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ABOUT US



The Wrestler – Round One

Genesis 25.19-34

This morning we're beginning a new series about the life of Jacob. The title of the series is, 'The Wrestler'. Jacob is always wrestling. He wrestled in the womb, he wrestled in the home, he wrestled with his brother and his father, he wrestled with his uncle. He wrestles with grief and sorrow in his life, and most famously, he wrestled with God.

Jacob is neither a moral man nor a good man but he is a chosen man. Most of the troubles he faced in his life were the result of pursuing his own agenda, in his own way. He spends so much time wrestling to get what he wanted and so little time resting in the promises God has made him.

Jacob has so much to teach us about life and about God. He's a picture of us all and his God is the hope of the world. I hope you'll be able to join us for Round One.



Next Two Weeks (28th July/4th August)

Chris Short will be preaching at 10am at both of these services, continuing his series on Jacob.

The next Sunday evening Prayer Meeting will be on Aug 4th at the usual time of 6.30pm

News Sheet

Don't forget there will be no news sheet next week with your editor taking a week off. The next edition should be with you on Friday 2nd August.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for the coming two weeks are as follows:

Chris off Tues

Sandra off Thurs Tim in Wed & Fri mornings

Colin annual leave, back Tues 30th

Jez in Wed & Fri mornings

Erik back on Wed 24th Simon off Thurs

Julie in Thurs Nadine in Mon & Thurs mornings

Kevin off Sat Phil in Tues am, Weds, Thurs pm

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Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

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Simon Grimes - Children

Erik Cornelisse - Youth

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Sun 21 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am Live and Online with Chris Short
 6.30pm Church Prayer Meeting

Mon 22

Tues 23 Soaking in the Spirit (next meeting 3rd Sept)

Wed 24 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.30am Community Fridge and Cafe

Thu 25 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
 7.30pm Bible Journalling

Fri 26 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting

Sat 27

Sun 28 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am Live and Online with Chris Short
 6.30pm Hope into Action meeting

Mon 29

Tues 30

Wed 31 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.30am Community Fridge and Cafe

Thu 1 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting

Fri 2 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting

Sat 3

Sun 4 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am Live and online with Chris Short (Communion)
 6.30pm Church Prayer Meeting

Two Weeks Ahead



THANKSGIVING

A reminder that the Thanksgiving Service for Andy Holter will be at the King's Centre next Friday (26th) at 11am.

Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*

David Laskey	Jul 28	Broadway United Church (H/Pk), 10am
Jez Taylor	Jul 28	Pevensey Bay Baptist Church, 10.30am
Francis Bates	Jul 28	Punnetts Town, 3pm
	Aug 4	Punnetts Town, 3pm



HOPE into ACTION

EASTBOURNE

Enabling churches to house the homeless

Are you interested in being involved in providing homes and support for the homeless?

Could you be a friend to support them in a new home and help them to feel part of the community?

Would you commit to praying for those we will house and support?

Do you have savings that you could make available to invest for an initial five-year period to help provide a home for someone? Do you have practical skills that would help prepare and maintain a home for someone?

Come and find out more about putting our Hope into Action and how we can provide a Home and Hope to those who don't currently have them.

28th July at 6.30pm here at VBC.

Thank You

A **HUGE** thank you to all of you who have supported Flow Café this year. On Saturday, we raised £270 for SANDS, and over the past 11 months we have raised just over £2,500 for various charities.

We will be taking August off but will be back on September 7th for a MacMillan Coffee Morning.



Debt Free!

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CAP

We're delighted that 2 more clients at our CAP Debt Centre have recently gone debt free! There is so much more to this than just the removal of the financial debt, it also lifts a weight of worry and pressure off their shoulders and gives them hope for the future. We thank God for bringing them into contact with our debt centre here at VBC, for the work of our team, and for your prayers.

PRAYER DIARY 22ND - 28TH JULY

As long as Moses held up his hands the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands the Amalekites were winning. When Moses hands grew tired they got a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up, one on each side so that his hands remained steady until sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword. Ex 17:10-12

Monday Reading the above verse we see signs, wonders, miracles and team work! What a lot to pray into this week! Moses' leadership depended on his dependence on God. "Your young men shall see visions and your old men will dream dreams". Let us pray that God through His Spirit will enable all churches to move forward allowing God to take control of events with us as willing participants in His plans.

Tuesday When Solomon had finished building the temple he prayed to God begging the Lord to show up. He knew that his magnificent building was useless without God's presence. Eventually God responded "I have heard your prayers and have chosen this place for myself". Read 2 Chr 7:13,14. God makes an incredible promise to Solomon which is for us too. "When" the crisis comes, "if" we turn to God in prayer, "then" He promises three amazing blessings: 1) to hear our prayers - miraculous intervention 2) to forgive our sins - salvation for us and sanctification for the church 3) to heal our land - a promise of reconciliation, restoration and social transformation. Whatever is on your heart today, pray in the light of these promises.

Wednesday "Thy kingdom come!" God is busy building a new heaven and a new earth with His renewed church. God is healing the land because of our repentant integrity and humility. Pray today repenting of sin and to be set free from inner pride to the glory of God.

Thursday "Deliver us from evil" I call it everyday miracles. It's easy to forget that most miracles that take place in our daily lives are invisible: secret daily breakthroughs that protect our children, enlighten our politicians, change the hearts of men and protect us from something we did not know could have happened. Far more of our prayers are being answered than we will ever realise. God's goodness is all around us. Pray today that we will nurture a daily attitude of gratitude, and may He continue to bless us.

Friday With the Olympics this summer, please pray that Christians at the games will have the opportunity to reach non-believers with the gospel and that God will bless all endeavours.

Saturday Please pray about the USA presidential elections, that God will choose who leads the free world.

FUEL FOR PRAYER

Sunday “Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith” Hebrews 12:1-2. Please pray for all believers to be freed from weariness with their Christian life and instead be filled with joy and faith for the journey ahead.



Sunday Bees needs volunteers to
keep running.

Can you give one Sunday a month to help
with the pre-school Sunday school classes?

We are in desperate need of leaders and
helpers to support the great team already
working with some of our youngest church
goers.

If you feel able to help please email, call or
talk to Simon asap!



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Have your say on proposed council tax relief for worst-off in Eastbourne

People across Eastbourne are being asked their views on a proposal to increase financial support for low-income families and residents in financial difficulty.

A consultation was launched last week and will run until 5pm on Monday, 30 September 2024, about a proposed new Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2025/26.

The government has stopped the national Council Tax Benefit Scheme and since April 2013, local authorities have had to run their own schemes to help working age residents on a low income to pay their council tax. The government sets the rules for the help given to those of pension age.

Cllr Stephen Holt, Leader of Eastbourne Borough Council, said: "I hope as many people as possible take this opportunity to give us their opinion about our proposal to ensure people who are struggling get the support they need. With the cost of living crisis an ongoing reality for thousands of families on low wages and in insecure work, we are committed to exploring all options available to help our residents who find themselves in the toughest of financial situations."

If the changes are adopted it will result in a reduction in the council tax due to the council of over £114,000 per year. To offset this potential loss of income, the council would need to look for areas to reduce spending and generate income across its service.

The council's proposed scheme would reduce council tax bills for the worst-off working age people or those on the lowest incomes in the borough. It would also remove the minimum income floor for the self-employed and there would be no minimum award value.

Cllr Daniel Butcher, Cabinet Member for Finance, said: "... I am pleased this scheme could mark the return of a lifeline for them. It is sorely needed in these difficult times."

The cost of the scheme is shared between the preceptors: Eastbourne Borough Council, East Sussex County Council, Sussex Police, and East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service in proportion to their share of council tax receipts.

Full details of the impact on costs and how to respond to the consultation are available at: www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/Council-Tax-Reduction-Consultation 8



PRAYER DIARY 29TH JULY - 4TH AUG

'But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God. Slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.' Psalm 86:15

Monday *'Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.'* Psalm 51:10. Bring to your prayers today our willingness for God to change our hearts and attitudes to what He desires for our lives. Think about those who are spiritually blind and how we can ask God to open their eyes to Him.

Tuesday *'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.'* Philippians 4:6. It is not just the big things we need to pray about, don't forget all the little things, which may seem inconsequential to you, but not to God. He wants to hear about everything that troubles you and your loved ones or things which have brought you joy.

Wednesday *'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.'* Romans 12:12. Think about those who are serving a prison sentence, that they may be open to God meeting them where they are at. Also, of the daily struggles their families encounter.

Thursday Pray for those who are malnourished. Many countries in the world are suffering from famine and wars. Think also about children in this country who will be hungry over the school holidays as the cost-of-living continues to soar.

Friday Spend time praying for people who use their time to help others in life-threatening situations, where quick decisions need to be made for the safety of all concerned. Pray that they may have insight in these situations, strength to endure, and that they may find peace after serving during a traumatic event.

Saturday *'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him and He helps me...'* Psalm 28:7. Consider those who are persecuted for their faith in the Lord Jesus. Pray that God might sustain them as they walk with Him in their daily lives.

Sunday *'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born from God and knows God.'* 1 John 4:7 Let us reflect on God's love for us, to teach us to show His love to those around us. Pray that God will equip you to carry out His work.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

In last week's news sheet, we featured some of the activities the girls have been involved in this summer term. Reference was made to the trip they enjoyed to Drusillas and the photos below indicate how much fun they had on their outing.



Your opportunity to get involved

In order to run Girls' Brigade we need helpers. In September we will need someone to help with the older group (11-15 year olds), and someone to help with the younger group (4-11 year olds). If you are interested and would like more information, please contact the church office. This is only a helping role and you will not be expected to lead anything (unless you wish to). GB runs on a Monday evening from 6pm-7.30pm.





And a huge thank you from Jenny and her team - and of course the girls themselves - for your very generous response to their cake-making efforts last weekend. The girls raised £400 in donations which will help with the work of the Girls Brigade during the next academic year. Much effort went into this exercise but the church's response made it all worthwhile! So a big thank you to all who contributed.



Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by
Margaret Martin



I would just like to say a big thank you to you all for thinking of me and for the lovely flowers you sent me. I am very blessed to belong to such an amazing church family. God's blessings to you all.

With love, TS

