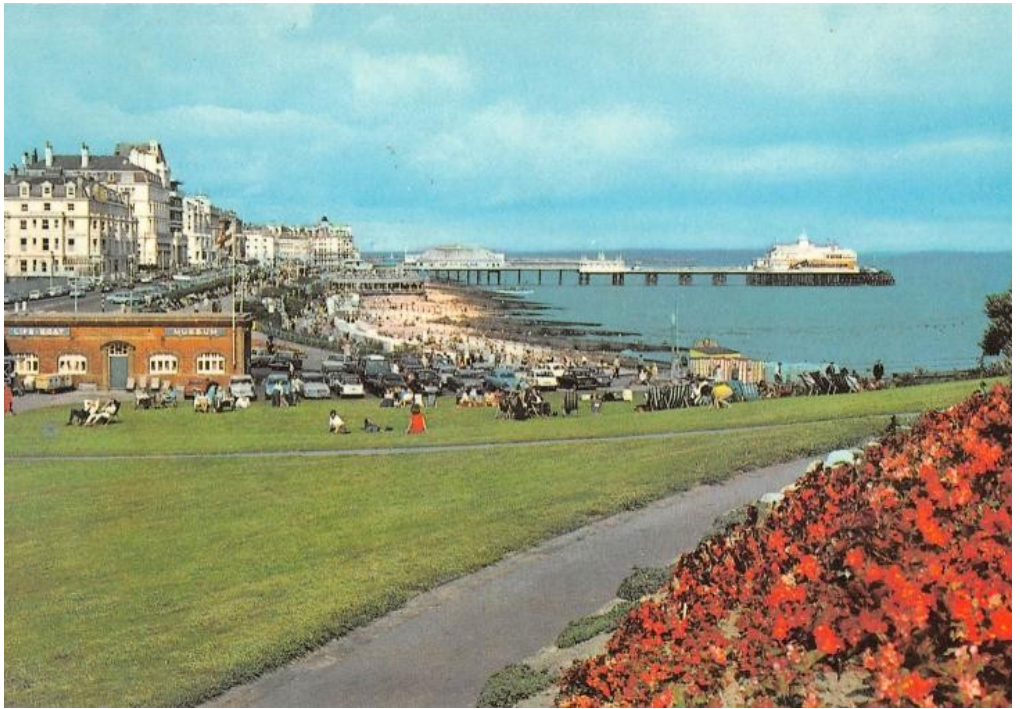


VICTORIA *Life*

Sunday 1st June 2025



“Thy Kingdom Come”

THY KINGDOM COME - FINAL REMINDER!

Please do not turn up here at the church for the normal 10am service - or try to tune into the live stream!



Today, we are meeting with a number of other churches from Eastbourne at the seafront - the Wish Tower slopes to be precise where, at 10.30am, we will be spending an hour or more praising and worshipping God at what has become the annual “*Thy Kingdom Come*” event. In previous years we have congregated at the Bandstand but, owing to maintenance work, it is not available to us this year.

It would be great if as many of you who are able could join us on what is invariably a joyous occasion. Given the location, it will be necessary for people to bring their own chairs or blankets to sit on - or get there at the crack of dawn to grab one of the benches in the area!

Chris Short, our senior minister, has been on holiday this half-term week, and, with other leaders also on holiday, it has been decided that we will cancel this week’s Prayer Meeting at the church. The doors will only be open for the Xcav8 youth group in the evening.

Next Week (8TH June)

Back to normal - sort of - next week with our live at 10 service - but of course next weekend is the time we are celebrating the VBC Centenary. Hopefully you will have seen or heard a few adverts to this effect!

Our speaker will be former Assistant Minister, Peter Morden. Peter was here from 1995-1999, working alongside former senior minister, John Murray. He is now the Principal of Bristol Baptist College, having been the senior minister of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Leeds and vice-principal at Spurgeon’s College prior to his move to the West Country. We were delighted to learn recently that Peter has become a first-time grandad!



**** Also next week, there will be an evening service at 6pm - with the usual refreshments after the service!**

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for next week

Chris	off Mon, Tues	Phil	in Tues am, Wed, Thurs pm
Colin	off Mon	Simon	off Tues
Kevin	—	Julie	in Thurs
Tim	in Wed am & Fri am	Lucy	in Wed am, Thurs, Fri am
Nadine	in Mon & Thurs	Jez	in Wed & Fri
Sandra	off Thurs		

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

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- Sun 1 10.30am *Thy Kingdom Come* - at the Wish Tower slopes
 7.00pm Xcav8
- Mon 2 6.00pm Girls Brigade
- Tue 3 10.00am World Religions with Jez Taylor
- Wed 4 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 6.15pm Boys Brigade
 6.45pm Alpha
- Thu 5 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 10.15am Men's Fellowship with Rev. Colin Crook
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship - Songs of Praise & Annual Report
 evening Omega 18-35 (for timing/venue contact Tim Nunn)
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 6 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 7.30pm Centenary Quiz Evening
- Sat 7 10.00am Centenary Open Day (see below)
 7.30pm Centenary Lou Fellingham Concert
- Sun 8 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Peter Morden
 12.30pm Centenary Picnic
 6.00pm Evening Service
 7.00pm Xcav8

Centenary Open Day

The morning session of our celebrations on Saturday comprises the following:

- Ministry Crafts and Stalls (Large Hall)
- A History of VBC (Small Hall)
- Rock Choir concert (Sanctuary, 10.30-11.10am)
- Burger Van & other refreshments
- Face Painting & Garden Activities for the children (Lower floor)

Quiz Evening

Please note that Friday's Quiz **STARTS** at **7.30pm**. We would ask you to arrive and get set up in your teams between **7 & 7.15pm** so we can start promptly. Please bring your own team snacks, nibbles & drinks - and also the £1 entry fee!

ATTENTION ALL AUTHORS

We have a small number of members who have produced some books over recent years and we would like to invite those of you who fit into this category to set up a stall at the forthcoming Centenary Open Day. This is with a view to advertising your publications and maybe perhaps, to sell some copies. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Urgent Plea

CALLING ALL NEW MEMBERS (and older ones too!)

How would you feel if you longed to go to a church meeting, but couldn't get there without transport? Stuck at home when you could be with friends and enjoying fellowship? Taxis are often available but could amount to £11 each way!



In a church of over 300 members, I am appealing for a driver to help our Women's Fellowship (if more offer then the job is shared) for the **next six weeks** who would be able to pick up several ladies to bring to the Women's Fellowship. We meet every Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm. A few of our ladies are still driving but, when approaching 90 years old, feel it is time to give up! Is this a way in which you can serve the Lord, especially if you are newly retired?

Please contact Avril Coombe, or the Office.

Ladies Away Day

A brief glimpse of what was a tremendous day away for our ladies recently - teaching, worship, a time to reflect and a time of great fellowship. Praise God for His goodness!



PRAYER DIARY : 2ND - 8TH June

As we approach the 100th anniversary of Victoria Baptist Church, let us give thanks to God for His great goodness over the years.

Psalm 100 A psalm. For giving grateful praise.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Monday All the earth is encouraged to **shout to God in joy**, we see that in the many many new people that have joined us in recent years at Victoria. They have travelled from around the world in sadness or in hope but we give thanks to God for their friendship, faithfulness and for them becoming part of Eastbourne and VBC. Lord, we ask Your blessing on each of those who have journeyed far, we pray for their sadness if they are away from families, we give thanks for those who have smoothed their way here and we pray that they will continue to rest in You as their comfort and shelter into the future

Tuesday Thank You, Lord for Your goodness over the last 100 years at VBC, for the faithful who went before us proclaiming the **THE LORD IS GOD**. Help us Lord to know this more and more in our hearts as we turn to You in prayer times, by Soaking, in Bible study and in Life groups. Thank You Lord for those who uphold You and serve You, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, by facilitating groups or in leadership roles. Help us daily to know and to speak out of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wednesday **We are His people, the sheep of His pasture**. Father God we give thanks for those over the years who have served here and who have faithfully upheld Your Word. We pray for safe journeys for those who are travelling to join us for the celebrations. Thank You for their faithful service, their love of You and their love of Your people. We give thanks for Your Goodness, Lord and for Your **faithfulness through all generations** Father we thank You for our staff team, ministry team, office team and indeed for those yet to join us. Thank You God, for Chris and His ministry here, for His heart for the people of this church and others in our community.

Thursday **It is he who made us and we are His**, we thank You Lord for the love with which You have surrounded us. We know how we can come to You in gladness and sadness and know Your sheltering arms. Father we pray for those in Eastbourne who do not yet know You. We pray for those who have no security and who struggle in life in many ways. We pray for the clients of the CAP ministry who struggle financially, we pray for those encountered by Street Pastors or Beachy Head Chaplains as they struggle with life in our world today.

We pray for those who come to Community Fridge and for those who attend Vicky Bees, for the Brigades and other fellowships, too. Lord, we give thanks for the 100s of volunteers who reach out to people in all these different ways, may they be blessed as they seek to serve You.

Friday Father God, as we get together tonight in fellowship and tomorrow to celebrate with an Open Day, we give thanks for the buildings and facilities we have here. We give thanks for those who have faithfully had the vision for these premises, for those who sacrificially gave of time and money. We pray too for all those who do so today. We pray for our CLT and finance team, for Kevin and his team, for those who clean, serve, decorate or use this building. Lord, we pray that visitors will see that **the Lord is good** and Your hand is working here. Lord, we pray that all we do will honour You.

Saturday Thank You, God, that we can **worship** here at Victoria **with gladness**. We give thanks for the skilled worship team, singers and musicians who lead us to exalt You, to lift up praise to sing joyful songs. We give thanks for their faithful service, and the support of those on the sound deck. We lift to You those in our community and around the world who are unable to worship in public. We give thanks Father for the concert this evening, to celebrate in worship songs. We pray for Lou Fellingham and her team and ask Your blessing on their ministry.

Sunday **Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.** Lord, we come together today with a sense of joy and thankfulness to our faithful God. Help us, Father, to reflect on the last 100 years with thankfulness and to look to the future with hope. We have a great hope in You, Heavenly Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ and for that we give thankful praise. We pray that the message brought to us today by Peter Morden will inspire, uplift and encourage us to continue to trust in You, live as Your people, and spread Your hope for the world we live in. Bless our church family as we picnic together and reflect on Your goodness.



Centenary Concert

Tickets for the **Lou Fellingham** concert continue to sell well. Price £5 each. Please pay for your tickets in advance if possible.

Doors open at 7pm with the concert scheduled for 7.30 pm. Leave plenty of time to find a parking space if coming by car!

Centenary Picnic

Please remember to bring your picnic and a chair - though some chairs will be provided if it's difficult to bring one yourself.

FLOWER MINISTRY

The flowers last week were donated by
Nola Gibson



How delighted - and totally surprised - I was by the lovely flowers I received on Monday. Thank you soooo much to all concerned . AP



Many thanks for the lovely flowers we received from the church after Sunday's service. They were a real encouragement during Johns current time with his health issue. Best wishes and thanks to all for such a kind thought. B&J B