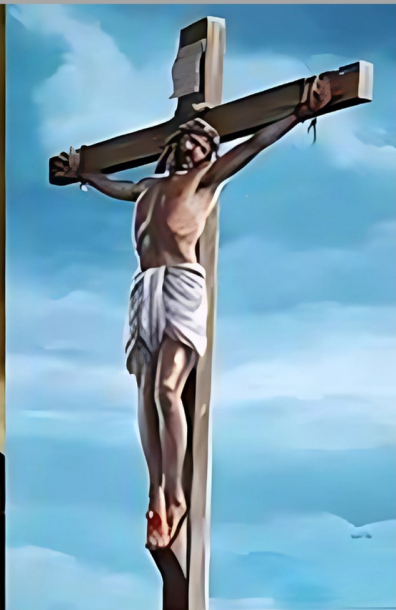


VICTORIA *Life*

Sunday 13th July 2025

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

John 3:14-15





Look Up! See the LIGHT!!

Numbers 21:4-9 and John 3:14-21

Throughout our lives we all make choices. Everyday we choose simple things, such as what to wear or what to eat. Sometimes the choices we make are more serious, we make decisions about who to marry, what job to get, where to live. In the Old Testament the Hebrews in the wilderness made some poor choices. They forgot how God had rescued them from slavery. Instead of looking up to God for help, they looked back at their former lives and looked down at their stomachs and grumbled! This had serious consequences. Yet God was gracious and told them to look up to be saved. In the New Testament, Jesus echoes this story when He speaks of His own crucifixion and how we too have a choice - to look up to Him and see light and life, or remain hidden in darkness. Today, at our All Age Service, we will explore the need to look up and see the light!



Jez Taylor

This Evening

Our monthly evening service is taking place at 6pm with refreshments afterwards as usual.

Next Week (20TH)

The Morning Service at 10am will be led by Chris Short, beginning a new series, "A Swarm of Vicky Bees"

The fortnightly Prayer Meeting will be taking place at 6.30pm

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for next week

Chris off Tues

Colin off Mon

Kevin off Sat

Tim in Wed am & Fri am

Nadine in Mon & Thurs

Sandra off Thurs

Phil in Tues am, Wed, & Thurs pm

Simon off Tues

Julie in Thurs

Lucy in Wed am, Thurs, Fri am

Jez in Wed & Fri

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

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Julie Hanks

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Tim Nunn (Discipleship)

Lucy Craggs (Women)

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- Sun 13 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am All-Age Service@10 with Simon & Jez
 6.00pm Evening Service
 7.00pm Xcav8
- Mon 14 6.00pm Girls Brigade
- Tue 15 Soaking in the Spirit (next meeting 22nd)
- Wed 16 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 6.15pm Boys Brigade
 7.00pm Men's Curry Night
- Thu 17 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 Women's Fellowship - next meeting Sept 4th
 7.30pm Bible Journaling
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 18 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 12.30pm Friends, Food & Fellowship
 2.45pm VBC Open Golf
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Xpect
- Sat 19
- Sun 20 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Chris Short
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
 7.00pm Xcav8

The Week Ahead

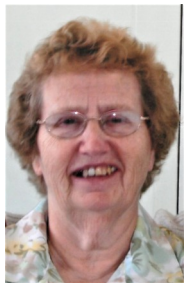
Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*

- Ian Doling Jul 13 Beer Congregational Church, Devon 10am
 Dan Fairhead Jul 13 Holy Trinity, Trinity Place 10.30am



Funeral Details

Rose Pavey's funeral will be held on **Monday July 28th** - the committal will be at Eastbourne Crematorium at noon, followed by the **Thanksgiving Service here at VBC at 3pm**. For catering purposes, please use the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Centre if you would like to join the family for refreshments after the service.



Ruth Simmonds' funeral meanwhile will be held on **Wednesday August 6th**. The **Thanksgiving Service will be at 11.30am, here at VBC** with the burial following on from that at Willingdon Cemetery, 1pm. Family & friends are then invited to join together for refreshments here at 2pm. Again, please use the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Centre if you intend coming.

For those of you who have been here for many decades, we are also hosting the Thanksgiving Service for **Dorothy Durrant** on **Thursday July 24th**. Dorothy's husband, Bill, was VBC Secretary from 1972 to 1980, whilst their family - 3 sons and a daughter - were baptised and dedicated here. Their son, Chris, a minister in Bournemouth, will be leading the service and I am sure Bill would be delighted if some of his peers were able to join them after the service for refreshments. Please let the office know if you would like to attend.



Interested in Membership?

If you would like to find out more about membership of VBC, please join Richard Kirk at the next meeting for Prospective Members on Sunday 27th July at 4pm - NOT 5pm as previously advertised. The meeting will be held downstairs in the Hive.

PRAYER DIARY : 14TH - 20TH JULY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above the heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost*

Monday Praising and worshipping God is the most important thing we can do before we ever bring our prayers and requests to Him. Praise Him today however you feel, whatever is going on in your life. Bow down and worship for He is in control, however life may seem to be working out right now.

Tuesday This week we bring some difficult issues to God in prayer, starting with our government and MP's. Please pray for Rachel Reeves, our Chancellor of the Exchequer, and other ministers to be able to deal with the pressures they are under at all times, dealing with tiredness, a complicated world, criticism and the direction they should lead our country. Pray that God will intervene.

Wednesday Pray about the situation with migrants trying to enter our country on small boats. Satan can use a situation like this to ignite hatred and division as the population increasingly resents the financial cost, the possibility of criminals secretly joining those on boats, and a sense of being out of control. Pray that God will bring strong Christian leadership in our government and national leaders to guide our population in paths of righteousness.

Thursday Please pray for those working in health care in our country. A successful operation, a caring nurse, doctor or other professional, correct medication really does help people to have faith in humanity again and to draw closer to thanking and praising God. May God empower Christians in the medical profession with His Holy Spirit.

Friday Please pray for teenagers and young adults in our country who are suffering badly with mental health issues due to many reasons such as social media, family breakdowns, the general decline in Christianity and the financial strain of ever increasing taxation and prices. As we know, many turn to drugs, face debt and feel trapped. Please pray for schools, universities and workplaces to continue to have improved strategies in place that offer professionally organised caring support that makes a real difference to the lives of individuals within the love of Christ.

Saturday Please remember in your prayers today the terrible suffering in the rest of the world due to war, ungodly government, poverty, natural disaster. As many face despair, pray for massive worldwide Christian revival, for God to pour out His power, love and the Holy Spirit. For unprecedented renewal that will bring peace and that God's name will be praised everywhere.

Sunday Pray that you will truly know that all things work together for good for those who trust in Jesus Christ. Pray that you will keep your eyes fixed on Him. Pray that God will open the eyes of all who turn to Him today as He says He will, and that we will daily become more like Jesus. Amen

Bernhard Baron Care Home

SATURDAY 26TH JULY AT 1.30PM-4PM

SUMMER Fayre

JOIN US FOR

crafts, gifts, bric-a-brac, pre-loved clothes, books, and the popular Tombola!

FOOD & DRINK

BBQ | Strawberries & Cream | Coffee/Tea & Cakes

ENTERTAINMENT

Meet **Pet Pals** Therapy & their furry friends
Enjoy **Ragged Phoenix Morris Dancers**
Get Toe-Tapping with the **LEWKULELE Band**

Entry: **£1** (Children **FREE**)
Includes a tea/coffee

We can't wait to see you there!

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Bernhard Baron Care Home is well known to many of us with a number of our church family residing there and some of the home's volunteers being members at VBC. Your support for this event would be much appreciated.

We are having a fund raising morning at Vicky Bees for new garden equipment.

We would like some cakes to sell. If you're able to help please email: simon@victoriabaptist.org.uk

Fund Raising Day

Vicky Bees

Wednesday 16th July

We will be having a fund raising day for new garden equipment for Vicky Bees. Any money we raise the Church will match!

Bee and Lamb teddies

Cakes

Wet sponge Simon

Face Painting

Do sign up for the Holiday Club as soon as possible to help Simon and his team plan more effectively for the activities being provided.

VICTORIA Baptist Church Eastbourne

THE RESTORATION STATION

HOLIDAY CLUB

Thursday 7th August to Saturday 9th August

Concluding with a Sunday Morning celebration service

10am to 12:30pm

Reception to Year 6

Sign Up Here

£10 per child

Info: simon@victoriabaptist.org.uk or 01323 737974

Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by
Margaret Martin



I have just found birthday flowers at my door complete with text. They are "bloomin' lovely" as Eliza would say. Please pass on my deep thanks and appreciation to those concerned. DB X