

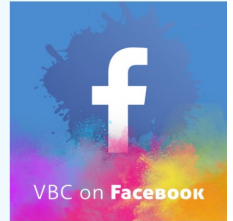
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WITH
CHRIS SHORT



GRAPPLING WITH GOD - Genesis 32:3-31

“Jacob was left alone and a man wrestled with him till daybreak” (Genesis 32:24)

This is one of the Bible’s most remarkable and important stories. Here, three great themes of Jacob’s story converge, and he receives the name by which he, his descendants, and the land God gave them, would be known. The name *Israel*, which appears almost 2,500 times in the Bible, appears here for the first time and is given to Jacob by a man who turns out to be God.



Another remarkable feature of the story is that Jacob wrestles with God and wins. That’s not what anyone would expect. How can a puny man come out victorious over an Almighty God? As we look at the story together, we’ll see an answer to that question that offers every one of us hope.

If you get the chance to read the story ahead of Sunday look for the themes that converge and the signposts to Jesus. If you are able to join us, I trust you’ll be blessed.



Next Week (6TH Oct)

Daniel Fairhead will be preaching at the 10am service. The service will include Communion.

The fortnightly Church Prayer Meeting will take place at 6.30pm.

Harvest Celebration - Sunday 13th Oct, 10am

Please note that contributions are wanted for the Harvest display. Cans, jars, and dried foods are particularly desirable with all items again being donated to Foodbank. Bev Ebdy, who is coordinating the display, has asked that all items are delivered to the Church by **12 noon on Sat 12th Oct.**



STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for the coming week are as follows

Chris off Tues & Fri

Colin off Mon

Phil in Tues am, Wed, Thurs pm

Kevin off Sat

Simon off Tues

Tim in Wed & Fri mornings Julie in Thurs

Nadine in Mon & Thurs mornings

Sandra & Jez annual leave, back on 9th Oct

We are delighted that Lucy Craggs joins the staff team officially on Tues, Oct 1st as Ministry Assistant with Primary Responsibility for Women..

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

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- Sun 29 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am Live and Online with Chris Short
 7.00pm Xcav8!
- Mon 30 6.00pm Girls Brigade
- Tues 1 1-5pm Art Exhibition
 7.15pm Soaking in the Spirit - next meeting 8th Oct
- Wed 2 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.30am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 1-5pm Art Exhibition
 6.30pm Boys Brigade
- Thu 3 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 10.15am Men's Fellowship with Brian Wightwick & David Lockwood
 1-4pm Art Exhibition
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Rev. Brian Wightwick
 6-9pm Art Exhibition
 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 and Online with Dan Fairhead
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
 7.00pm Xcav8!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*

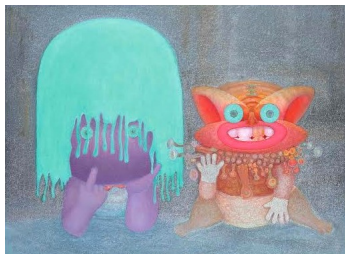
Francis Bates Sep 29 Bernhard Baron, 5pm



Food Hygiene Training - Sat 19th Oct, 9.30am - 1pm

Ladies Meal - Wed 13th Nov. 7pm, Pomodoro e Mozzarella

(see sign-up sheet in Welcome Centre)



Love From Afar

China-UK ARTIST EXCHANGE EXHIBITION

Beauty drips from everything God's hand has made. His first command to human beings "to be fruitful" (Gen. 1:28) includes expressing our God-given creativity in beautiful art, poetry, music, dance and drama. All human beings are drawn to beautiful

things and this common appreciation can turn strangers into friends.

The title of this exhibition and exchange, *Love from Afar*, perfectly sums up its goal. As the modern world gets smaller and smaller, people separated by language and culture find themselves in closer proximity. Sometimes this can feel threatening. Our hope is that in viewing and sharing one another's conceptions of beauty, we may not only find fresh inspiration but also forge new friendships.

Love from Afar also describes the faith we share in the Lord Jesus Christ, who came from afar, as a stranger, to make us His friends. God's promise to bring people from all nations and languages into one new family, united by love for Him and love for one another, is being achieved throughout the world wherever the good news of Jesus is proclaimed. Our hope is that this exchange and exhibition will demonstrate and deepen that unifying faith and love.

The artists with work on display at the exhibition are:

Dengfeng Jin, Yezihong Jin, Guoyi Liu, Han Li, Tony Wang, Yoia Wu plus local artists Viv Walkington, Gavin Rendall, Yvonne Broadbent, Fari Smith, Chris Osborne, Ian Parratt, Linda Morgan, Ivor Meakins and Eric Pavey.

GIRLS BRIGADE

Looking for something fun and fulfilling to do on a Monday evening? Well look no further, 25 girls are needing YOU!

No GB experience needed. We just need 2 people 18+ to help with games and craft (no prep will be required) - one to help with the 5-10 year olds and another to help with the 11-15 year olds. Monday evenings, term time only from 6pm-7.30pm.

For more information, please contact the church office.

Many thanks, Jenny



PRAYER DIARY 30TH SEPT - 6TH OCT

God said to me "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness" 2 Corinthians 12 v 9

Monday As we meditate on the above verse we confess that we can despise and waste our time focusing on our own weaknesses letting them overwhelm our thoughts. But Paul says, in Philippians 3:14, *I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Jesus Christ.* Lord, we pray that we too will let go of thoughts that occupy our minds and hold us back from focusing on the race we are in. We pray that you will have the victory in us.

Tuesday You may not have enjoyed the sentimentality of the video produced by the Princess of Wales but we know she has a faith in God and she used that video to express, without words, the importance to her of prayer, eternity, re-evaluating one's life, family, simple pleasures, inner peace and appreciation for all God has blessed us with. Pray that this video opportunity, seen by millions around the world, relatable because it lacked any language, will be used by God to draw many to Himself.

Wednesday Lord, we pray that the fruits of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control - will flow from us all so that every minute of our lives will be a witness to Christ.

Thursday Lord, we plead with You for members of our church with long term health issues to receive Your healing and Your grace. We also pray that You will comfort the exhausted and stressed relatives.

Friday Lord, we pray that the VBC Ethos Statement will enable Your blessings to be poured out on VBC as we seek to fully honour Your instructions. Help non-believers who visit the church to be enabled by the Holy Spirit to understand why we aim to keep to the bible's teachings. And we pray that You will intervene in our future discussions and relationship with the Baptist Union.

Saturday Lord, we pray that You will be working in the hearts of those who have met with Chris to consider being baptised. Help Chris to have the right words for each individual and protect them from the evil one.

Sunday Lord, we trust in You with all our hearts and choose not to rely on our own understanding. We acknowledge Your authority in all that we do in our worship this morning and pray that You will make Your presence known to each of us. We praise You today.

We ask all these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen

FUEL FOR PRAYER

Oops!

Eagle-eyed horticulturists among you will have noticed the deliberate error in last week's edition when the flowers from the previous week's edition were inadvertently displayed a second time! Apologies to Joan Wells who donated them last week - the flowers below are what should have appeared!



Andy's  **Army**



COFFEE MORNING

Come and join us for a free Tea or coffee plus a slice of cake and connect with others to mark World Mental Health Day 2024.

**Thursday 10th October
10.00am - 1.00pm
Victoria Baptist Church
Eldon Road BN21 1UE**

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by
Thelma Papps



We do want to thank you, albeit belatedly, for the lovely flowers and cards we received for our 60th anniversary! May the Lord bless you all . F&JB



Vacant Dates Only two dates left to fill this year if you would like to donate the flowers - Nov 24 and Dec 1. Many thanks to those of you who have stepped forward to fill the other dates that were vacant. 2025 has started well and I would remind you that if you have a special birthday or anniversary next year, get in quick to secure the date you want!
Please contact Chris McMahan for further details.

What a lovely surprise to find on my return from hospital. Thanks for all your prayers. L&PM