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ONLINE WITH
CHRIS SHORT**



Deceiver, Deceived Genesis 29:13-31

Last time we saw that the first person God provided to meet Jacob at the end of his journey was Rachel, the love of his life. Love for Rachel would sustain Jacob through many years of hardship. The second person he met was a different kettle of fish.

Laban's appearance as a welcoming uncle hides a more sinister character. One Jewish commentator suggests that when Laban embraced Jacob he was patting him down to see if he had any gold! The last time a visitor had come from Beersheba, he'd arrived with ten camels. Laban thought he was welcoming a wealthy relative. When he realised Jacob was penniless, he changed his approach. Laban would get as much from Jacob, for as little as possible.



Through all this Jacob would see his own sins laid bare, and what he might have become but for God's intervention in his life. He'd also see that God was working out a plan to bless Jacob (and through him the world) in a most unexpected way.

Next Week (8TH SEPTEMBER)

Next week's All Age Service at 10am will be led by Chris and Simon Grimes.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Most of you will be aware that Martin King passed away earlier this week. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with his wife, Maureen, and his family. The Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wed 11th Sept at 11.30am, here at VBC. Please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Centre if you would like to join the family for refreshments after the service.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for the coming week are as follows

Chris	off Tues		
Colin	off Mon	Phil	in Tues pm, Wed, Thurs am
Sandra	off Thurs	Jez	in Wed & Fri
Kevin	off Sat	Simon	off Thurs & Sun
Tim	in Wed & Fri mornings	Julie	in Thurs
Nadine	in Thurs morning		

Please note the office will be closed on Wed afternoon for a Team Building Exercise

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

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- Sun 1 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am Live and online with Chris Short to include communion
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
- Mon 2 7.30pm CLT meeting
- Tues 3
- Wed 4 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.30am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
- Thu 5 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 10.15am Men's Fellowship with Erik Cornelisse
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with David Laskey
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 6 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 5.00pm Kids Club
- Sat 7
- Sun 8 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am All Age Service with Chris Short and Simon Grimes

Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*

- Erik Cornelisse Sep 1 Newhaven Baptist Church, 10.30am
- Jez Taylor Sep 1 Downs Baptist Church, Woodingdean, 10.30am
 Sep 8 Newhaven Baptist Church, 10.30am
- David Laskey Sep 1 St Barnabas United Church, Langney, 9.45am



Safeguarding Training

Please sign up in the Welcome Centre for either of these dates

Saturday 14th Sept 10am-12 noon

Tuesday 15th Oct 7-9pm.

For all Staff, Trustees & Volunteers.



Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

Please note date and time - Sat 21st Sept, 9am-10.30am

Speaker: **Claire Short.** Please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Centre.

PRAYER DIARY 2ND - 8TH SEPT

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” - Matthew 5:16

‘He called a little child to Him, and placed the child among them. And He said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.’ - Matthew 18:2-5

As we read the passages above our prayers this week will focus on the children and the work being done here at VBC.

MONDAY Lord, today we thank You for work that has been done in our Sunday School. We pray for the teachers and helpers who give their time and expertise to show Jesus to these children, and for their love and guidance.

TUESDAY Lord, today we pray for all the children in Victoria and the wider community as they start back at school. We pray for the children starting in new classes, with new teachers. For the children who start in new schools with new classmates. We lift them all to You, Lord, and pray for Your peace, wisdom and strength be upon them.

WEDNESDAY Today Lord, we pray for the Vicky Bees team. We thank You for their enthusiasm, their love and care for the children. Lord, strengthen them and bless them in the work they do, chatting, serving and loving.

THURSDAY Today all children will be back at school for the start of a new year. We pray for the starters in reception, that they enjoy their classes. We pray for parents as they leave their children at school for the first time. Give them peace and joy in these days.

FRIDAY Lord we pray for our children and volunteers at Kids Club. Lord, we pray for safety, growing faith and FUN. Help our children make friends and see You in all we do.

SATURDAY We pray for families. We pray that they have fun spending time together and relaxing after their first week back at school.

SUNDAY Lord we pray for our church, the people we see volunteering and working, and those we do not see, who give their time and expertise, not expecting praise, but for the glory of God.

FUEL FOR PRAYER

OLD TOWN CHURCHES PRAYER WALK

Old Town Churches plan to complete their prayer walk of Old Town on Saturday 21st September. A circular walk, about 3 miles from 10am - 12.30pm.

Prayer points will include several small shopping areas as well as Waitrose. Schools covered will be Motcombe Infants and Gildredge House, at least three care homes, Victoria Medical Centre, Living Stones, St Mary's and Grace Baptist churches, some pubs, three parks and of course many residential streets and roads.



Start outside Co-op in Albert Parade at 10am

Albert Parade > Chamberlain Rd > Milton Rd

Pray for the shopping area, residential area and Motcombe School

Motcombe Lane > Ocklynge Rd > Church St

Pray at Motcombe Park, Community Wise, shops, St Mary's, St Mary's Court and Waitrose. Not forgetting The Crown, The Star and the Lamb!

Through Gildredge Park > Compton Place Rd > Paradise Drive

Pray for the Park, Gildredge House School, The Golf Club

Summerdown Rd > Vicarage Drive > Vicarage Rd > Church St

Pray for Eastbourne College (playing fields), Summerdown/Pentlow Nursing Homes, YMCA residence, millionaire's row(!), JPK project

Green St > Okehurst Rd > Victoria Dr > Beachy Head Rd > Longland Rd

Pray for Grace Baptist Church, Beechwood Grove Care Home, Longland Rd Rec, residential area

Northiam Rd > Victoria Drive > Central Ave > Old Town Community Centre

Pray for Victoria Medical Centre > Sainsbury's > Shops, library and OTCC

Please join us if you are able.



FOOD HYGIENE

John Demetriou has kindly offered to deliver some Food Hygiene Training for us on Saturday 19th October from 9.30am - 1pm. If you are involved in any ministry where you are handling food, and you would like to attend, please sign up in the Welcome Centre.



I am sure most of you will be aware of the growing middle-Eastern Church here at VBC. There are now more people than I can get into my car! I'm grateful to have two people to help with the

transport needs but we will need more.

We are pleased to welcome P's wife and daughter to Eastbourne and especially to VBC, whilst A is waiting for his wife and 3 children to join him. E meanwhile will be moving to town in week 2 of September and he will arrive with his wife and two children - and very little in the way of furniture. If anyone is house-clearing or moving and have furniture you could offer, do please get in touch with me.

We will definitely require more car drivers to provide lifts to and from Church from town so if you are able to help in this way - and so get to know a family - please contact me on networxeb@gmail.com.

And finally, if you have car seats for children available, please let me know.

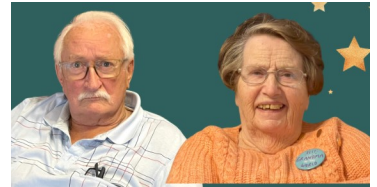
Many thanks.

Anna Reid

Milestones!

We are delighted to tell you that two of our couples are celebrating major milestones in their lives over the coming days.

John & Ruth Simmonds provided the flowers for us last week (see back page) in recognition of their 67th wedding anniversary on Saturday (31st August). What an amazing achievement!



And then, next Thursday (5th Sept), Francis & Janice Bates are celebrating their Diamond Wedding (60th). Again, another amazing achievement!



BAPTISM

It is hoped that we will be having another Baptismal Service, maybe at the end of September. If this is something you would like to consider, please have a word with our Senior Minister, Chris Short.



Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by
John & Ruth Simmonds,



Thank you so much for the card and beautiful flowers delivered for my 70th birthday. So lovely to receive them from you all. YB



I was absolutely delighted to receive a beautiful bouquet on Monday, from my church family. Thank you so much for your kindness. AP

Please pass on my thanks to the flower team at Victoria for the beautiful flowers and the psalms verse which reminded me that through all difficulties, the Lord is with us and we can find rest in him. CH



Please thank all the ladies involved in delivering to me and my son Richard a stunning bouquet yesterday and a meaningful verse of Scripture bringing us encouragement. Sincerely, AC

What a very unexpected treat for Ian and I to receive flowers and a lovely verse yesterday-they are beautiful. Please pass on our thanks, they are really appreciated. I&E

