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Promises, Promises

“All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.” (Genesis 28:14)

This morning we're back with Jacob, the wrestler. Jacob wrestles with everyone. He was doing it in the womb. He did it with his brother and his father. He would do it with his uncle Laban and he would wrestle with God.

The first two stories we looked at show Jacob coming out on top. He won the birth-right from his brother, he won the blessing from his father but his victories came at a great price. Jacob was forced to flee for his life.



Alone, woefully unprepared, Jacob faced a 900km journey with little hope of arriving safely. This was the moment God revealed himself to Jacob and made him the most remarkable promises. This week we'll consider those promises and Jacob's response. He's clearly more interested in some than others and he assumes that God will want something in return. It's all very human.

We'll also see the surprising thing that happened when God's first promise was fulfilled and how every believer has an interest in it.

I hope you'll be able to join us.



Next Week (1ST SEPTEMBER)

Chris Short will be continuing his series on Jacob, the Wrestler, at the 10am service - communion will be included.

The fortnightly church prayer meeting will be at 6.30pm.

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.



STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for the coming week are as follows (all off on Bank Holiday Monday):

Chris	off Tues		
Colin		Phil	annual leave
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		

Senior Minister

Chris Short

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- Sun 25 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am Live and online with Chris Short
- Mon 26 BANK HOLIDAY - Office closed
- Tues 27
- Wed 28 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.30am Community Fridge and Breakfast Club
- Thu 29 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 30 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
- Sat 31
- Sun 1 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am Live and Online with Chris Short, to include communion
 6.30pm Church Prayer Meeting

Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*

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| Francis Bates | Aug 25 | Halland Chapel, 11am |
| Erik Cornelisse | Aug 25 | Horam Chapel, 10.30am |
| | Sep 1 | Newhaven Baptist Church, 10.30am |
| Jez Taylor | Sep 1 | Downs Baptist Church, Woodingdean, 10.30am |
| David Laskey | Sep 1 | St Barnabas United Church, Langney, 9.45am |



Thank You!

Dear Church Family

Mark and I would like to thank you most sincerely for all your kind messages and also for fasting and praying for Mark in his illness. We have felt truly upheld, loved and supported during this difficult period of our lives and are incredibly grateful to you all. Bless you. *Mark and Jo*

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 26TH AUG - 1ST SEPT

“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God’s many kinds of blessings.” 1 Peter 4:10

Monday Heavenly Father, as I read the above verse, I pray that You will help me to use all my abilities this week to bless the people You have arranged for me to meet. Help me to remember that the smallest thing, even a smile, given as a Christian gift of love, could draw someone closer to You.

Tuesday We pray for our schools as they prepare for the beginning of this new academic year. Help teachers to be able to manage disruptive pupils effectively and to have a positive experience in the classroom. Help pupils to settle in to new schools and find them places where they can flourish. We pray for RE lessons to be focused on knowing the Lord Jesus and for an increase in the number of Christians choosing teaching as a career.

Wednesday Father God we pray for our universities. We pray that the Christian Unions will be powerful tools in Your service as many young people celebrate having a place at their chosen university or spend the next few weeks anxiously dealing with clearing. Pour out Your Spirit on this next batch of prospective students and guide them to Christian pastoral care when they start university. We pray that You will work through lecturers to bring about Your purposes .

Thursday Lord we pray for many young people who left school this summer to join the work place. We pray that Christians will be given the strength by You to maintain their faith under pressure from new colleagues, and we pray that non- Christians will be guided to Christian new friends to help them settle in and be drawn closer to You.

Friday Heavenly Father we pray that You will continue to work in the hearts of the children from non-Christian backgrounds who attended the recent children’s club at VBC. Give them the desire and the opportunity to draw closer to You and that the seeds of faith planted this summer will grow. Protect them from the evil one we pray.

Saturday Father we pray that young people will make lasting friendships in our children’s work. Guide the creators of the material used in our Sunday schools so that it is blessed by Your spirit, and speak the appropriate words through the leaders each week to minister to the needs of our children.

Sunday “A life devoted to things is a dead life, a stump; a God shaped life is a flourishing tree”. Proverbs 11:28. As we worship You this morning we pray that You will pour Your Spirit in us all, forgive us our sins, have mercy on us, guide us and speak to us through Your word and the preaching. And empower us to serve You faithfully.

We ask all the prayers this week in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

FUEL FOR PRAYER

Good News at the OLYMPICS

How are you coping now that the Olympics are over? Are you missing the daily feast of international athletes performing at their peak in different disciplines or relieved it is all over, your TV schedule back to normal and you have control of the TV remote once more.



For me, I get frustrated with the hype in the opening and closing ceremonies but glad when the competitions start, especially swimming, rowing, athletics and cycling. Paris organised it very well, making the most of their spectacular historic settings and delivering a more sustainable games; who would have thought a rugby stadium could be transformed into the swimming venue! I still have my doubts though about using the Seine for outdoor swimming and hope David Wiffen, the Irish swimmer, recovers from the mysterious infection he caught after doing the 10K marathon there.

There were a lot of records broken in the athletics. Team GB had good success in their medal tally, only narrowly missing out on few more golds for Josh Kerr, 800 metres, and Matthew Hudson-Smith, 400 metres. Both unexpectedly beaten in the closing stages, reminding me of the Biblical text, *'Many are the plans in a person's heart but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.'* Prov. 19:21

Amongst the gold medal winners, there was another good news story you might have missed on terrestrial TV but captured on other networks. It was the large number of athletes unashamedly giving voice to their Christian beliefs (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqp4PxeNk4o>). Here is a sample.

In the 400 metre hurdles, Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone broke the world record and won by 'a country mile'. She has previously recounted how she was plagued by perfectionism and anxiety when competing till she turned afresh to her Bible, especially Colossians chapter 3 where she discovered God's grace, committed her life to God and found a peace and new motivation to help her. Then there was Julian Alfred who won St Lucia's first Olympic medal by surprisingly winning the 100 metre woman's final in the rain. Despite family tragedy and hard work to get to Paris, she acknowledged God's help and desire to praise Him in her victory quoting Romans 8:18 in her Instagram profile, *'For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us.'* Lastly, there was my favourite, Yemi Ogunleye, the German victor in the women's Shot Put. When asked in a post event interview if it was true she sang in a gospel choir, not only did she, with a big smile, affirm it but went on, to everyone's astonishment, to sing 'a capella', 'God Kept Me', the song that helped her through the tournament when she was struggling. Everyone in the room, including ...

... the other medallists, clapped and so did I in my heart to see her and the other Christian athletes giving glory to God in such various, unassuming, coherent and powerful ways.

Thankfully, using our gifts and glorifying God is not restricted to professional athletes. As Paul reminds Christians in 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 we can all take part in the 'spiritual race' by discipline and using whatever talents He has blessed us with. *'So run that you may obtain the prize. Every athlete exercise self-control in all things. They do it to recover a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.'* Are you ready? On your marks, get set, go! *John Demetriou*



'Love from afar'

China-UK Artist Exchange Exhibition

Free entry

Art Exhibition

1st-3rd October 2024

Victoria Baptist Church
Eldon Road, Eastbourne
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Opening times

Tuesday 1st October	1-5pm
Wednesday 2nd October	1-5pm
Thursday 3rd October	1-4pm and 6-9pm
Workshops each morning 10-12noon. Invite only	



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Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by Ian Doling - in memory of his beloved wife, Joy



I would like to thank you all for the flowers delivered to me on Monday. They are really pretty and I was touched to know that I am in your thoughts and prayers. AS

We are very grateful for the lovely flowers delivered yesterday which was very kind of our church family. Bless you. M&J V



ANOTHER CLIENT GOES DEBT FREE!

This is a very significant event for this client who was trapped in a situation they couldn't get out of. We are thankful to God for bringing the client to CAP and that we have been able to help them in their time of need.