

VICTORIA *Life*

Sunday 16th March 2025



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One interesting thing going on in our world right now is that the Bible is making a comeback. For decades the Bible has been ‘burned’ in Western societies. Mainstream media, academic institutions and popular culture have all adopted a superior and dismissive attitude towards the Bible. The advent of the internet, however, has weakened their hold over what people see and the ideas they are exposed to. One of those ideas is that the Bible is a remarkable and important book.

Jordan Peterson, a clinical psychologist, who has many followers on YouTube, tells them that if they want to understand the world, they need to read the Bible. His long lectures on Biblical books, are watched millions of times, mostly by young men.

This week we’ll see what Jesus says about the Bible, how He relates to it and the difference it makes in the lives of His people. I hope you’ll be able to join us.

Next Sunday (23RD Mar)

Derek Page, formerly senior minister at Ruislip Baptist Church, will be preaching at our 10am service.

Thank you to those who supported Flow Café last week. We raised £380 for St. Wilfrid’s Hospice.

- Sun 16 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am Live @ 10 with Chris Short
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
 7.00pm Xcav8!
- Mon 17 6.00pm Girls Brigade
 7.30pm CLT Meeting
- Tue 18 Soaking in the Spirit - (next meeting 25th Mar)
- Wed 19 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 6.30pm Boys Brigade
- Thu 20 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 10.15am Men's Fellowship with Lloyd Cummins (BH City Mission)
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Phil Papps (CAP)
 7.30pm Bible Journalling
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
 evening Omega 18-35 (for timing/venue contact Tim Nunn)
- Fri 21 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 12.30pm Friends, Food & Fellowship
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Xpect
- Sat 22
- Sun 23 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am Live @ 10 with Derek Page
 7.00pm Xcav8!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

- Wed 19th Mar** Spring Fayre at Bernhard Baron Care Home, 10am-12noon
- Sat 29th Mar** Messy Church for Adults, 7pm-9pm
- Sun 30th Mar** Prospective Members' Meeting, 5pm
- Sat 17th May** Ladies Away Day at Glyndley Manor

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

John 14 v27

MONDAY Father, we lift up to you the free world where relationships between previously friendly nations have broken down. We pray for You, Lord, to intervene and bring peace between peoples, trust and respect between our leaders and a focus to work together to create your heavenly kingdom on earth.

TUESDAY God Almighty, our refuge and strength in troubled times, we lift up to you the people of Ukraine and ask for your mercy on them. We especially think of those who wake to the sound of rockets overhead, those fleeing their homes and those facing great danger on the battle front.

Father, help them to know your presence and love for them is constant. Heal angry hearts and so drive out hatred with Your love, and end wars with Your perfect peace.

WEDNESDAY Pray for the presence of the Lord to rest upon the CLT as they make decisions for future plans at VBC, may the structure of the various services enable the message of the Gospel to reach out to everyone who comes to listen.

THURSDAY Father God, as we mark the fifth anniversary of the Covid outbreak we lift to you the families of those who died and remember those still suffering from long term health issues. Give thanks for all those who selflessly served others throughout the pandemic.

FRIDAY Dear Lord, we lift up to you the Aid agencies who have had their funding for the USA paused and are struggling to meet the desperate need of so many caught up in famines, drought, wars and disease outbreaks.

Pray especially for those working for Christian Aid, Tear Fund, Living Water International and many others. Pray for funding from the USA to flow again and for those who can to increase their giving.

SATURDAY Living Lord, we pray that the forthcoming celebrations to mark the centenary of Victoria Baptist Church will reflect all the work that has been done in Your name to glorify You these past hundred years. Fill each and every one us with Your Holy Spirit to commit to serving you to see Jesus Christ honoured in Eastbourne and beyond.

SUNDAY As we gather this morning as one body to worship and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ take a moment to spiritually prepare. Father, we ask for your peace to come over us and still our minds. Calm our anxieties and fears as we prepare for the week ahead. Give us strength and courage to face challenges and help us to be a source of love and kindness to those around us. Lead us as we walk the true path and bless our hearts with your grace. Open our hearts and minds, Lord, to immerse in the words of the hymns and the message from our minister this morning.

FUEL FOR PRAYER