

VICTORIA *Life*

Sunday 2nd February 2025

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.**

Matthew 5:6





The Sermon on the Mount – Filled “..for they shall be filled.” (Matt. 5:6)

Last week we began to look at the first section of the Sermon on the Mount which we call 'The Beatitudes'. Jesus began His sermon describing the least enviable people (the powerless, the grieving and the dispossessed) as the most enviable of all. Jesus announced the blessedness of emptiness. In a kingdom in which, “the last shall be first and the first shall be last” (Matt. 20:16) those with the least have the most to gain.

It is also a perfect picture of what happened throughout Jesus' ministry. Again and again, we see the least lifted up, the sick healed, the demon-possessed set free, the grieving comforted, and the sinful forgiven and restored.

This week we'll look at the second set of three beatitudes and see how the kingdom of God changes the priorities of its citizens.



TONIGHT

With a Baptismal service scheduled for Feb 16th, Chris is holding the second of a short series of baptismal classes this evening at 5pm. It is not too late to sign up, so if this is something you have been thinking about recently and want to find out more, do have a word with Chris - or indeed just turn up to his office at 5.

This will be followed by our fortnightly Prayer Meeting at 6.30pm.

NEXT SUNDAY (9TH FEB)

Joth Hunt (South East Baptist Association Regional Minister Team Leader) will be preaching at the 10am service.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for this coming week

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

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

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- Sun 2 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am Live @ 10 with Chris Short - inc Communion
 5.00pm Baptismal Class
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
- Mon 3 6.00pm Girls Brigade
 7.30pm CLT Meeting
- Tue 4 Soaking in the Spirit - next meeting 11th Feb
- Wed 5 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.30am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 6.30pm Boys Brigade
- Thu 6 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 10.15am Men's Fellowship meeting with the Eastbourne RNL
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Ian Doling
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
 evening Omega 18-35
- Fri 7 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Xpect
- Sat 8 10.00am Flow Cafe
 10.30am Creative Writing
 10.30am Bookclub
- Sun 9 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am Live @ 10 with Joth Hunt
 5.00pm Baptismal Class
 6.30pm Evening Service

The Week Ahead



Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*

- Erik Cornelisse Feb 2 Bernhard Baron, 5pm
 Erik Cornelisse Feb 9 Newhaven Baptist Church, 10.30am



- Sun 16th Feb** Baptism Service
Sat 22nd Feb Hope Lebedyn anniversary event, 4pm
Wed 26th Feb Members' Church Meeting

Flow Café

The next Flow Café will be on Saturday week (8th) when all proceeds raised from the event will be given to *The Children with Cancer Fund*.

If you haven't been to one of our Flow Cafes do come along and try it out. We open from 10am to 12noon with refreshments readily available as well as craft and sporting activities, mainly for children but open to all. If you want to be less energetic you can sit in the Welcome Centre and enjoy fellowship with other members of our community. One suggestion though - don't arrive too late if you fancy a bacon sandwich. They tend to be very popular and go pretty quickly!



Creative Writing

This group invariably runs alongside Flow Café, meeting in the Hive on the lower floor - so our next meeting is also on Saturday week. The meeting starts at 10.30am and they have a specific topic to discuss and write about

each month. This month's topic is 'Journeying' and we will also review the film, 'The Quiet Girl' [Watch The Quiet Girl | Stream free on Channel 4.](#)

For more information contact John Demetriou.

BOOKCLUB

And even more to tempt you! Bookclub meets downstairs in the Snug, also alongside Flow Café and Creative Writing - so their next meeting is also on Saturday week, at 10.30am. Please contact Ingelore Demetriou for further details.



Men's CURRY NIGHT



Please note the next night out for men will be **Wednesday 5th March 7pm**. We will be trying out a new curry venue as a result of our VBC mystery diner research. The menu will be with the sign up sheet in the Welcome Centre in a couple of weeks. Just save the date for now!

CAPERNRWAY Team

We will shortly be welcoming a group of students from Capernwray (an international Christian Bible School situated near the Lake District). They will be staying with us for a week and getting involved in all sorts of activities during their time with us. Please bear in mind that we will need to accommodate them, ideally in pairs. Many thanks to those who have already responded.

PRAYER DIARY : 3RD - 9TH FEB

The letters of SPOON can be used as a framework for prayer:

S - saying sorry
P - praise
O - others
O - ourselves
N – needs



Children can also be encouraged to use the SPOON method for their prayers at home.

Here are some prayers to be incorporated into your SPOON prayers.

A child's morning prayer

"Dear Jesus, thank You for hearing my morning prayer. Bless my parents, teachers, and all those who love and care for me".

A prayer for protection

"Dear God, please watch over and protect this child. May they grow in wisdom and strength, and may they always know Your love and guidance. Amen".

A prayer for strength

"Give me strength to be truthful, honest, kind, and helpful to others".

A prayer for grace

"Dear Lord, please bless this child with Your grace and mercy. May they always know Your love and care, and may they grow into a person of kindness and compassion. Amen".

A bedtime prayer

"Dear God,
I'm thankful for all You give:
for food, for love,
a place to live.
I thank You for my family too
and I want You to know
that I love You.
Amen."

A prayer for kindness

"May they grow into a kind and compassionate person, and may they always know Your presence and care. Amen".

A prayer of gratitude

"Lord Jesus, thank You for my friends, for the games we play and fun we have, for the laughs and giggles, for the good times and bad. Please help me to be a good friend to them. Amen".

Update on Discipleship at VBC

Jesus called twelve disciples (Mark 3:13-16) and commanded them to make disciples: *Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of*



all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

So, what does that mean for us at Victoria?

It is important to begin by acknowledging that making disciples of Jesus and discipling is not a new thing at Victoria – it's been going on here for one hundred years! However, we have been seeking to take a fresh look at what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. To this end, we have appointed two Discipleship Team Leaders in Tim Nunn and Lucy Craggs.

They are developing a male/female discipleship model centred on 1 to 1 discipleship partnerships based on Bible study, prayer and accountability.

For those of you who have access to the internet, this is further explained on the VBC website: <https://www.victoriabaptist.org.uk/about/discipleship/>

If you are interested in knowing more about discipleship or engaging with other disciples of Jesus:

If you are a woman, please contact Lucy Craggs: lucy@victoriabaptist.org.uk

If you are a man, please contact Tim Nunn: tim@victoriabaptist.org.uk

And an update on CAP



This week we had another CAP client go debt free! This had been one of the cases that had been 'stuck' and we had been particularly praying for a breakthrough, so it is fantastic to now see this prayer answered and for them to be debt free! They described to me their sense of relief and excitement at knowing they no longer have the debts, and how great it is to know they won't be chased by enforcement agents (bailiffs) for these debts anymore. Thank you for your prayers and support of CAP at VBC.

Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by
Ian & Jane Parratt



Vacant dates for flower donations -
Feb 16, Apr 6, 20, 27
Many thanks to those of you who
stepped forward to fill the
March dates.