I'm just going to take the plunge and find out where I land when I get there.



In the meantime, as far as the past is concerned, thank you very much for the time that I got to spend in your church! I was certainly among a vast group of passionate people who were committed to the greater growth and understanding of their Christian lives. You were an impressive Christian family to be a part of in so many ways. I loved spending time with Erik, what a creative human being, I loved my Life group - thank you guys, I loved my time spent with all at the ~Creative Writing group, thank you all, .. and I loved being part of VBC whilst interning with SpeakLife.

I wish you all best going forward. If you don't lose the drive that I witnessed in your youth group, for active church life in all things, then I know you'll all go far. But for now, I'm the one going far .. far away, of course. I'll miss you, so take care and thanks again!

Jack.

PRAYER DIARY: 11TH – 17TH JULY

“Praise be the name of God for ever and ever, wisdom and power are His. He changes times and seasons; He sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning”. Daniel 2: 20,21

MONDAY Heavenly Father, we pray for our country’s leaders to adopt the character and example of your Son, Jesus Christ, and to use Him as their role model to show honesty, integrity and fairness to those they have the privilege and honour to serve.

TUESDAY Living Lord, we pray for those who have recently come to worship at VBC. May they receive a warm welcome and become immersed in the church family. We pray for the Holy Spirit to put it upon the hearts of those with leadership skills to come forward and help with the setting up of new Life Groups to enable your Word to reach all our church family.

WEDNESDAY Father, we lift up to You the men in our church. We pray for them to be surrounded by Godly men who will help keep them accountable and encourage them to grow in their walk with You. We especially lift up to you, the men's supper evening and the men's prayer group. May their fellowship strengthen their faith and support their roles within their families, their work place and here at VBC.

THURSDAY Dear Lord, as the war in the Ukraine continues to ravage the country we bring before You the Hope Lebedyn project. We thank You for inspiring the amazing courage the mission team have shown in bringing shelter, food and clothing to their local communities. We pray for their needs to be answered; more bibles to distribute, fuel to outreach to other villages, wisdom for planning the upcoming summer camps and most of all Father, Your protection over them and for Your peace to reign.

FRIDAY Father, as the cost of living crisis continues to impact on many families over the summer holidays, we pray for adequate resources at food banks and community fridges to prevent children becoming malnourished. Lord prompt those with plenty, to share with those in need.

SATURDAY Lord, we bring before You those who are troubled in mind and spirit. Father, we pray for them to know Your presence in their lives, Your constant love for them and Your healing touch. Bring to them hope, peace and the support of a loving community. Grant patience and courage to families and friends of those who are struggling so they can be a constant support in difficult times.

SUNDAY **“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in song”. Psalm 28: 7.** Father, as we gather to worship You this morning, we pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit to empower us to praise Your Glory in our thoughts and in our singing. Lord, may our hearts leap for joy at the amazing love You have for each of us, and for the grace You pour upon us.

FUEL FOR PRAYER

Update from Bayo

Dear VBC Family

On behalf of the Diaconate and Battersea Chapel Baptist Church Family, we would like to say a very heartfelt thank you to all of you at VBC, especially those who travelled to celebrate with us in the dedication of our new building and to mark 350 years as a church in Battersea. You all helped to make the day a great success and it was an honour to have you all in attendance. We appreciate you taking the time from your busy schedule to join us. ... As a fellowship, VBC will always hold a special place in our hearts and we thank you most sincerely for your support in prayer and in other ways over these past couple of years in particular.



Official Opening!

Inside the Chapel



Ian White praying for the Babalola family

FLOWER MINISTRY



The flowers on display last week were donated by Henry & Joyce Kirkman



Some blank dates are coming up soon for the Flower Ministry. If you are interested in donating for any of the following dates, please contact Chris McMahon.
July 31; Sept 11,18, 25



The flowers on display the previous week were donated by David & Wendy Dick

