

Sunday 11th February 2024

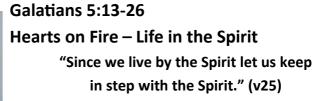
Victoria Baptist Church News

"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit"

Galatians 5:22







As we continue our series 'Hearts on Fire', we come to one of the great passages about the work of the Spirit in the life of believers, in Paul's letter to the Galatians. The best known part of the passage is the section about the fruit of the Spirit, but as we'll see, it is not the main thrust of the passage.

The first sign of the Spirit's presence in our lives, that Paul gives us here, might take you by surprise. I hope you'll join us as we consider together what is means to 'walk by the Spirit', 'be led by the Spirit', 'keep in step with the Spirit' since 'we live by the Spirit'.

Sunday Evening

Chris will be showing the last in the series of *Behold* the Man videos at 6.30pm in the church.





Next Weekend (17^{тн}/18^{тн}) ...

... is our *Hope Lebedyn* weekend and Eddie Lyle will be speaking at our 10am service on Sunday, 10am. See page 6 for more details of next Saturday and the week following.

Staff/Office Matters

Staff movements for this coming week are as follows:

Chris	annual leave	Sandra	off Thursday	
Colin	off Monday	Kevin	off Saturday	
Erik	off Thursday	Tim	in Wed am & Fri am	
Simon	off Tuesday	Jez	in Wed am & Fri am	
Julie	in Thursday	Helen	annual leave	
		Nadine	in Mon & Thurs	

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Sun	11	9.30am 10.00am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office Live and Online with Chris Short	
		6.30pm	"Behold the Man" with Chris Short	<u>_</u> _
Mon	12			ᅵᇎᅵ
Tues	13	7.15pm	Soaking in the Spirit (ladies only)	୕୕୷
Wed	14	8.30am	Community Fridge and Café	
Thu	15	7.30am	Prayer Meeting (for men only)	餐
		10.15am	Men's Fellowship with Mark Sawyer (RNLI)	Гне Wеек Анеа
		2.30pm	Women's Fellowship with Mike Wager	🔼
		7.30pm	Ukraine Prayer Meeting	
Fri	16	10.00am	Outreach Prayer Meeting]
		12.30pm	Friends, Food & Fellowship	<u>R</u>
Sat	17	4.00pm	Service for Ukraine	6
Sun	18	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office	
		10.00am	Live and Online with Eddie Lyle	
		7.00pm	Xcav8	



Preaching Engagements Please remember in prayer

Brian Wightwick 11 Feb Beulah Baptist, Bexhill, 10am

Polegate Free Church, 6.30pm

David Laskey 11 Feb St. Barnabas United Church, Langney , 9.45am

18 Feb Broadway United Church, Hampden Park, 10am

Francis Bates 11 Feb Punnett's Town, 2.30pm Erik Cornelisse 18 Feb Horam Chapel, 10.30am

Ladies' Dinner - Wed 13th Mar @ Pomodoro's

Prospective Members - Sun Mar 24th 5pm in the Hive.

Apvance Notice -

There will be NO service here at VBC on Sunday May 19th. We want to encourage everyone to join us at the Bandstand that morning for this year's Thy Kingdom Come event.





AGM and Church Meeting Agenda

Wednesday 28th Feb, 7.30pm

- 1. Introduction, Welcome and Prayer
- 2. Agreement of Minutes and Matters Arising
 - 3. Appointment of Auditors
 - 4. Safeguarding Statement
 - 5. Membership Report
 - 6. Omega Report
- 7. Property Matters
 Report on conversation with Baptist Union Corporation
 - 8. Finance Report
 - 9. Overview of 2023
 - 10. Ethos Statement
 - 11. Evangelical Baptists Request
- 12. Forthcoming CLT Elections (next Church Meeting)
- 13. AOB- Items for consideration to be emailed to the church office by Monday 26th February
 - 14. DONM 7:30pm, 24th April 2024

Anniversary

To mark the 2nd anniversary of the war in Ukraine we are organising two key events.



Sat 17th Feb 4pm @VBC.

A service of prayer and worship. Eddie Lyle, former CEO and president of Open Doors and a trustee of Hope Lebedyn, will be leading the prayers. He will also be speaking at VBC the following day (18th). We also hope to be hearing from Bohdan, the pastor at the church in Lebedyn.

18th – 24th Feb - a Week of Prayer for Lebedyn/Ukraine

Every day for one hour we will be holding a prayer meeting for Lebedyn/Ukraine. We will focus on different issues each day. A special area will be set up in the sanctuary. This will also be available during the day for anyone to come and pray (when the sanctuary is not being used).

Sunday 18th 6.30pm

Monday 19th 2.30pm

Tuesday 20th 9.30am

Wednesday 21st 1.30pm

Thursday 22nd 7.30pm

Friday 23rd 11am

Saturday 24th (anniversary) 9.30am

Please make every effort to attend at least one of the prayer times during the week. The Lebedyn Church is our sister church and at this difficult time they need upholding in prayer.

HOLY SPIRIT Day

Sat 6th Apr 9.30am to 4.30pm here at VBC. In line with Chris's ongoing Teaching Series regarding the work and person of the Holy Spirit, we are setting aside a day to explore the work of the Holy Spirit together as a church. More details to follow nearer the time.



Living Life

Contact Mick Trott for more details





Hello from Neil, Jess, Joel, Sophie and Stephen Hilton!

* Be Good News, share the Good News, and grow in Good News *



9 years ago Neil left his youth pastor position at VBC so that we could start an adventure with God - pioneering a church community (Good News Brighton) in Moulsecoomb, an estate on the outskirts of Brighton.

We are so grateful to have been supported with your prayers and continued friendship through all these years.

We are grateful for having the opportunity to develop Neil's role as Community Chaplain in Good News Brighton over the last 9 years. It is a privilege to serve the community of Moulsecoomb in such tangible and relevant ways - being Good News through our actions, and sharing the Good News of Jesus as we invite residents to grow alongside us in our faith.

What does this look like?



John who looks forward to his weekly trip to McDonalds. Neil can't persuade him to try healthier food $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{C}}$

Enhanced Befriending

Neil supports lonely and isolated people who are not suitable for volunteer-led befriending, as their needs are too complex. He advocates for his clients when they are "forgotten" by the authorities. He supports them to access health, social care and mental health services that are vital to their wellbeing. Neil is foremost a friend to those who have none. He mourns with them when they mourn, and laughs with them when they laugh. He has the privilege to speak of Hope, when there seems to be no hope.

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"My wife died and I am very lonely and sad. I had a MAJOR BREAKDOWN. The shed is my salvation. Don't know what I would do without it."

Good News Shed

Neil leads the Shed, alongside fabulous volunteers and supports the members' with their complex social and emotional needs. It is a safe and welcoming place for those who are isolated and disconnected from their community. The members find friendship, community, renewed confidence, and a chance to give back to the local community. We have started a waiting list as the demand is so high!

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God has blessed us with an open door into people's homes and lives. We are in a unique position to share the Good News of Jesus into the lives of those around us, and to be Jesus' hands and feet as we serve our community.

Community Support & Chaplaincy

Living in Moulsecoomb for 9 years, we have been blessed by God to have built strong connections with and the trust of local residents. Neil has naturally moved into a role of Community Support within the local Seniors Housing and the Bevy Community Pub in Moulsecoomb. This means that he is very often the first point of contact when challenging issues arise, such as domestic issues, ill health concerns, substance misuse, decline in mental wellbeing, and sudden bereavement. Neil is able to act as a gateway to help people in the community to receive the support they require.

Please join us in praying for:

- God's wisdom as He directs our 5 year strategic planning process
- Finances to support God's best plans for Good News Brighton
- Growing a team who love Jesus, to serve with us in Moulsecoomb Bless you for sharing your time with us

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FUEL FOR PRAYE

Prayer Diary 12TH - 18TH February

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, Romans 15:13.

Monday Pray for families who have children on half term this week. Pray that they might have rest and time together as a family. Think about those children who struggle academically and emotionally and do not look forward to going back into the school environment when classes recommence. Pray that they might find the support they need.

Tuesday Think about businesses and organisations and pray that they might be mindful of operating in a manner which is pleasing to God, with an ethical responsibility to their employees, their customers and the world around them.

Wednesday In your prayers, think about people who struggle with their mental health, often unseen or unknown by others they meet. Ask God that He might lead them to places of support where there is no judgement, just acceptance and love.

Thursday Consider those who are unwell, with life changing conditions, which not only have a serious impact on the patient but also on their families. Pray that they might find God's peace and love as they go through difficult times.

Friday 'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, as Christ forgave you.' Ephesians 4:32. Pray for local communities, that they might foster a sense of acceptance and compassion to those who dwell there. Pray for peace in our town and in all towns across the country.

Saturday Bring to God charity workers and volunteers in our community who give their time freely to help others, such as the lifeboat crew, homeless shelters and foodbanks.

Sunday Take some time to sit in God's presence and savour His word. And thank Him for blessings in your life, however small they might be. Think about asking God to help you grow in your faith and to be with you for the week ahead.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

FRIDAY 1 MARCH

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE!

I beg you, bear with one another in love



Emmanuel Church
Upperton Road,
Eastbourne, BN21 1LQ

World Day of Prayer
Service prepared by the
Christian women of Palestine.

2.30pm: in the church followed by refreshments in the hall

All are welcome!

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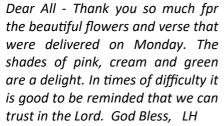
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FLOWER MINISTRY

Last week's flowers were donated by a friend of VBC







Thank you for the beautiful bunch of flowers I found on my door step this morning when I returned from the DGH pre op appointment. I am so blessed to have so many people concerned about me and so many prayers for my healing. Thank you for today's colourful and fragrant blessing. AR



Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers received from the church family they really bring such love into the room. Thanks to all concerned, I am so grateful, love to all. God bless JK

