

# VICTORIA *Life*

Sunday 19th October 2025



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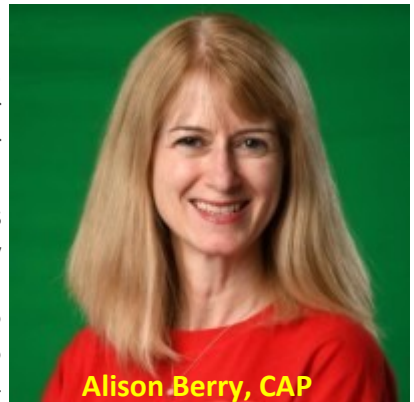
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## The Jesus Way

### *Transformation through Encountering Jesus*

After a long career in marketing and innovation, and eating chocolate for a living (working for Mars Wrigley) I started working full time for Christians Against Poverty (CAP) in 2022.

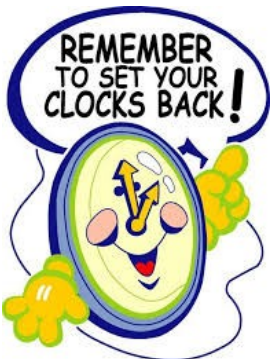
My CAP journey however started over 13 years ago - I trained and volunteered as a money coach, running courses in various settings from churches to schools to food banks to HMP Bronzefield. 12 years ago I helped set up a CAP Debt Centre in Egham, which is still thriving today. Through close encounters with women in prison and local people living in desperate circumstances in a pretty affluent part of Surrey, God broke my heart for what breaks His.



I saw then, and now I continue to see brokenness - yet every day I see glimpses of the kingdom yet to come through a combination of practical help, supportive church communities & the love of Jesus Christ.

## Next Week (26<sup>TH</sup> Oct)

Chris Short will be preaching at next week's live@10 service.



Do remember that the clocks go back one hour next Sunday morning at 2am - don't miss out on the opportunity of an hour's extra sleep!

# STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

## Staff movements for next week

|        |                           |       |                           |
|--------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| Chris  | off Tues                  |       |                           |
| Colin  | off Mon                   | 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

Mark Evason

### Finance Assistant

Julie Hanks

### Ministry Assistants

Lucy Craggs (Women)

Tim Nunn (Discipleship)

Jez Taylor (Life Groups)

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- Sun 19 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office  
 10.00am live@10 - CAP Celebration Service with Alison Berry  
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting  
 7.00pm Xcav8
- Mon 20 6.00pm Girls Brigade
- Tue 21
- Wed 22 7.00am Prayer Meeting  
 8.15am Community Fridge  
 10.00am Vicky Bees
- Thu 23 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)  
 Men's Fellowship - next meeting, Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> (Trident)  
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Jane Simkins  
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 24 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting  
 10.00am Vicky Bees  
 5.00pm Kids Club  
 7.00pm Xpect
- Sat 25
- Sun 26 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office  
 10.00am live@10 - with Chris Short  
 7.00pm Xcav8

## **Preaching Engagements** *Please remember in prayer*

Lucy Craggs Oct 19 Bernhard Baron 5pm



A very advanced notice but get it in your diaries now as this notice will not appear again for a few weeks! Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Feb - Ladies Night Out at Pomodoro e Mozzarella



## Pray Eastbourne ...

... is holding a series of united prayer times over the next few weeks, starting with a visit to **Trinity Church in Coppice Avenue, just by the Willington Triangle**, next Friday (24<sup>th</sup>) at 10am. This will be our first time at Trinity - a beautiful and

welcoming church building ... Bring your prayer resource booklet if you have one. These will be available for prayer together.

The next event will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6.30 pm at **Victoria Baptist Church in Eldon Road**. Our friends from Victoria will lead us all in worship and prayer. Come and pray for the people of our town to open their hearts to the Christian gospel and to seek the Lord now while He may be found.

Then, we are all invited to join the Worship Conference in Eastbourne who will be outside in our **Town Centre by Bankers Corner** on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 3.15 to 5pm. Helen Yousaf will be leading worship for a time of celebration declaring the goodness of God through song. An opportunity for Christians in Eastbourne to join together in the current national movement to glorify God in the public square.

And, finally, we are holding our very first public Carol Service in the **Town Centre** on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm to 7pm. Led by the Salvation Army band and with Christmas Bible Readings and prayers, this public carol service will take place on a December Late Night Shopping Night. Flyers will soon be available for circulation for this event. We want it to be massive - please make sure this event is in your church news outlets and notices.

It's going to be a wonderful season as we call the church together to pray, praise and proclaim. Emmanuel - God is with us!

With greetings from the Pray Eastbourne team -

*John and Yvonne Pressdee, Martyn and Sue Relf, Bill and Linda Owen, Judith and Les Moir, Tony Cloutt and Barbara Ashby*

## PRAYER DIARY : 20<sup>TH</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

*"If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light."*  
Matthew 11:28-30

**Monday** Lord, we pray for all those who are burdened by debt, worry about finances, are trapped by anxiety over where their next meal will come from and fear over eviction. Lord, for many people day to day struggles are overwhelming, and managing in our "affluent" society is confusing and chaotic. Lord, help us to see folk with compassion, concern and with the eyes of Jesus. Help us to reach out to those who seem to be beyond reach to all but You.

**Tuesday** Heavenly Father we pray for those we know and see here in Old Town who need support. For those who come to Community Fridge on Wednesdays and for the Christians Against Poverty clients. Lord, we give thanks for their courage to ask for help and ask that they may see relief from their burdens. We pray that, while some of their physical needs are met, they will come to see the Love of Jesus.

**Wednesday** Father God, we thank You for the services provided in Eastbourne to help others. We give thanks for the CAP debt centre here at Victoria. We pray for Phil, Nadine and the volunteers; sustain them, Father. Inspire them with words to say and what not to say or do. We pray the same for the workers at Foodbank, Matthew 25, Street Pastors, Beachy Head Chaplaincy and all the other supports around town.

**Thursday** When we look at our town and society Lord, we ask that Your love, faithfulness and compassion will prevail. We pray against addictions of all sorts and ask that people will be freed from these chains. Help us to stand against oppression and greed and disorganisation. Lord help us to see the victims in our world and to speak out against aggressive advertising, poor administration and inflated profits. Lord, use our voices to cry out in the darkness that many find themselves in and to proclaim that You are the Light of the World.

**Friday** Pray for the people behind the scenes of debt agencies, social services, schools, charities and policy making. Lift to God administrators, facilitators, government agencies, counsellors and trustees who work to alleviate the problem of hunger and poverty. Lord, we ask that support for the most vulnerable, due to illness, mental health issues, old age, lack of education or poor choices, will be forthcoming, and we ask for God's blessing on those who receive help. Pray that God will multiply the provision as He did for the hungry in Galilee.



**Saturday** Father God, as we look towards the winter months and Christmas we pray for those in need. We pray against the additional pressures parents feel, we ask for companionship for the lonely, we pray for warmth for homeless people, and provision for those who are worried about heating bills. Lord, we ask that the parcels and gifts we are proposing for this year will meet the needs of friends and will be a blessing. Help us to use the opportunities we have to spread the Good News of hope.

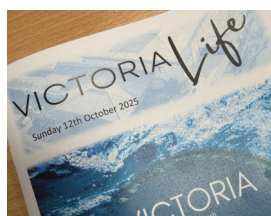
**Sunday** Give thanks to God for His love to us. God has given His Son for us, He has provided us with all we need in this world and has taught us to pray for others. Help us to be more like Christ and to love others as He first loved us. Open our eyes, Lord, to see the needs of others and to proclaim Your hope in our lives to others in line with the skills we have been given.

***Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6,7***

## Core Leadership Team

Our next church meeting will take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Victoria Life

Next week's edition will be another of the 2 weeks-in-1 editions so please think well ahead. If you need to advertise anything for the period 27<sup>th</sup> October to 9<sup>th</sup> November please e-mail me your article by this coming Wednesday lunchtime (22<sup>nd</sup>).

## Flow Café

A very big THANK YOU to all of you who supported Flow Cafe last Saturday. We were able to send £238 to Foodbank as a result of your generosity.

The next Flow Café will be held on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> November.



## Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by  
Luanda Hoxha



*I just wanted to say a big  
thank you to Victoria Baptist  
Church for the gift of flowers.  
They are a real blessing and  
lifted my spirit. The verse was  
a real encouragement to me.  
Thank you all so much. SE*



*A big thank you to all involved in  
delivering flowers and a card -  
and to all those who have been  
so flattering in expressing such  
surprise that I had reached the  
milestone of 3 score and 10! SF*

