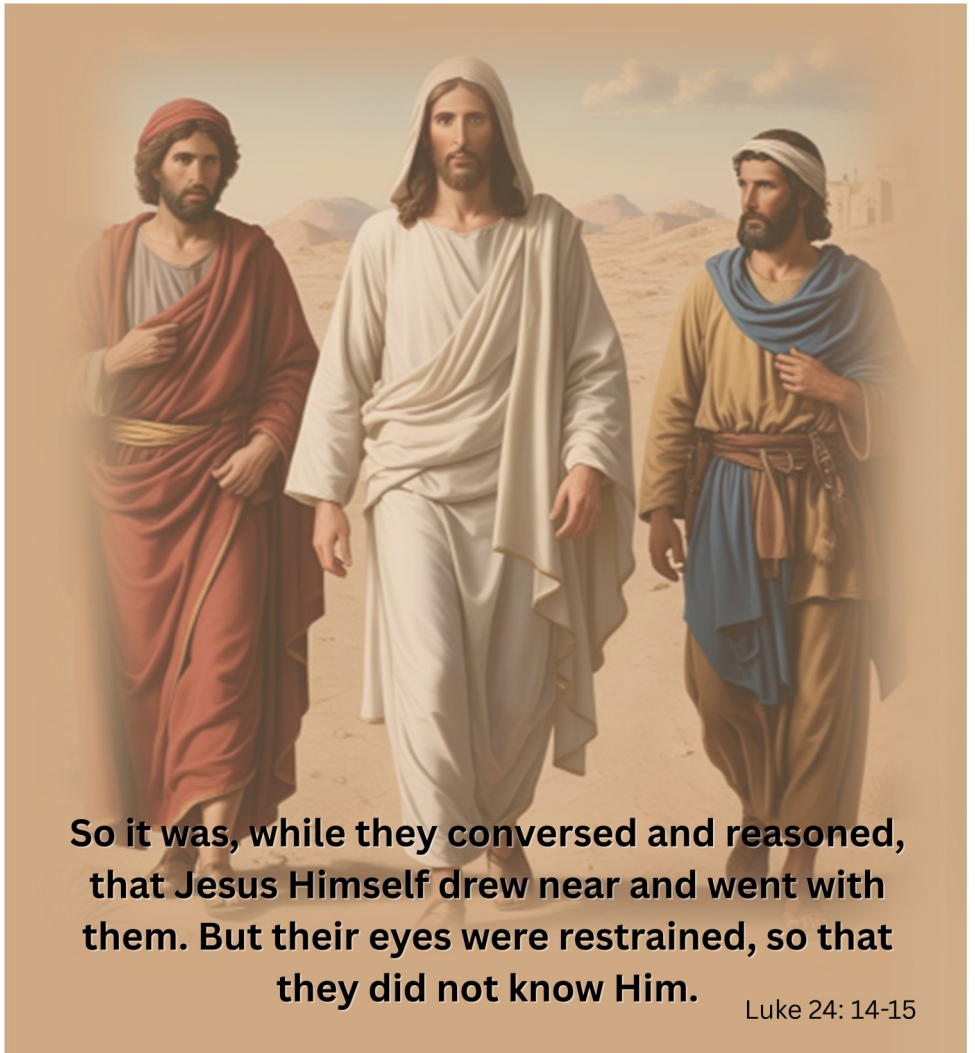


VICTORIA *Life*

Sunday 11th May 2025



**So it was, while they conversed and reasoned,
that Jesus Himself drew near and went with
them. But their eyes were restrained, so that
they did not know Him.**

Luke 24: 14-15



Luke 24:13-35

Have you ever felt disappointed and let down? An expectation not met? Life is full of disappointment and sometimes it can be hard to negotiate your way through your feelings.

This week is our All-Age Service and we are looking at the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus after the resurrection. The two disciples in the story were feeling despondent and sad, their hopes of Jesus redeeming Israel had been dashed. Yet unknown to them, Jesus walks with them, through their sadness, and reveals the bigger picture of God's purposes. When He eventually reveals Himself the disciples are transformed. This could be the picture of our life, not recognising that Jesus is walking with you in difficult times, guiding you through. Where are you in the story? Despondent, filled with hope as you discover Jesus, or transformed by Him?



There will be an evening service tonight at 6pm.

Next Week (18TH)

Next week , Chris Short will be preaching at the 10am service, continuing his series on the Sermon on the Mount.

The fortnightly prayer meeting will be at 6.30pm.



Advance Notice

There will be NO morning service at VBC on Sunday 1st June. The churches of Eastbourne will be meeting at the Wish Tower slopes - NOT the bandstand as previously advertised - for the annual "Thy Kingdom Come" event.

- Sun 11 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am All-Age Service with Jez & Simon
 6.00pm Evening Service
 7.00pm Xcav8
- Mon 12 6.00pm Girls Brigade
- Tue 13 10.00am World Religions with Jez Taylor
 7.15pm Soaking in the Spirit (ladies only)
 7.30pm World Religions with Jez Taylor
- Wed 14 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 6.30pm Boys Brigade
 6.45pm Alpha
- Thu 15 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 10.15am Men's Fellowship with Kirsty & Dan (PCSOs)
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Jez Taylor
 evening Omega 18-35 (for timing/venue contact Tim Nunn)
 7.00pm Bible Journalling
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 16 10.00am Vicky Bees
 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 12.30pm Friends, Food & Fellowship
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Xpect
- Sat 17 9.30am Ladies Away Day at Glyndley Manor
- Sun 18 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Chris Short
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
 7.00pm Xcav8

Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*

Dan Fairhead May 11 East Dean Church (St Simon & St Jude) 9.30am



STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for next week:

Chris	off Tues		
Colin	off Mon, & Fri pm	Phil	in Mon & Fri
Kevin	off Sat	Simon	off Tues
Tim	in Wed am & Fri am	Julie	in Thurs
Nadine	in Mon & Thurs	Lucy	in Wed am, Thurs, Fri am
Sandra	off Mon & Thurs	Jez	in Wed & Fri

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Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

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Simon Grimes - Children

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Kevin Virgo

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Phil Papps

CAP Debt Coach

Nadine Crawford-Piper

Treasurer

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Lucy Craggs (Women)

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VBC Open GOLF



We are coming to that time of year when our thoughts turn excitedly to one of the main social events in the church calendar - the VBC Open Golf Tournament! This will be the 4th successive year we have gathered together for an afternoon of fun, of fellowship and - for some - a time of intense rivalry and competition! The current holder of the trophy, Stephen Dickson, will no doubt be anxious to retain the trophy but will be faced with a whole group of players trying just as hard to dethrone him!

We have a provisional date booked for Friday 18th July with the first tee-off time at 3pm. Do put the date in your diaries. Ideally, we would increase the numbers from last year - and it is not restricted to VBC members. It is in fact an ideal opportunity to bring along a friend, neighbour or work colleague and to use it as an outreach event.

If you have any queries, please see either Colin or Jez.

Funeral Dates

We recently mentioned that one of former members, Eddie Purse, had passed away. - on 22nd April. We can now confirm that there will be a service of celebration of his life on Thursday 22nd May at Wealden Crematorium, Horam. This will be at 1pm followed by a reception at Wellshurst Golf & Country Club. If you are intending to be present, please reply to roz.purse@gmail.com.

The service is likely to be streamed live - we will let you know if and when we receive the details.



And a reminder that the Thanksgiving Service for Sue Collier will be on Tuesday May 27th, here at VBC at 12.30pm

PRAYER DIARY : 12TH - 18TH May

"Therefore my dear friends, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain." 1Cor 15:58

Monday Father, we pray for peace to reign in those areas of the world struggling with the horrors of war. As America has left the peace negotiations in the Ukraine we pray that our European leaders will step into the void. Father, guide them to find an agreement that both sides will accept and end this terrible war. Lord, we also lift up to You the women and children of Gaza who continue to suffer severe hardship. We pray for a cease fire, the unconditional release of all hostages by Hamas and the continuation of food and aid deliveries. Lord, have mercy on those caught up in a war zone.

Tuesday Almighty Father, we lift up to You those prayerful, faithful ladies as they meet for *Soaking in the Spirit* this evening. Lord, we know we can speak to You in prayer either as individuals, in groups, or corporately in a service. We thank You, Lord, that wherever we are and whatever our prayers, You are always there to hear us, answer us and direct us. May the prayer life of our church be the foundation stones on which we build our faith.

Wednesday Loving Father, we pray for all those finding it difficult to make ends meet in these harsh economic times. Hold them in Your arms and let them know they are loved by You. Touch us, Father, with Your Holy Spirit to always share our food and money with those who do not have enough, so they are able to feed their families and help them to pay their bills.

Thursday Dear Father, we lift up to You all those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Their tears of sadness are unending and they struggle to see beyond their grief. Lord, take them in Your arms, embrace them and fill them with peace and hope. Father, fill their hearts with pleasant memories remembering times of laughter, sunshine and happier days. Lead them, Lord, from this period of darkness into the light of Your loving Risen Son.

Friday Lord, we hold in prayer all our young people who have important exams to take this summer. Father, keep them calm, clear headed and confident in all the knowledge they have learnt over the last few years. Let them know that whatever the outcome, through faith, they are always loved and treasured by You.

Saturday Living Lord, we lift up the group of women attending the Ladies Away Day today. Pray for the organisers and leaders that all the arrangements go smoothly. May there be good fellowship with friends, old and new, and above all for the Holy Spirit to fill the day and deepen everyone's faith in You.

FUEL FOR PRAYER

Sunday "Always give fully of yourselves to the work of the Lord....." Almighty God, as the church family gathers this morning to praise You and honour Your Son, we give thanks for all those who have laboured to make this service a worthy gift of praise to you, Lord. We pray for the Holy Spirit to encourage us all to fully use the many gifts You have given us to build Your Kingdom here and now on earth. Our labour in the Lord is not in vain.



Tidy Up

In preparation for our Centenary Celebrations, David Trimmings is hoping to get a group together to tidy up the grounds with some weeding, litter-picking and associated tasks.

He has asked anyone interested to let the office know that they will be able to attend on Sat 31st May, meeting at 10am.

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See Jez or Colin with any queries

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Choice

In my ear there's a voice, "We all have a choice.
We all have free will, for good, or for ill."
"We were never made perfect; we were born out of conflict.
Sin was never our choice."
"But it was," said the voice.



"We could never do better
because sin was our fetter.
It's like chains that bind us,
in prison confines us.
Is there just no way out?
No forgiveness about?
It's a highway to hell,
when for you tolls the bell.
There's no stairway to heaven,
there is no antigen."

"But there is," says the voice, "and it's still about choice."
"I chose darkness not light; can I still choose what's right?
I am not your nemesis, and way before Genesis,
Before you were in womb, you were then My heirloom,
My precious delight, never out of my sight,
No more wrong, just do right, and come into the light."

"But how do I get there, I don't know how to pray?"
"Just be trusting in me, for I am the way."
So, I asked for His grace, and His Spirit He sent.
When I got to my feet, on His cross I was leant.

Richard Kirk

MEMBERS DIRECTORY

Please note that the latest directory containing members contact details is due out later this month. If you have changed any of your details since the last publication in February please send in your change to Colin, preferably via e-mail. Phone numbers seem to be the detail most overlooked, particularly if you no longer use your landline.

Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by
Anna Reid



The flowers below were on display for Brad Greening's Thanksgiving Service last week and were donated by Brad's family.



There is a vacant slot on May 25th if you would like to donate flowers - June is filled but we also have July 6th, 13th & 27th. Please contact Chris McMahon for more info.

I would like to say a big thank you for the beautiful flowers which I found on my doorstep on Monday, especially seeing that it was my birthday. Blessings to you all. SM

