



Sunday 21st April 2024

Victoria Baptist Church News

True humility is
not thinking less
of yourself; it is
thinking of
yourself less.

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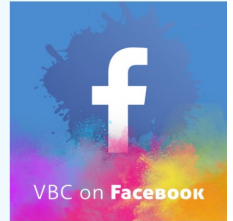
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**Live at Ten with
Jez Taylor**



Walk Humbly!

In the final part of our series on Micah 6:8 we tie everything together. Justice and mercy alone are great things, but when combined with walking humbly with God they become powerful tools for spiritual and material change. But what is humility? Why should we be humble before God? We will explore a little of who God is and what He has done that demands a humble response from us.

Philippians 2:1-11 will be a key passage. Here we discover exactly what Christ has done for us.

Finally, we will discover a few simple ways of walking humbly with God as a response of obedience to the command of Micah 6:8.

This Evening

The fortnightly Prayer Meeting takes place this evening at 6.30pm. And at 6pm we have the start of the next Alpha course, running weekly through until the end of June. It's not too late to sign up - please contact Tim Nunn for details. This week the group will be looking at the question "Is there more to life than this?"



Next Week

Chris Short will be preaching at the morning service whilst Jez will be continuing his "Deep Dive" Bible Academy series in the evening.

The second session of the Alpha course will also be taking place at 6pm - the topic this week is "Who is Jesus?",

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for the coming week are as follows:

Chris	off Tues	Kevin	in Mon
Sandra	off Thurs	Tim	in Wed & Fri mornings
Colin	off Mon	Jez	in Wed & Fri mornings
Erik	off Thurs	Simon	off Tues
Julie	in Thurs	Nadine	in Mon & Thurs
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The Week Ahead

- Sun 21 9.30am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris’ office
- 10.00am Live and Online with Jez Taylor
- 6.00pm Alpha (“Is there more to life than this?”)
- 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
- Mon 22 11.00am Thanksgiving Service for Mary Mercer
- 6.00pm Girls’ Brigade
- Tues 23 7.15pm Soaking in the Spirit (ladies only)
- Wed 24 8.30am Community Fridge and Cafe
- 10.00am Vicky Bees
- 6.30pm Boys Brigade
- 7.30pm Church Members Meeting
- Thu 25 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
- Men’s Fellowship (next meeting 2nd May)
- 2.30pm Women’s Fellowship with Yvette Kemp
- 6.30pm Bible Academy Level 1
- 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 26 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
- 10.00am Vicky Bees
- 5.00pm Kids Club
- 7.00pm Xpect
- Sat 27 9.30am CLT Away Morning at Ashburnham
- Sun 28 9.30am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris’ office
- 10.00am Live and Online with Chris Short
- 6.00pm Alpha (“Who is Jesus?”)
- 6.30pm Bible Academy “Deep Dive”

Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*



- David Laskey Sun 21 St Barnabas, Langney, 9.45am
- Francis Bates Sun 21 Halland Chapel, 11am
- Brian Wightwick Sun 21 Beulah Baptist Chuch, Bexhill, 10am

Advance Notice -

There will be NO service here at VBC on Sunday May 19th. We want to encourage everyone to join us and other Eastbourne churches at the Bandstand that morning for this year’s Thy Kingdom Come event.





THANKSGIVING

The Thanksgiving Service for **Daphne Fisher** will take place here at VBC on Friday May 3rd at 1pm. If you would like to join the family for refreshments, please sign up on the list in the Welcome Centre.



We were sorry to hear from her husband, David, that a former member, **Ann Haxton**, passed away earlier this week. She was 88.

David & Ann were members here for many years, both very involved and both serving on the leadership team. They left Eastbourne to be near family in April 2017 but Ann has been unwell for a number of years. Details of her thanksgiving service will follow, though it will be held in Surrey rather than at VBC. Do please remember David & his family in prayer as they make preparations for the service. This photo of Ann was taken 30 years ago, or more perhaps, but may be the way many of you remember her!



VBC Centenary



You may know that we will be celebrating our centenary in June next year. We would love to have a celebratory weekend to mark this occasion and, as such, need people to help with ideas and organisation. A couple of people volunteered after the last church meeting, but we need a few more people to join the team. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Thank You

Many thanks to those who supported Flow Café last Saturday. We were able to give £200 to Eastbourne First Responders from the proceeds. The next Flow Café is on May 11th.



PRAYER DIARY 22ND – 28TH APRIL

Do what is fair and just to your neighbour, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously - take God seriously. Micah

Monday Give thanks for the joy of worshipping together yesterday, and indeed every Sunday. Reflect on those many people at Victoria that make it possible to gather together. Pray for those who lead our services, those who bring God's word to us and those who serve at the doors, in the kitchen, in the tech team, the musicians, and people in the office who have worked to prepare. Thank God for their loving service.

Tuesday Ask for the God of peace to pour down His mercy on the people in the Middle East who live in fear. Pray that the God of justice will reign over the hearts of national and world leaders, and that humility will prevail and love will conquer in place of thoughts of revenge. Ask God's forgiveness for the times when we have not sought to be peacemakers and humble in our everyday lives.

Wednesday Pray for our town. Pray for those who are struggling in the town centre - for businesses, shop proprietors, for landlords, for those who keep our streets safe. Ask God to prompt us more and more to pray for visitors, the council, the local authority and public sector workers. Pray for the stewards of our countryside around about us and pray that we play our part in loving our neighbours and our neighbourhood.

Thursday Thank God for unity and the work of Churches Together and pray for the churches here in Eastbourne. Ask God's blessing on their witness and service in our home town, especially praying for those churches where our own members speak and support. As Bible by the Beach approaches, pray for that event, for the delegates, speakers and the staff at the conference. Lift to God the upcoming service at the bandstand and pray that the joy and power of Pentecost be felt in this place.

Friday Spend some time praying for the new Alpha course which started on Sunday. Pray that those attending will open their hearts and minds to the Gospel message and that the joy of knowing our Saviour will become a reality for them. Pray, too, for those leading and serving at the sessions that they are, by grace, given the words to say, prayers to pray and hearts to love.

Saturday Ask God for humility to pray for our government, it's sometimes so hard. As we've been reflecting on what God wanted for Israel, pray for our country. We've seen so much about injustice recently and concerns have been raised about decisions that lack mercy. Local elections are coming up so pray for diligence for voters and integrity in candidates so that our society can be a closer reflection of God's loving plan for His people.

Sunday Give thanks to God for the consistency and faithfulness of His Word. We see His message of compassion through the teaching of the prophets and the life of Christ. **And the word of the LORD came again to Zechariah: "This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. In your hearts do not think evil of each other. "' Zechariah 7:9** Ask God to prompt and empower us to live out this commission of love in our homes, town and country so we can be salt and light in our world.



CHURCH MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday 24th Apr, 7.30pm

1. Introduction, Welcome & Prayer
2. Agreement of Minutes and Matters Arising
3. CLT Elections
4. Membership Report - Richard Kirk
5. Finance Report - Mark Evason
6. Omega Report - Eszter Smith
7. Pastoral Ministry Report - Tim Nunn
8. Ethos Statement - Chris Short
9. Baptist Union Consultation, SEBA Retreat &
March Council Meeting - Chris Short
10. AOB - **Items for consideration to be emailed to the church office
by noon Monday 22nd April**
11. DONM – **7:30pm, 26th June 2024**

Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by
Gavin & Pearl Rendall



Many thanks to those of you have responded recently to the plea for flower donations. We still have May 26th free as well as a number of dates in June and July. Please contact Chris McMahon if you would be interested in donating.