

Sunday 27th October 2024

Victoria Baptist Church News



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CHRIS SHORT**



***“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life...” (2Peter 1:1-11)***

This Sunday is a baptism service in which we'll hear testimonies about the transforming power of God in people's lives. The Bible is clear that faith in Jesus is the only way people can be saved (Acts 4:12). Nevertheless, the testimonies we will hear demonstrate that people come to that same saving faith in a great variety of ways.

We'll also consider what the apostle Peter says about the new life those baptised are raised into. For Peter, the new life of a believer is a precious and powerful thing. It is life from God, life with God and life for God. It is the best, most important and most thrilling thing any human being could know. It is the life for which all people were created, the life for which Jesus gave Himself and the life that never ends. I hope you'll be able to join us and give thanks to God for the new life available in Christ.



## **This Evening**



There is a Prospective Members Meeting at 5pm, downstairs in the Hive. Please note this meeting is aimed at all of you who want to know more about what it means to be a Church Member. Please contact Richard Kirk for further details.

## **Next Week (3<sup>RD</sup> Nov)**

Jez Taylor will be preaching at next Sunday's 10am service. The emphasis at this service will be on CAP, celebrating the success we have seen in recent weeks with a number of clients becoming debt-free.

Our regular Prayer Meeting will be at 6.30pm.

# STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for the coming week are as follows

Chris	annual leave		
Colin	off Mon	Phil	in Tues am, Wed, Thurs pm
Kevin	off Fri & Sat	Simon	off Tues
Tim	in Wed & Fri mornings	Julie	in Thurs
Nadine	in Mon & Thu mornings	Lucy	in Wed am, Thurs, Fri am
Sandra	off Thurs	Jez	in Wed & Fri

## 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

Mark Evason

## Finance Assistant

Julie Hanks

## Ministry Assistants

Tim Nunn (Discipleship)

Lucy Craggs (Women)

## Life Group Coordinator and interim Youth Leader

Jez Taylor

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- Sun 27 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office  
 10.00am Baptism Service with Chris Short  
 5.00pm Prospective Members Meeting  
 7.00pm Xcav8!
- Mon 28
- Tues 29 Soaking in the Spirit - next meeting Nov 5<sup>th</sup>
- Wed 30 7.00am Prayer Meeting  
 8.30am Community Fridge
- Thu 31 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)  
 Men's Fellowship meeting at The Smugglers  
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Denise Sinden  
 5.00pm Light Party  
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 1 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
- Sat 2
- Sun 3 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office  
 10.00am CAP Celebration Service  
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting  
 7.00pm Xcav8!

**The Week Ahead**

**Preaching Engagements** *Please remember in prayer*

- |               |        |                                 |
|---------------|--------|---------------------------------|
| Francis Bates | Oct 27 | Punnetts Town, 2.30pm           |
| David Laskey  | Nov 3  | St Barnabas UC, Langney, 9.45am |



**Ladies Meal** - Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7pm, Pomodoro e Mozzarella.

**Ladies Prayer Breakfast** - Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 9am-10.30am.

We can now confirm that Laurence Gamble will be speaking

*(see sign-up sheets for both events in the Welcome Centre)*





Please let Sandra know by the end of this month if you would like to continue receiving daily **Bible Reading Notes** in 2025. The cost of an annual subscription is £26.

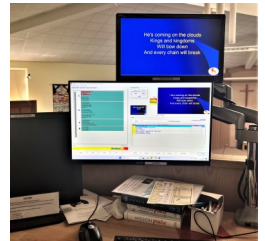


## Technicians Wanted

We will shortly be losing one of our technicians and so are looking for a replacement. Ideally, this would be someone to take control of projection - i.e. projecting the words of the songs and other typical Sunday service items, onto the screens - a very rewarding role - and an essential role too. Training would of course be provided.

If you feel you would be able to spare, as things stand currently, one Sunday morning a month, Vanessa would be delighted to hear from you! Similarly of course, she would be equally delighted if you would like to be involved with the sound desk or camera work.

Just imagine what Sunday morning services would be like without our technical team providing their expertise each week!



## CLT Vacancies

The closing date for nominations to the Core Leadership Team is **next Wednesday (30<sup>th</sup>)** so please give some prayerful thought to potential candidates. We have forms available in the office that need to be completed, by both a proposer and a seconder, as well as being signed by the nominee of course.



# LIGHT PARTY



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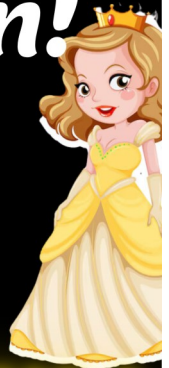
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Crafts  
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THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER

5PM TO 6:30PM

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# Living Out Evening

Join us to explore the issue of sexuality. What does the Bible say? How should the church respond? And how can we engage with our culture?

13 Nov  
7pm to 9:15pm

All Saints  
Eastbourne



What does the Bible really say about sexuality? Is it good news for all of us? How can we support those who experience same-sex attraction to stay faithful to Jesus and flourish?

Join us as we explore these questions and more, offering a positive biblical vision and practical steps forward for Christians seeking to show Christ-like love to everybody.

The Living Out team will engage with our culture, share from the Bible, tell their stories, apply to church life and answer your questions. We'd love to see you there!

Living Out is delighted to be bringing you this event, and it is open to all Christians. While there are opportunities on the day to ask questions about what the Bible teaches in this area, those speaking are committed to the Evangelical Alliance's biblical and pastoral position with respect to homosexuality, summarised in [these affirmations](#). The focus of the event will be how we can uphold these truths and love and serve same-sex attracted people in our churches and society.

# Seeing CHRIST IN THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

## (WITH THE HELP OF TIM KELLER!)



The late Tim Keller did a series on Proverbs at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City a few years back. I came across it a few months ago and thought it would be worth sharing some of the talks. 'Wisdom' is something we all need, to deal with different perplexing issues in life. I have made a summary of the main points that struck me from his sermons and will include a link

at the end to the actual talk which I recommend you hear to get the full benefit of the subject dealt with.

### *Part I: Introducing Biblical Wisdom*

*"My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God." Proverbs 2:1-5*

Proverbs speaks of 'wisdom', something we all need in life. We can have knowledge, experience, an ethical code to live by etc, but for many situations it's wisdom we also need: to know how life works, make the right choices and be competent in the realities of life. In Proverbs, wisdom is personified and the book is addressed to 'my son' from a mentor teacher, set in a school for boys/young men. We often just read snippets from the book but it was meant to be read and understood as a whole to get the full benefit for 'wise living.' The early chapters (1-9) lay down general principles, the following chapters (10-15) reveal the benefit of wise living but then come chapters containing anomalies where despite 'righteous living' things don't go to plan and it doesn't always lead to a benefit. This is something Job discovered and many parents, who despite bringing children up in a Godly way, find they still go astray. Life is messy and doesn't always follow 'the rules for a successful life' but the message of Proverbs is that God is still there and we can find ...





a way through. We mustn't just take individual verses from Proverbs and apply them alone; that is too simplistic. We need to see the overall message of the book.

What is it? The clue is found in the poetic device the writer uses of personifying wisdom, often referred to as a 'she' in the Book while the one addressed, as has been mentioned, is described as a male. The answer is not just to follow the rules for Godly living but to seek 'wisdom' and know it as a friend or lover and as a relationship (see for example Chapters 4,8&9).

In the light of this, we find the New Testament teaches Jesus is our 'wisdom' - 1Cor.1:30-31- and in the first chapter of John, the 'Word' can be interpreted as God's Wisdom, 'who came and dwelt amongst us'. In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus invites us 'to come to Him and find rest, to take up His yoke and burden and learn from Him.' Faith in a person - Jesus - is

our wisdom because He lived the perfect life we cannot live, He took the punishment we deserve on the cross, and He gives us His Holy Spirit to come alongside and guide us how to live in this messy world. If we realise this, it takes the burden from us to have to prove ourselves and also keeps us from pride and feeling superior. When things turn out differently to what we expect we can trust in His 'wisdom' for we know He cares for us. This helps us to face the challenges and vagaries of life calmly, confidently and even joyfully. In the following weeks, we shall see how the Book of Proverbs and Jesus help us to obtain this wisdom and apply it to different areas of our lives.



For the full sermon go to: <https://gospelinlife.com/sermon/true-wisdom/>

*John Demetriou*



## **Ken Nelson**

We were sorry to hear that Ken, a former member of VBC, passed away earlier this week. He had been in hospital for a while following a fall and, during his time there, his wife, Pat, had completed their house move to Bognor Regis to be nearer family. Pat was still attending Women's Fellowship, and Friends, Food & Fellowship prior to the move. Her new address details are available from the office.

# "Immersed"

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Rev Kingsley Appiagyei  
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## Girls Brigade

Despite a number of pleas in previous editions of the news sheet, we are still looking for help on a Monday evening at Girls Brigade! It just needs someone (preferably two) to come and be with the girls and be an extra pair of hands - just supervising their craft and games activities. No GB experience is needed. Monday evenings, term time only from 6pm-7.30pm. For more information, please contact the church office.



Many thanks, *Jenny Collins*

## PRAYER DIARY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCT - 3<sup>RD</sup> NOV

Mark 11:24 *Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

**Monday** Following our baptism service yesterday, please pray for all those who were baptised. Satan likes to disrupt a person's life after baptism. Pray for strength, courage and the Holy Spirit to protect them from Satan's attacks. Thank God for their testimonies, their journey to faith and the way God has called them to His church.

**Tuesday** Please continue to pray for those involved in the search for a new person to lead our ministry to young people. Ask God to call a person, the right one who can lead your young people to faith and nurture them in Christ. Thank God for Simon and the work he has done with our children and for all the volunteers who serve in this important area of ministry.

**Wednesday** Today, please pray for the wide range of other ministries that happen at VBC - including the Community Fridge, Omega, Men's and Women's Fellowship, Friends, Food and Fellowship. Thank God for those who serve there and for the work they do in God's Kingdom. Pray too for Alpha courses that happen regularly, and women's ministry led by our new member of staff, Lucy. Pray too for our Life Groups, a place to deepen understanding of God's word as well as strengthen friendships.

**Thursday** As we head off into the depths of winter and many celebrate Halloween today, we are reminded that darkness in this world comes in many forms. Pray for the light of Christ to overwhelm the darkness. Pray for courage for the Church to stand up for the light. Thank God for the churches having Light Parties all across the town.

**Friday** Remember those who are in paid employment at VBC as they work to ensure that the Church thrives in all areas. Chris, as he leads us spiritually. The office team: Colin, Sandra and Julie; for Kevin as he manages the day to day care of the site. Pray for Tim, Lucy, Jez & Simon as they lead different ministries, and for Phil and Nadine with CAP.

**Saturday** As the situation worsens in Ukraine please continue to pray for our friends in Lebedyn and the work they do to serve the Lord. Uphold Bohdan and his family, Sergey and all the team, as they seek to honour Jesus' name. Pray for a swift end to the war. Pray too for the Middle East and other places where there is conflict. Pray for the Church everywhere that they may uphold the values of the Gospel and hold tight to the love of Christ.

**Sunday** Today we celebrate the work of CAP in our service. Thank God for the thirty people who are now debt free as a result of CAP at VBC. Praise God that financial freedom has come to them. Pray too that they may be freed spiritually through the love of the Lord Jesus. Pray for Jez as he brings God's word. Thank God that we can worship in freedom and in comfort here at VBC. Remember those in other parts of the world who are not so fortunate.

**FUEL FOR PRAYER**



**VICTORIA**  
Baptist Church

Christmas Craft workshop  
Make a wreath, table decoration,  
mince pies and a Holy family  
£5 per activity

Saturday 7th December  
7-9pm

Please sign up in the Welcome Centre. Places are limited.

Refreshments will be provided and we will sit and enjoy some homemade mince pies at the end of the evening.

Please see Sandra Taylor or Lucy Craggs for further information.





## EARLY BIRD RATE

Book by the end of November for the best ticket prices.

To find out more of what it's all about, watch the following video clip -

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QzJnStyHzM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QzJnStyHzM)

## SUNDAY SOUP KITCHEN



Cherie Holter and Kevin Virgo are continuing what Andrew Holter started a couple of years back and taking soup, tea and coffee to some of the homeless of our town. This happens on a Sunday evening between 5pm and 8pm. If you feel you would be able to help occasionally, please discuss this with Kevin. It is not an opportunity to preach, but a chance to just show love and care to those less fortunate.





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Go to [missionworship.com](http://missionworship.com) and follow the links to book your ticket.



**Flower Ministry**

The flowers last week were donated by  
Friends of VBC



*Thank you so much for thinking of me and arranging for me to receive these flowers which are really beautiful and really blessed me. The verse was a real encouragement and such a reminder that our God is always with us whatever the circumstances. Thank you to my lovely church family. DD*