



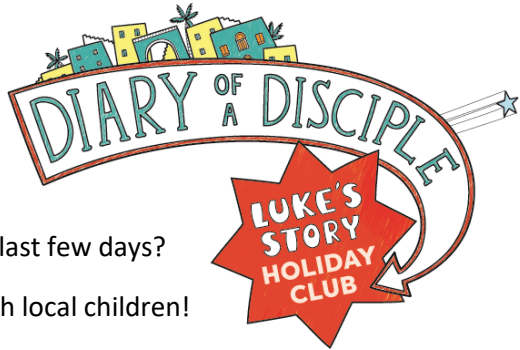
**Live in CHURCH**



**VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
to see Jesus Christ honoured in Eastbourne and beyond

HOME JESUS ABOUT SUNDAYS FAMILIES CHURCH LIFE CONTACT US

**Live at Ten WITH  
Simon GRIMES**



What have we been doing the last few days?

Well in short, sharing Jesus with local children!

40 children from the surrounding area have spent 3 days looking into:

- Who is Jesus?
- What did Jesus do and say?
- What happened to Jesus?

Today we will be showing you what each day entailed and what we learned.

Singing, stories, craft and fun!

**Please Note: Today's service will NOT be live streamed due to the fact that there will be children taking part. An edited version will be available early next week.**

## **Next Week (18<sup>TH</sup> August)**

Chris Short will be back from his week of teaching at Capernwray and he will be leading the 10am service with Lucy Craggs preaching.

The church prayer meeting will be at the usual time of 6.30pm.

# STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for the coming week are as follows:

Chris	teaching at Capernwray		
Colin	off Mon	Phil	in Tues am, Weds, Thurs pm
Sandra	off Thurs	Jez	in Wed & Fri
Kevin	off Mon, Sat	Simon	off Tues & Thurs
Tim	in Wed & Fri mornings	Julie	in Thurs
Nadine	annual leave		

## 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

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## Pastoral Team Leader

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## Life Group Coordinator and interim Youth Leader

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- Sun 11 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office  
10.00am Live with Simon Grimes and the Holiday Club team
- Mon 12
- Tues 13
- Wed 14 7.00am Prayer Meeting  
8.30am Community Fridge and Breakfast Club
- Thu 15 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)  
7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 16 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting  
12.30pm Friends, Food & Fellowship
- Sat 17
- Sun 18 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office  
10.00am Live and Online with Lucy Craggs  
6.30pm Church Prayer Meeting

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

Francis Bates Aug 11 Halland Chapel, 11am



20th Aug - special Prayer Meeting ,7-9pm (see page 9)

## **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)*

## Good News X 2!

In the midst of what has been a pretty gloomy time up and down the country this past week or so, it's a real joy to hear the good news from the Purkiss family. I'm sure most of you heard last weekend that Emily (nee Purkiss) and Joel van der Wijk are now the proud parents of Moss van der Wijk. Moss was born on 31<sup>st</sup> July weighing in at 7lbs and they are all doing really well - Praise the Lord!

Grandma Alice is hoping for cuddles very soon, though the fact that Emily and Joel live in Sweden means that visits have to be well planned!



And following on from the good news of Moss, we were delighted to hear that Anna & Izaak Smith are now also proud parents - and I think grandparents Suail & Cynara, and Karl & Angie are also giving thanks to God for the safe arrival of Elasia Sula Smith on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 6.52pm! Elasia was born weighing 6lb 8oz. All are doing well, so again we rejoice and thank God for the gift of these two new babies.





## WORKSHOPS

Two workshops will be taking place on Wednesday week (21<sup>st</sup>) August 7pm-9pm in the small hall, both run by Jez Taylor. To clarify, one workshop will follow the other with a break in between. 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 in the Welcome Centre.



## HOLIDAY BREAKFAST



Join us for a free breakfast  
whilst doing your weekly shop  
@Old Town Community Fridge  
every Wednesday in August.  
8.30 - 10am

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

# SPRING HARVEST HOLIDAYS

Greetings all. Once again Ruth & I are at Le Pas Opton (Spring Harvest Holidays) in France.

Many thanks for the thoughts & prayers offered for our time here in May when we were leading the Retreat Week. It was well received and we enjoyed the privilege of leading it.

This time we're here in a Pastoral Role, supporting the staff & Animateurs (volunteer leaders of groups) and particularly the speakers & worship leaders in their ministry. We are available to pray with folks after each meeting and, when asked by guests, to chat & pray at other times.

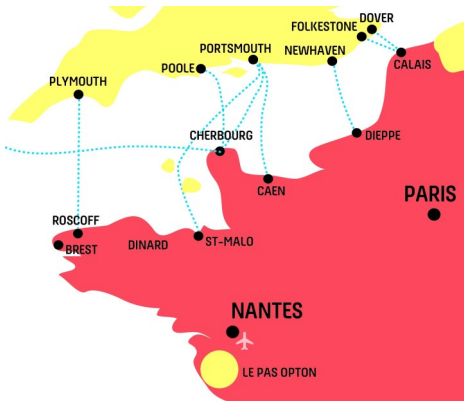
LPO really does have a blessing over the whole park. Visitors share how much it is a 'thin place' between heaven & earth. God releases His blessings, lives are changed or gently challenged as people relax in a holiday environment. Many families return each year, mostly through pressure from their children. Children are blessed as they learn about Jesus, and an amazing number of young people and young adults commit or re-commit their lives to Christ. This week (5th August) over 100 teens are meeting together.



Last week, our first week of six, Ruth and I prayed with over 60 people. There are over 1,000 on site this week!!!

Please do continue to pray with us and for us. For the provision and work of LPO. And particularly for the new Managing Director of Spring Harvest Holidays, for the Park Director, his overall responsibility for the day to day running of the park and his assistant, and for the new Programme Manager in his demanding role.

Your support is appreciated. Blessings to all.



*Tom & Ruth Duncanson*

## PRAYER DIARY 12<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup> Aug

*“One thing I ask of the Lord, this only do I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life; to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.” Psalm 24:4*

**Monday** God of peace, we pray that You would bring to an end the civil unrest that has caused rioting in our cities. Father, empower us Christians to challenge the racial and religious hatred turned into violence on our streets. Embolden us to speak out the love You have for every human being, whatever their background or the country they originated from. Protect our police, we pray, as they restore order, and may those whose businesses and property have been destroyed know Your presence and grace.

**Tuesday** Father, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is freedom found. Heavenly Father, answer our prayers, free this world from the ravages of war. Send us Your Prince of Peace again. We lift up to You the people of the Ukraine. Hold them firm and be alongside them in their struggle to remain a free nation, able to worship You without fear of persecution. Heavenly Father, we pray for an end to the conflict in Gaza, for the release of prisoners and hostages, and an end to the cycle of death and destruction. King of Peace, we pray that the conflict does not spread into a greater Middle East war. Bring peace to the birth place of Your Son.

**Wednesday** “Children are a heritage from the LORD; offspring, a reward from Him” Psalm 127:3

Father, we lift up to You all those expectant mothers and the couples rejoicing in the birth of their child. We thank You, Father, for the joy of new life, remembering it is a gift from You. We pray for Your protection over these families as they nurture these infants physically and grow them spiritually. May these children grow up one day to proclaim Your son, Jesus Christ, as their Saviour and Redeemer.

**Thursday** Father, we bring before You in prayer our brothers and sisters in care homes and those too frail to come to a Sunday service. We pray You make your presence known to them and for Your love for them to shine through OUR presence in their lives. If these beloved face struggles with their health, remind them, Father, that we are spirit more than flesh. May their lifelong walk with you be a glorious example of faithfulness and dedication to the cross to inspire and encourage us in our journey with You .

**FUEL FOR PRAYER**



**Friday** Heavenly Father, we lift up to You the many who volunteer their time and talents to make our church community such a vibrant centre for spiritual growth. We thank You, Lord, for the gifts You have blessed them with and for putting it on their hearts to use these gifts to honour You in VBC and beyond. We pray, Lord, that their example will encourage others to step forward and join building your earthly community. Now pray for those areas of church life in need of helpers, eg Junior Church, Youth Group, Life Group leaders, the Flower Ministry, coffee rotas, the sound desk team, and others!

**Saturday** “Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there He put the man He had formed.” Genesis 2:4.

Lord Almighty, You are the creator of all things and the giver of life. Thank You for creating the ecosystem that sustains mankind. We pray for Your forgiveness for the destruction and pollution we have caused to Your creation. Teach us, Father, to be better tenants of Your beautiful garden; to take from it only that which we really need and to restore its forests, plains, valleys, rivers, lakes and seas so they “may teem with living creatures”.

**Sunday** “Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name .” Psalm 100:4.

As we gather this morning, take time to be still and let the Lord’s peace envelop you. Give thanks to the Lord for all that He has blessed you with over the previous week. Now pray for the Holy Spirit to move amongst our church community, piercing every heart with the transforming love of Jesus. Pray that no one leaves the church this morning without having had an encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.



## **SPECIAL PRAYER MEETING**

Most of you will have received a letter from Chris Short concerning the situation that Mark and Joanne currently find themselves in, and a day of fasting and prayer has been called for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August. The prayer meeting will be held from 7pm to 9pm. If you haven’t yet seen the letter, do contact the office for a copy. We want to offer all the support we can to this much-loved couple at this very difficult time for them both.





## Team VBC

With the Olympics drawing to a close I thought I would remind you that Team VBC has also been engaging in sporting activities in the past couple of weeks - not quite the range of sports many of you have been glued to on TV over the past couple of weeks perhaps, but nevertheless it is evident that the VBC participants spent years training for what is invariably the pinnacle of their sporting careers

Last Friday, the VBC staff team said their farewells to Erik with an evening of ten-pin bowling at what was originally known as Lloyd's Lanes. Whilst the rest of us tried our hardest to let Erik win, Simon wasn't in such a generous mood and managed to win with two respectable scores - hence the picture of him with his medal! What was even more delightful (*I'm writing this with gritted teeth*) was that Sandra too forgot the aim was to let Erik triumph by winning the second game with the very last bowl of the evening. We were all very thrilled - well, she was at least!



You can tell Phil was trying very hard to let Erik win by the joyful look on his face after another dismal score!

# VBC Open

Two weeks prior to the bowling, we held the VBC Open at Willingdon Golf Club. We had a new winner this year with Stephen Dickson holding his trophy in the picture below. We are looking forward already to next year's event and hope to have even more players joining us. And hopefully some women stepping forward!



Paul, Ben, Pete D, Mark



Tim (Guest), Stephen, Tim N, Chris



Dave, Colin, Peter Mc



Stuart, Jez & David



Roger, Ted, Dave



**Flower Ministry**

The flowers last week were donated by  
**Friends of VBC**



*Dear Church Family - What a joy and surprise to receive the beautiful bouquet of flowers for my 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday. I am so grateful for this sign of love from you all. With love, HB*