



VICTORIA *Life*

Sunday 12th October 2025



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Baptist Church

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Baptism

Service



Harvest & Baptism – Mark 5:21-43 Life-Changing Encounters with Jesus

“He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha kum!” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). (v41)



This week we’re celebrating two things at once: the harvest and the baptisms of Leon French and Madeleine Wilson. The harvest reminds us that everything we have is given to us by God. We bring our gifts to God as an expression of our gratitude. The tune may be old, but the words are unchangingly true: “All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord, for all His love.”

Baptism reminds us that the blessings of the earth are not the only expression of God’s love for which we give thanks. “This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.” (1 John 4:9). Life through the soil and life through the Son are gifts from God that reveal His love. I hope you’ll be able to join us as we give thanks for them both.



Next Week (19TH Oct)

We celebrate the 5th anniversary of our CAP Debt Centre next Sunday at our 10am service. We have a speaker from CAP - Alison Berry - joining us to help us celebrate all the fantastic work that has been done during those 5 years.

Our fortnightly Prayer Meeting will be at 6.30pm.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for next week

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

Senior Minister

Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

Church Administrator

Colin McMahon

Caretaker

Kevin Virgo

Head of Family Ministries

Emily Jenkins

Children's Ministries

Simon Grimes

CAP Debt Centre Manager

Phil Papps

CAP Debt Coach

Nadine Crawford-Piper

Treasurer

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Finance Assistant

Julie Hanks

Ministry Assistants

Lucy Craggs (Women)

Tim Nunn (Discipleship)

Jez Taylor (Life Groups)

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- Sun 12 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Harvest & Baptismal Service - live@10 with Chris Short
 6.00pm Evening Service
 7.00pm Xcav8
- Mon 13 6.00pm Girls Brigade
- Tue 14
- Wed 15 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 7.15pm Men's non-Curry Night (Pomodoro e Mozzarella)
- Thu 16 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 10.15am Men's Fellowship with Barbara & Bob (Stone Cross Windmill)
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Peter Martin
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 17 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 12.30pm Friends, Food & Fellowship
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Xpect
- Sat 18
- Sun 19 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am live@10 - CAP Celebration Service with Alison Berry
 6.00pm Evening Service
 7.00pm Xcav8

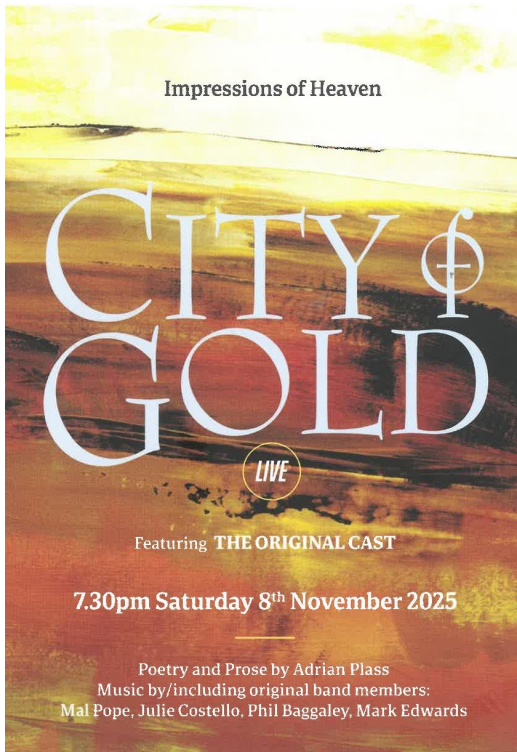
Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*

Lucy Craggs Oct 19 Bernhard Baron 5pm



Friends, Food & Fellowship

Please sign up - if you haven't already done so - for next Friday's lunch. The sheet is in the usual place in the Welcome Centre.




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J. JOHN

"a breathtaking work of art with all the power to heal, comfort and envision."
TONY CUMMINGS, CROSS RHYTHMS

7.30pm Saturday 8th November 2025
King's Centre, Eastbourne **Tickets: £12** Licensed bar available

CITY of GOLD

This unique performance explores perceptions of heaven and points towards the hope-filled promise of new life in the joy of new creation. A great event to invite friends and family who are open to exploring the Christian faith in a relaxed atmosphere.

Tickets: £12
Purchase online at tinyurl.com/cityofgoldlive
Doors open at 7pm Car park on site



Kings Centre, 27 Edison Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6PT
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Banners

I don't know if you notice the beautiful seasonal banners used in our church building. These were put together by teams several years ago and some are in need of repairs now. If you have an interest in helping repair them, or would like to organise a team to create new ones, please contact Daphne Brett or the church office.

PRAYER DIARY : 13TH - 19TH OCTOBER

“Honour the LORD with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce”
Proverbs 3:9

Monday Give thanks to God for the land we live in. Give thanks to God for our varied seasons and weather which yields good harvest and plenty of food for our nation. Pray for those who do not live with such bounty. Ask God to remind us daily of His goodness and to lift our eyes to the beauty of His creation all around.

Tuesday Pray for those for whom weather and climate make the difference between feast or famine. Reflect on the climate changes, and fires, land slides, floods and drought which affect families, livelihoods and whole communities. Ask God to remind us of our responsibilities to care for others and our earth and to take care of all He has provided through reflection on food waste, over-buying or sharing meals with others.

Wednesday Pray for farmers around the world who toil to provide a living for their families. Bring to mind the story of Ruth and what we can learn from it. Reflect on God's will that we should be just and merciful, and pray that exploitation in this industry would be revealed and mitigated. Pray for fair wages for workers, for good, sustainable stewardship of land, and integrity among multinational supermarkets.

Thursday Lord, we pray for those around the world who are desperate about providing food for their families. Help us to look at your people with the compassion of Jesus. *“Today, the world stands on the brink of unprecedented famines. About **30 million people** are experiencing alarming hunger, severe levels of food insecurity and malnutrition in north-eastern Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia, and Yemen. **10 million of them are facing emergency and famine conditions.**” (Oxfam international)*

Friday Pray for politicians and governments around the world. We have heard about using food as a weapon of war and about exploitation and corruption, and we feel overwhelmed by crises we read about. Pause to think about the poor and oppressed, and wrestle with the challenge of loving our neighbour. Ask God's forgiveness when we have turned our eyes away or hardened our hearts.

Saturday We give thanks for all those who help to alleviate the problem of hunger in our community. We pray for the work of Community Fridge and CAP here at VBC and for all the voluntary organisations, such as Foodbank, around our town. We pray, too for the ministry of the bakery in Lebedyn and for the work of providing food in the orphanages in Ukraine. Ask God to bless their work as they serve others and to give impact to their campaigning, interceding and fund-raising.

Sunday

As we pray “ Give **us** today our daily bread. “ help us to understand the issues of hunger for others, make 'us' the people around the world who are starving. Ask our Father in heaven to feed us on His Word today, to prompt us into action by His Holy Spirit, and to strengthen us spiritually in our walk with Jesus.

James 2:15-16 “Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them , “ Go in peace: keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?



Core Leadership Team

Our next church meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th November, when we will be holding CLT elections. There will be 2 vacancies for the CLT as Frances Hall will be stepping down in November, and nominations need to be submitted to the church office by Wednesday 29th October.

Nomination forms and Trustee Information Packs are available in the church office. We recommend that anyone considering being nominated reads the information pack carefully.

Dr Ray Brown

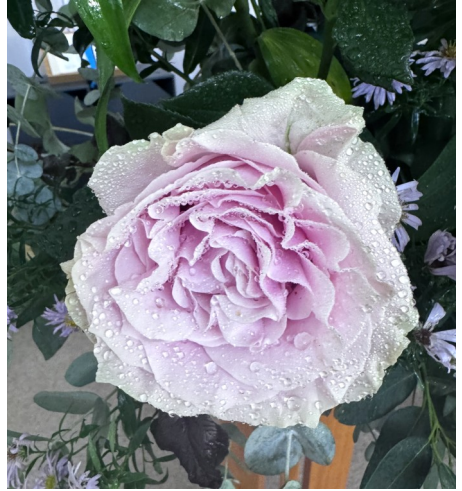
The funeral of our former minister, Ray Brown, will be taking place on Thursday Nov 6th at 2.30pm. It will be held at St Andrews Street Baptist Church, Cambridge.

It is hoped that the service will be streamed live and when we receive confirmation that it will be streamed, we will let you know.



Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by
friends of VBC



Thank you so much to those of you who have stepped forward to donate the flowers on the weeks we had vacant during the course of this year. We are delighted to say that we have now managed to fill every Sunday for the rest of 2025 so we would again encourage you to think ahead to 2026 and claim a specific date when you would want to donate the flowers for whatever reason - though a few dates have been taken already.

Contact Chris McMahon for further details.

