

VICTORIA *Life*

Sunday 17th May

No service at Victoria



11AM, SUNDAY 17TH MAY
WISH TOWER SLOPES

Words of Hope

Join together with hundreds of Christians from churches across the area to worship and pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' in Eastbourne and beyond.

With guest speaker
Katherine Brown

Sea baptisms on
the beach afterwards

Kids work will be led by
Spinnakers (4-10s)

*We will be giving away
hundreds of free Bibles
during the event*





Thy Kingdom Come

Instead of a Live@10 service this morning, we will be gathering at the Wish Tower Slopes on the seafront. We will be meeting, for what has become an annual event, with many other churches in Eastbourne.

This evening - Despite there being no service at 10am, there will be a prayer meeting this evening at the usual time of 6.30pm.

Next Week (24TH May) - Next week's Live@10 will be led by Chris Short, continuing his series in the Book of Revelation.

Pentecost Prayer Meeting

This is an invitation to a Prayer Meeting on **Friday 22nd May** between **1835hrs** and **2200hrs**, here at Victoria Baptist Church.

It will be held in the Sanctuary and access will be via the Fire Exit Door close to the main office door (at the side of the building). Please feel free to come for the whole time ... or just 20 minutes. Most of the time we will be praying on our own, with interjections to check in and inspire you to pray every 20 minutes. As described in Acts 2, the Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost, and Pentecost is celebrated this year on Sunday 24th May. We want to pray and ask God to send more of His Holy Spirit so that more people might come to know Jesus. That is the primary reason for the prayer meeting.

The secondary reason is to pray for the 18 to 35 year old generation. They are the future of the church and yet we have very few people in that generation in our church. The start time 1835hrs is therefore a nod to that generation and the fact that most of them will probably be looking forward to a Friday night out in the town. Wouldn't it be wonderful if as a result of us praying they would rather be worshipping God on a Friday night as there is nowhere better than being in His presence!



Please feel free to forward this invitation to others who might want to join us in prayer.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for next week.

Emily annual leave all week

All other staff will be working to their usual routine next week.

Please note that next week's edition of Victoria Life will be another "2-weeks-in-1". Please think ahead if you were planning to submit anything in the next couple of weeks and ensure it is received by Wednesday this coming week (20th).

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

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- Sun 17 VBC closed for the morning
 Thy Kingdom Come - E/B Churches Together meeting on
 11.00am the Wish Tower slopes at the seafront
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
 7.00pm Sunday Evening Youth
- Mon 18 6.00pm Girls Brigade
 7.30pm CLT meeting
- Tue 19
- Wed 20 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 Youth Alpha -
 3.00pm "What does a relationship with God look like?"
- Thu 21 7.30am Men's Prayer Meeting
 10.15am Men's Fellowship - Communion/AGM
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Carmen Jones
 6.45pm Omega (contact Tim or Ruth Nunn for details)
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 22 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 5.00pm Kids Club
 6.35pm Pentecost Prayer (see page 5)
 7.00pm Friday Night Youth
- Sat 23
- Sun 24 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Chris Short
 6.00pm Evening Service
 7.00pm Sunday Evening Youth

The Week Ahead

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 31 May - Bring & Share Lunch (details to follow)

Sun 31 May - Prospective Members Meeting (see page 10)

EASTBOURNE CARNIVAL

Lights, Camera, Action! That's the theme of this year's Eastbourne Carnival on Saturday 23rd May. The VBC Events team are again playing a vital role in enabling this community event to run. We are really hoping for some help from members of the Church family on the day. We need some extra bodies between 10.00am and

2.30pm, to assist with forming up the entrant vehicles and walking participants. If you can help, please speak to Nigel Hill or David Elliston.



ALPHA REPORT

This is a report on the Alpha Course which ran at Victoria Baptist Church on Wednesday evenings between 4th March and 13th May. There were nine Alpha evenings, an Alpha Holy Spirit day and a two week break over Easter. Twenty three people signed up to attend the course. Seventeen people attended for at least one evening. Fourteen people attended the last evening. Of those fourteen people, at the beginning of the Alpha course, nine were Christians at different stages of their walk with Jesus. Five did not yet know Jesus. One of them is planning to invite Jesus into their life this Sunday.



When it came to praying for those attending to receive the Holy Spirit on the Alpha Day, eleven out of the twelve were open to being prayed for. Evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit including tingling in hands, tears, fluttering eyelids, hands touching their hands, a feeling of calmness/peace, heat in arms and palms and one person had a vision of Jesus.

In terms of church support, on different evenings a total of four people helped on the cook team. Five people helped to set up, serve and pack up. Seven people kindly made desserts. One person arranged this and purchased the food for each evening. As well as at other prayer meetings, an average of twelve people prayed each Friday by name for everyone attending Alpha. Two people hosted and facilitated the two Alpha Discussion Groups.

**A BIG thank you to all those who supported the Alpha Course
in so many different ways.**

VICTORIA
Baptist Church Eastbourne

KINGDOM BUILDERS

Holiday Club

Reception to Yr 6

WE NEED YOUR
LEGO

6 AUGUST
10am - 12:30pm

THURSDAY

7 AUGUST
10am - 12:30pm

FRIDAY

8 AUGUST
10am - 12:30pm
SATURDAY

Do you have any LEGO you no longer need? Please can we have it for this years Holiday Club 'Kingdom Builders'.

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

PRAYER DIARY : 18TH - 24TH May

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6

Monday As they meet tonight, we bring before You our Girls Brigade and thank You that leaders and helpers have stepped forward to help out these past few months. We pray that this work will flourish and that the girls will not only enjoy the activities but also draw near to You through the spiritual input of the leaders.

Tuesday We thank You for the “Pastries and Prayer” initiative aimed specifically at the Year 11 Cavendish students. We pray that our Welcome Centre will be a calming environment as they endure what can be a very stressful time in their lives. May they experience Your love and Your peace.

Wednesday We give You thanks for our Vicky Bees group, with Simon & his team continuing the work that has been in place for literally decades. It is a real joy to see so many mums (and the occasional dad!) bringing their babies and toddlers along on Wednesday and Friday mornings and we pray that seeds will continue to be sown, through the stories and songs they take part in, plus the conversations with our dedicated teams of helpers.

Thursday We pray for Omega, meeting this evening, and ask that You would inspire the small number of 18-35 year olds in our church family to reach out to friends and colleagues, to draw them into this group where they can freely discuss the challenges they face in life, enjoy each other’s company, and discover how they can develop a relationship with You.

Friday With the Kids Club meeting on Friday evenings, before the teenagers meet for their session, we pray that both groups can find an environment where they can play and relax at the end of their week at school - but also find an environment where Jesus is central to all that’s going on.

Saturday We pray for Emily and her team as she develops the work with our youth. We pray particularly for the Youth Camp at Carrotty Wood in early July and we pray that this will be a great opportunity for our youngsters to delve more deeply into Your Word and to draw closer to You.

Sunday We thank You for our Sunday School and Youth teachers, and for the efforts they put into the work for all those youngsters attending the classes. Never let us take for granted the numbers we have coming along each week, eager to learn more about You. May this work continue to develop and may we, as a community, always demonstrate our love for them by supporting them whenever and wherever we can.

Le Pas OPTON

It's that time of the year again so Ruth & I are off to Le Pas Opton (Spring Harvest Holidays) in France. You can catch up on all the details of the park and the variety of Highlight weeks throughout the season on the website.

For this trip we will be facilitating 'Morning Devotions' in week 1 when there is no other planned programme activity, then leading a 'Retreat Week' from Saturday 16th May.



This year, for the first time, we are including optional extra sessions, geared towards those in church leadership. These will be led by Rev Jonathan Woodhouse, a name familiar to many at VBC. Jonathan is a former VBC Assistant Minister, alongside Rev George Cummings, and prior to him going into Army Chaplaincy. For the 3rd week Ruth & I lead the 'Pastoral and Prayer Ministry' This sees the park increase from around 70-80 to possibly 700-800!!

We have been involved with Spring Harvest Holidays for a number of years and it has always proved to be a 'thin place' spiritually. Many people have had encounters with God, guests of all ages have come to know Jesus and individual blessings abound. Many new and lasting friendships have been made - all in a holiday atmosphere. No pressure, no obligation to attend any gatherings, but lots of opportunity for rest, relaxation and renewal.

One advantage of having been involved over the years is that you get to



know many returners, and hear many stories of how God has blessed, encouraged and answered prayers since their holiday at LPO.

Needless to say, the enemy is always at work to distract, disrupt and destroy what God is doing.

Your prayer support for us and for the pastoral teams throughout the season, for the various speakers, for all the amateurs (Young people and children workers) and the staff, both

French and English would be appreciated!

Many thanks - Tom & Ruth Duncanson

FEBA Radio

(Far East Broadcasting Associates)

Thank you so much again for inviting Feba to come and share with your church recently. We had so many lovely, prayerful messages from your congregation which we sent to all of our partners (those that we support, who use audio media to share the gospel to those unreached), as promised.

Attached are some responses that we have received back from our partners. As you can see, they were so delighted to receive these messages and I know feel hugely blessed by them. Knowing that the church here in the UK are holding them in prayer is a huge encouragement to them... more than we know!

So THANK YOU!

I would be so grateful if you could circulate these responses to your congregation so they know what a difference their love and prayers make.

Thank you again – your support is so appreciated.

With every blessing, Emily (Feba)

Messages from **Feba's partners**

Thank you for sending these beautiful messages from the UK. Please tell the "prayer warriors" thank you from the bottom of my heart. We have a lot of work and many challenges in the Middle East. **Sometimes we feel alone, but these messages remind us that we are part of one big family in Christ.** This brings us much light and joy.

Please tell the friends in the UK that their prayers are helping many people here in Iraq, Lebanon and Syria. We are very encouraged by them. God bless you all. In Christ. Paul – Middle East Coordinator

Thank you for sending this. It is a huge encouragement to know that we are surrounded by people who pray and support us in our ministry. Thank you. Dawit*, Northeast Africa

Thank-you for sharing these encouraging notes from the UK churches. I have shared this with all of our team today. The Afghan Radio team

Breeze

We would encourage those of you whose first language is not English to use the Breeze software on your smart phone. This will translate what is being said into the language of your choice and you will be able to keep up with everything.



And for those of you whose first language is indeed English, if you are hard of hearing and find that you miss out on hearing all that is said at the front, try using Breeze with your choice of language being English. This could be very helpful to those of you who have hearing difficulties.

membership MATTERS

If you would like to know more about becoming a member of the church, then join Richard Kirk, our Membership Coordinator, on **Sunday 31st May, 4pm** in The Hive, when he will explain the benefits and responsibilities of membership. You can contact Richard by email: richard@victoriabaptist.org.uk



Eastbourne & Wealden Branch of

GOOD NEWS
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formerly known as GideonsUK

cordially invite you to

‘Coffee with Friends’

Glimpses of Good News ministry from the local to the international scene; including a DVD presentation, testimony, reports and inspirational Bible ministry from our special guest speaker **John Prideaux**.

*All Saints Centre, All Saints Church
Grange Road, Eastbourne. BN21 4HE*

Saturday May 23rd 2026

Coffee from 10.00 - 10.45am for 11am start



FLOWER MINISTRY

The flowers for the week before last were donated by
The Women's Fellowship



Thank you so much for the church flowers. I was very surprised to receive them and it is touching to know that we are still remembered and thought of. VH

Words are not enough but thank you for all your love and care over the past month - joy and sadness in such a short time. I am learning God's unexpected moments. I plan but hold loosely. Love at all times. God bless you all so richly so you can bless richly xx CW



FLOWER MINISTRY

The flowers last week were donated by
Margaret Reilly



Please could you pass on my thanks for the flowers I received from the church? I have been very touched that I am being thought of. KP

