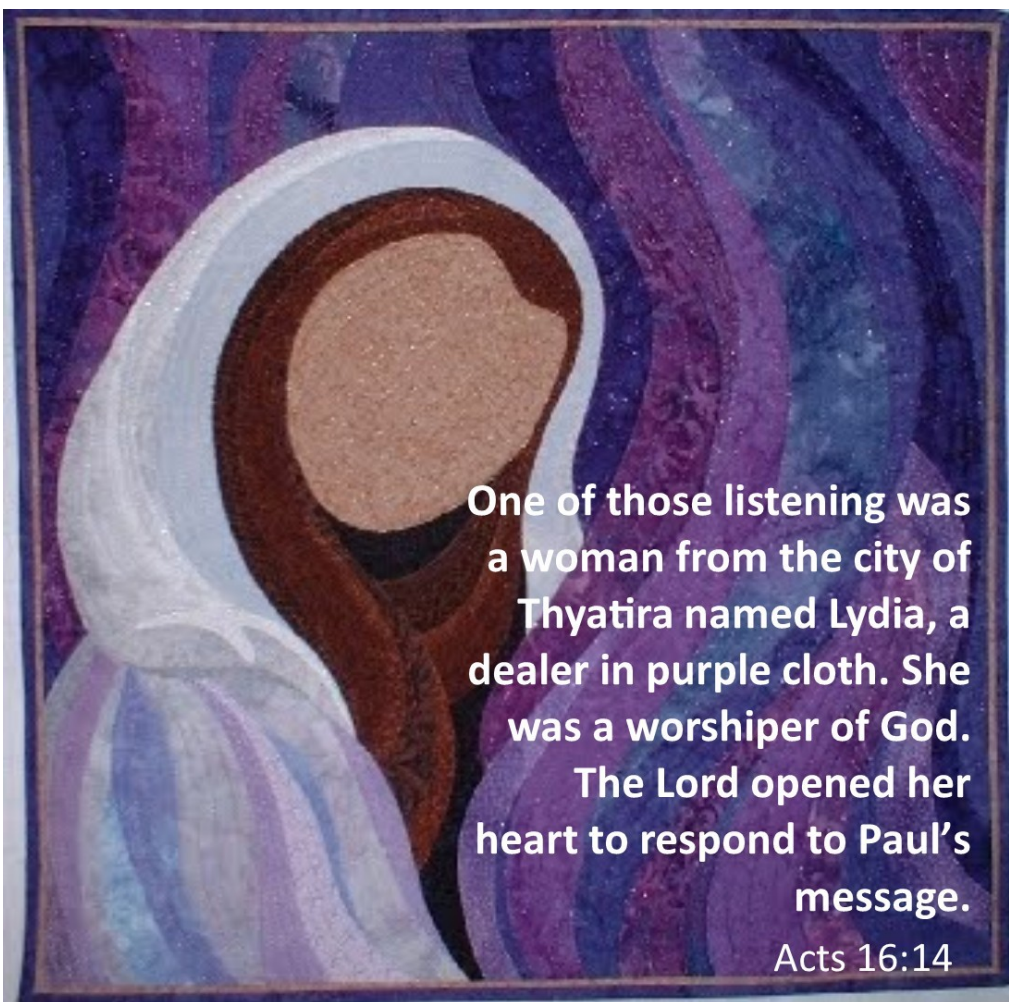


VICTORIA *Life*

Sunday 29th June 2025



One of those listening was
a woman from the city of
Thyatira named Lydia, a
dealer in purple cloth. She
was a worshiper of God.
The Lord opened her
heart to respond to Paul's
message.

Acts 16:14



‘The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.’ Acts 16:14

This week we come together to celebrate the baptisms of two young people from our church family, Toby and Olga, and we will hear how the Lord has opened their hearts to receive the same message Paul gave Lydia - a message of the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

In Acts chapter 16, Luke gives details of Paul’s second mission and the message he shared with Lydia, a slave girl, and a jailer in Philippi. Paul had not planned to go to Philippi but the Holy Spirit led him there and the church in Europe was born. We will see the impact the gospel has on the people of Philippi and on us in Eastbourne today.



BAPTISM

Two more baptisms today - Toby Short and Olga Ersek. Please remember to pray for them both as they go through the waters of baptism, remembering too of course, the others - Golda, Megan, Luanda and Lee - who we were delighted to see baptised over the last couple of weeks. Exciting times indeed!

Next Week (6TH)

The morning service at 10am will be led by Chris Short, and will include communion - but no baptisms planned! Dan Fairhead will be preaching.

The fortnightly Prayer Meeting will take place at 6.30pm.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for next week

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

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

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Julie Hanks

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Tim Nunn (Discipleship)

Lucy Craggs (Women)

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- Sun 29 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Chris Short - including Baptisms.
 Lucy Craggs will be preaching.
 7.00pm Xcav8
- Mon 30 6.00pm Girls Brigade
- Tue 1 Soaking in the Spirit - next meeting 8th July
- Wed 2 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 6.15pm Boys Brigade
- Thu 3 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Deirdre Dean
 evening Omega 18-35 (for timing/venue contact Tim Nunn)
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 4 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Xpect
- Sat 5
- Sun 6 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Chris Short. Dan Fairhead is preaching -
 the service will include Communion.
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
 7.00pm Xcav8

Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*

Erik Cornelisse Jun 29 Horam Chapel 10.30am



Fri July 18 - VBC Open Golf, 3pm at Willingdon Golf Club
 (See Colin McMahon for more info)

Wed July 16 - Curry Night for men (see page 5)

Men's CURRY NIGHT

Wednesday 16th July 7pm

Venue - TukTuk Indian Street Food, 240 Terminus Rd, Eastbourne BN21 3DE

As a result of a successful visit earlier in the year, we are returning to TukTuk. There are a restricted number of seats, so please can you add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Centre.



FRIENDS, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP

We are looking for extra help with the use of the dish washer following our meal every 3rd Friday of the month. This would be from about 1.15 until 2.15. You would be welcome to enjoy a meal with us prior to help with the washing up.

The CAP 'Visit Team' - a flexible, occasional volunteering opportunity

It takes a team of people to make our CAP debt centre ministry a success and we currently have an opportunity for a few more men and women to join our 'Visit Team'. For each home visit to clients that Nadine and I undertake as debt coaches, we aim to have a volunteer accompany us to assist us and support the client so as to make the visit as beneficial as possible. Visits can last from 30 minutes to a couple of hours depending on the need, and are all in the Eastbourne district. You won't have to answer any questions about debt or finances as Nadine and I will deal with all those aspects.



Who would make a good member of the visit team? This role would suit someone with good relationship-building skills, an open and completely non-judgmental nature (and not easily shocked), an ability to maintain confidentiality, with a heart and resilience to serve. Team members need to be Christians with daytime availability, and who understand that clients don't always keep appointments and that it is part of the role to be patient and understanding. There are also likely to be opportunities to share something of your own faith or experience of God in your life, in a way that is sensitive to the client's situation, and to pray with clients if they so wish.

Want to find out more? Please contact me via the church office, or on 07851 501126, or drop me an email philpapps@capuk.org and we can chat further.

Phil Papps, CAP Debt Centre Manager at Victoria Baptist Church

PRAYER DIARY : 30TH June - 6TH JULY

FUEL FOR PRAYER

Monday Father, our hearts break for **Gaza**, for **Israel**, and for the endless suffering of innocents caught in war. Lord, how long? We cry to You for mercy where there is devastation, for justice where there is cruelty, and for peace where there is hatred. Guard the lives of children, of mothers, of the elderly - of all those forgotten by the world's headlines but never forgotten by You.

Tuesday Lord of the Nations, we pray for **Iran**, **Israel**, and **the whole fragile region**. Fear and suspicion grow. Missiles, rhetoric, threats - Lord, intervene before more blood is shed. Restrain the proud. Humble the powerful. Protect the ordinary people who want only to raise their children in safety. We pray for secret believers in Iran, for Christians in danger in Israel and the surrounding nations - strengthen them with Your Spirit. May their quiet faith be a light in the darkness. Father, Your kingdom is not built by weapons but by love.

Wednesday Heavenly Father, today we remember our **brothers and sisters around the world suffering for the Name of Christ**. In prisons, in labour camps, in hiding, in exile - be their refuge and strength. In Nigeria, North Korea, India, Eritrea, Pakistan, and beyond, where Your people are crushed - uphold them by Your mighty hand. Where they feel forgotten, remind them that they are engraved on the palms of Your hands.

Thursday Sovereign Lord, we pray for **leaders of nations**, for presidents, prime ministers, generals, and diplomats. Their choices affect millions, their pride brings war, their cowardice delays justice. Give courage to those who seek peace - give humility to those who seek only power. Remind all leaders that one day they will stand before Your throne to give account - not to history, but to the Judge of all the earth.

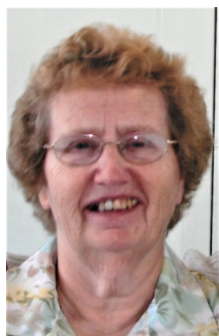
Friday Loving God, we lift before You the millions **displaced** by war, poverty, and persecution. In Ukraine, in Sudan, in Gaza, in Yemen, in Myanmar—so many have lost everything but hope. Lord, be their refuge when there is no home. Provide food where there is famine, shelter where there are ruins, welcome where there is rejection. Father, Your Son had no place to lay His head. Teach us to love the stranger as Christ has loved us.

Saturday Eternal God, as one week ends and another begins, we confess that often the world feels beyond repair. But we trust in the promise of resurrection, of a new heaven and a new earth where righteousness dwells. Strengthen the hearts of those who **despair**, lift the heads of those bowed down, and plant seeds of **hope** even in the ashes. Let Your Church rise, not in triumphalism, but in humble service, carrying the hope of the Gospel to every broken heart. Lord, may we live not by headlines, but by Your promises.

Sunday Gracious God, we lift before You the people of **Ukraine**. As the war drags on, hearts grow weary, and lives are shattered. Comfort those who mourn; protect the vulnerable; strengthen the weary. Grant wisdom to leaders and courage to peacemakers. May the day soon come when swords are beaten into ploughshares and children walk streets unafraid. We pray for the Church in Ukraine, that amidst the ruins they may shine with the light of Christ, bringing hope, help, and the Word of life.

Family News

We were sorry to hear that **Rose Pavey** passed away earlier this week after a lengthy illness including the last couple of years in the Devonshire Care Home. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with her husband, Eric, and their three children - including their son, Ben, who many of you will see regularly in the church band on a Sunday morning. Details of Rose's funeral and thanksgiving will be announced shortly.



And **Ruth Simmonds** has also gone to be with her Lord, again after a long illness. Ruth, and husband, John, have been members here for almost 40 years and she will probably be best remembered for the number of years she headed up the Catering Team. Again, we will let you have funeral details as soon as they are available.

Finally, we were delighted to hear of the safe arrival of **Christopher Grey**, son of new members, **James & Keely**. He arrived not too long after Wednesday's church meeting and has weighed in at a pretty impressive 9lb-7oz! Hopefully, we'll have a photo to show you all before too long.

Flow Café

The next of our monthly events will be on Saturday 12th July. All the usual activities and all of the usual refreshments laid on (including the always welcome, and much-in-demand bacon/sausage sandwiches!). Proceeds from this event will be donated to our Girls Brigade group, the 1st Eastbourne Company.



Model Railways?

If you're interested in trains, the Pevensey Bay Model Railway Club will again be taking over the ground floor here next Saturday (5th July) for their annual display/exhibition. All are welcome.

Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by
Luanda Hoxha



We only have a few dates left this year for donating the flowers. Please contact Chris McMahon for more info. It's never too early to book ahead - I'm sure she would be happy to take bookings for 2026!

