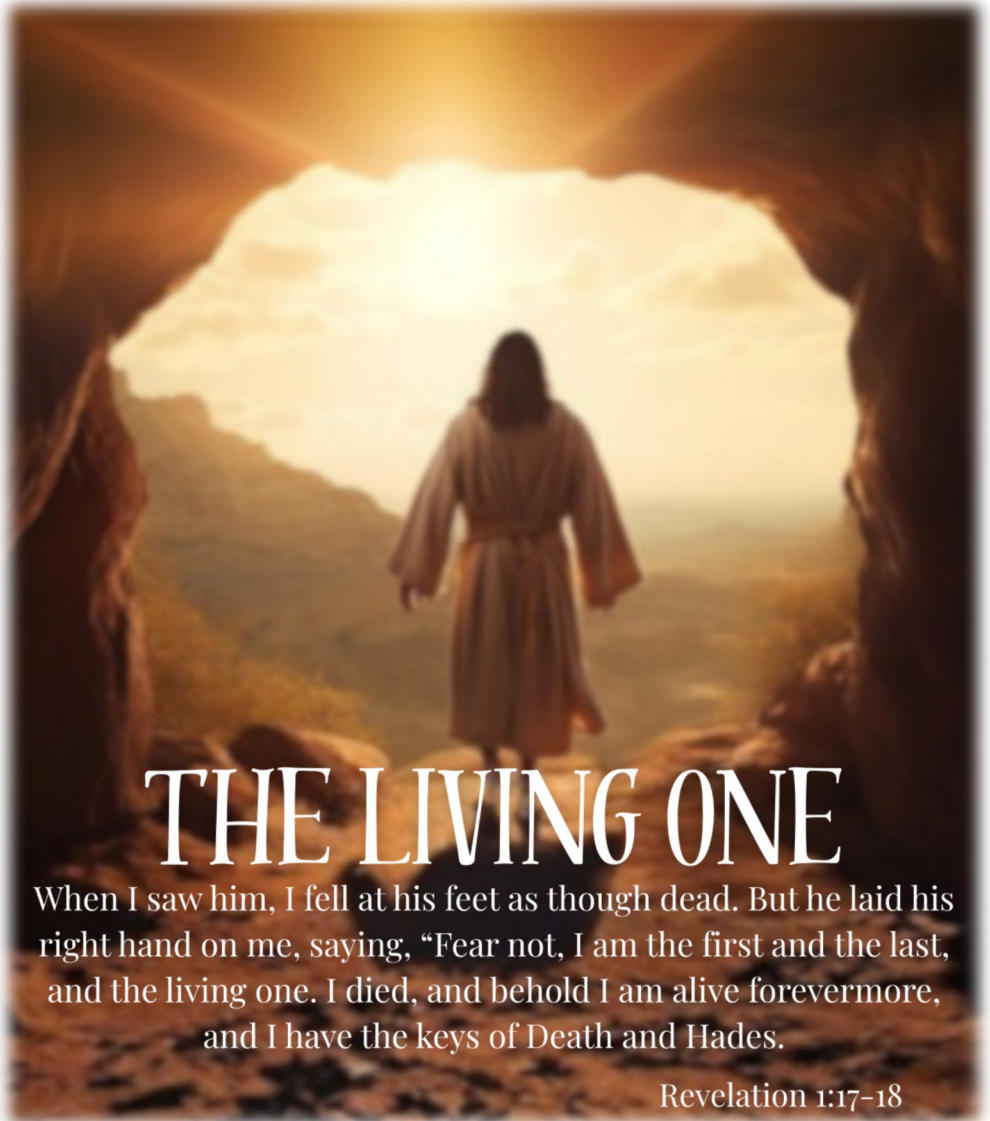




VICTORIA

Life

Sunday 19th April 2026



THE LIVING ONE

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Revelation 1:17-18

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Revelation 1:9-20 – The Living One

"I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades." (Revelation 1:9-20)



What do you think of when you think of Jesus? Every Christian has seen something important about Jesus that other people haven't seen. We have seen him as God's Son, the Servant King and our Saviour. It is a vision that leads those who have it (and act upon it) to salvation.

Is it, however, enough to sustain us through all the trials and challenges that can come to us as believers? This passage suggests something more is needed if we are to endure significant persecution. In addition to the vision of Jesus as Saviour, we need to recognise Him as the divine, eternal, all-seeing, all-knowing, all-powerful Sovereign over all creation. Seeing this Jesus, present with His people, supreme over life and death, reshapes our imaginations and enables us to face with courage things at which we, as ordinary people, would otherwise tremble.

This is the Revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave Him to give to the churches. It may be that the neglect of this vision is a major reason for the weakness of the church in the West. I hope you'll be able to join us as we consider it together.

TONIGHT

Please make every effort to attend our regular (1st & 3rd Sundays every month) Prayer Meeting at 6.30pm. We have a representative from FEBA giving a brief presentation on their work in using radio and other media to inspire people to follow Jesus with particular focus on people in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

NEXT WEEK (26TH APR)

Chris Short will be bringing the message to us at 10am, continuing his new series on the **Book of Revelation**. The service will include the baptism and testimony of two candidates.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for this week

Chris unavailable
Colin off Mon
Kevin off Sat , Sun
Tim in Wed am, Fri am
Nadine in Mon, Thurs
Sandra off Thurs

Phil Tues am; Wed; Thurs pm
Emily off Mon & Tues
Simon off Tues, WFH Thurs
Julie in Thurs
Lucy in Weds am, Thurs, Fri am
Jez in Mon pm & Fri am

Senior Minister

Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

Church Administrator

Colin McMahon

Caretaker

Kevin Virgo

Head of Family Ministries

Emily Jenkins

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Simon Grimes

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Phil Papps

CAP Debt Coach

Nadine Crawford-Piper

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- Sun 19 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Chris Short
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
 7.00pm Sunday Evening Youth
- Mon 20 6.00pm Girls Brigade
 7.30pm CLT meeting
- Tue 21
- Wed 22 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 3.00pm Youth Alpha - "Welcome to the Conversation"
 6.45pm Alpha - "Why & how should I read the Bible?"
 7.30pm Church Members' Business Meeting
- Thu 23 7.30am Men's Prayer Meeting
 Men's Fellowship - next meeting 7th May
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Corinne Ayres
 6.45pm Omega (contact Tim or Ruth Nunn for details)
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 24 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Friday Night Youth
- Sat 25
- Sun 26 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Baptismal Service @ 10 with Chris Short
 7.00pm Sunday Evening Youth

The Week Ahead

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat May 16th - Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

Sun May 17th - Thy Kingdom Come (see page 6)



We are running a **Youth Alpha** course for young people (11-18 year olds) who want to know more about the Christian faith.

Contact: emily@victoriabaptist.org.uk

for more details

Unpack the Christian faith together.

Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Alpha is for anyone who's curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. Come along, see what you think.



**For the
*curious***

Try Alpha.

Victoria Baptist Church

8 Week Course

**Starts Wednesday 22nd April 3-5pm -
but if you are coming from a distance
try to be there by 4 at the latest.**

Try Alpha.



DELIGHT IN THE LORD

As I was reading the story of the feeding of the five thousand in John Chapter 6, I was struck by the words, “Jesus already had in mind what He was going to do.”

Jesus had asked Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” and

DELIGHT IN THE LORD



Margaret Barham

Philip had given an answer, looking at the situation from a practical viewpoint. At times we may feel Jesus is asking, “What shall we do in this situation, how shall we deal with this trouble and grief?” We try to give some kind of answer, suggesting the use of the resources we have available, which are completely inadequate. Jesus knew the situation which He and the disciples were going to face, even before it happened, and He knew what He was going to do about it.

Jesus knows what troubles and griefs we are going to face, and He knows what He has in mind to do. He is waiting for us to give the whole situation over to Him so that He can do what He already has in mind to do.



Please note - there will be no service at VBC on May 17th. We would encourage you instead to join with people from Eastbourne churches at this event.

PRAYER DIARY : 20TH - 26TH APRIL

As we reflect on Christ's resurrection and think on His relationship with the disciples, let us learn:

Monday Thank You, Lord, for the peace and comfort You gave Mary in her grief. Help us, Lord, not to be afraid and to look to You when life is full of grief, confusion or chaos.

Tuesday Help us, Father God, to listen to You. Open our ears to hear Your instructions, to be obedient to Your calling with the hope and joy of the women and disciples.

Wednesday Matt 28:11-15. We look at the guards and see that we are living in a world where lies, deceit and underhandedness seem prevalent. Lord, give us wisdom to discern right from wrong. Help us to walk in Your light and truth in our daily lives and to stand up for integrity, and against those who are self-serving.

Thursday Luke 24:13-32. Lord Jesus, help us to see You all around in Your world, and despite our busyness. Give us, Lord, a hunger for the Scriptures, like those on the road to Emmaus. Reveal to us Your steadfastness and trustworthiness. Show us Yourself more and more in Your Word. Help us to conquer our doubt, Father God.

Friday Luke 24:36-43. Thank You, Heavenly Father, for Your patience and generosity. Lord, You equip us with all we need for belief and understanding. As You spoke to Thomas and to the fishermen, and showed them Your power and humility, speak to us all, as we need and as we grow in You.

Saturday Matthew 28:18,19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Thank You, God, for this commission. Give us here at Victoria the courage to spread Your love in our community and to reach those we love with Your message of hope.

Sunday Saviour, Redeemer, Sustainer - we give You thanks that You are with us always. Thank You, Lord, that You ascended to Your Father and our Father, to Your God and our God (John 20:17) and that You have welcomed us into Your family. We pray that, as we worship today, we will be honouring You.

Snooker Challenge

On Saturday 16th May, Kevin is undertaking a sponsored 12 hour snooker marathon from 12 noon to 12 midnight at the Glastonbury Snooker Club (below the Glastonbury Hotel on Eastbourne seafront) to raise funds for the Hope Lebedyn charity. If you are able to support this, he would be extremely grateful. There are a few slots left to join him for a game if you wish. Alternatively, you are welcome just to go and watch to show your support. Please be aware there are steps to access the venue.



Street Pastors

We are so grateful for your support and confirm receipt of £450 from Flow Cafe.

Thank you for choosing us as the Flow Café charity for April. Please pass on our thanks to all involved. We feel very blessed by the support given and generosity shown to us by all at VBC.

Blessings

Graeme Bunn - coordinator
Eastbourne Street Pastors



See the link below to check out all the activities happening during the weekend.

The conference is based around the Congress Theatre and conference centre and various venues within an easy walk of the main building.

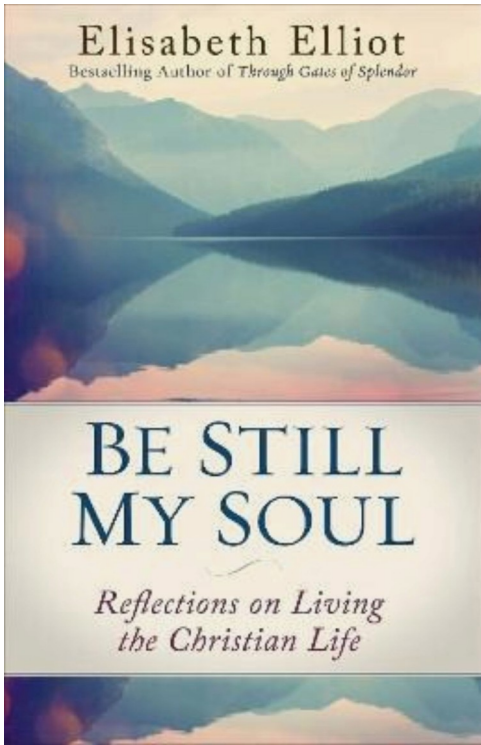
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Book Review:

'Be Still My Soul' by Elisabeth Elliot

PUBLISHED BY Revell



'When I am afraid, I will trust in you' Ps.56:3. This verse, used in one of the chapters, sums up well the tone of this book, which gives practical advice to Christians struggling how to apply their Christian faith in a busy, perplexing and difficult world.

It does so by dividing up the book into ten short chapters, with helpful sub-headings, which are spiritual meditations on how to walk closely with God, using titles such as 'Acceptance and Peace', 'Helps in prayer' and 'Long suffering love'.

Elisabeth Elliot is well-known to older Christians but might need reintroducing to a younger generation. She and her husband, Jim, were missionaries in Ecuador in the 1950's, when Jim, along with four other missionaries, were killed by the Waodani Indians they were trying to reach with the gospel. Elisabeth, surprisingly, stayed on with her young

child to live and witness to the same Indians for a further two years and saw many of them turn to the Lord. She returned to the USA to serve the Lord as a popular international speaker, radio host and writer of more than 25 books.

Her writing style is reminiscent of Edith Schaeffer, who also wrote many devotional books in the late twentieth century, characterised by a deep understanding of God's word, starting with a Biblical reference and teaching, then explaining it and applying it, not shying away from the difficulties people face, and challenging the reader to put it into practice. In the process she uses examples from her own, as well as other faithful Christians', experience.

This book will provide a tonic to anyone wanting a closer, more fruitful, walk with God, realising the riches of God's grace to us, and the life-changing responsibility it brings.

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.



SUPPORT FOR ST. WILFRID'S HOSPICE

The support that our local hospice gives to patients and their families is invaluable, and they are in real need of additional funds. In order to do my bit to help, I have signed up for the 'Wilfride' this coming September. This entails cycling from Eastbourne to Paris - 290 miles in 4 days!



I am covering all the costs of the trip myself, so any money raised will be going directly to the hospice. If you feel able to contribute, however small an amount, please go to the link below where you will be able to donate. Alternatively, speak to me directly. Many thanks in anticipation of your support for this challenge.

Frances Hall

<https://events.stwhospice.org/fundraisers/franceshall3955>

Life groups @ VBC

Friendship, Faith and Fun at the heart of our community



You can find the Life Group notes for today's message through this link:

<https://victoriabaptist.org.uk/midweekgroups/life-groups/resources/most-recent-bible-studies.php>

Flower Ministry

The Easter flowers were donated by
Chris Wrench



A sincere thank you for the flowers brought to me last week. They are beautiful as is the scripture verse with them. How blessed I am to have such a loving church family. SW

Thank you so much Victoria family for the beautiful flowers I have received, they have really brightened up the room. Many thanks to all the flower team for the work they do each week. JK

FLOWER MINISTRY

Last week's flowers were donated by
Joan Wells



*I'd like to say thank
you for the lovely
flowers kindly
delivered yesterday,
Much appreciated.
Blessings, NH*