



VICTORIA *Life*

Sunday 30th November 2025



THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY

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Mark 14:9



JustGiving

Mark 14:1-11 – The Most Excellent Way

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This morning is the final session in our series on Giving. The best reason for giving is simply love for Jesus. Our final passage contrasts the love of Mary with the hatred of the religious leaders and the betrayal of Judas.

It's a story with secret plots, expensive perfume, uncomfortable disciples, moral high-horses and destiny-defining decisions. At the centre of it all is a beautiful act of the most extravagant devotion and love for Jesus the king.

I hope you'll be able to join us.

Next Week (7TH Dec)

Chris Short will be starting his Advent series at next week's live@10 service - 1 Samuel 2:1-10 - Hannah's Song

Our fortnightly prayer meeting will be at 6.30pm



Advent

See page 7 for details of our services and events over the Christmas period.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for next week

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

Senior Minister

Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

Church Administrator

Colin McMahon

Caretaker

Kevin Virgo

Head of Family Ministries

Emily Jenkins

Children's Ministries

Simon Grimes

CAP Debt Centre Manager

Phil Papps

CAP Debt Coach

Nadine Crawford-Piper

Treasurer

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Julie Hanks

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Tim Nunn (Discipleship)

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- Sun 30 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am live@10 - with Chris Short
 4.00pm Prospective Members' Meeting
 7.00pm Xcav8
- Mon 1 6.00pm Girls Brigade
 7.30pm Core Leadership Team Meeting
- Tue 2
- Wed 3 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 2.30pm Thanksgiving Service for Hanny Balmer
- Thu 4 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 Men's Fellowship with Danny Pegg
 10.15am (Assoc Vicar@St Mary's, Hampden Park)
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Steve Wise
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 5 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Xpect
- Sat 6 7.00pm Wreath-Making
- Sun 7 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am live@10 - with Chris Short
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
 7.00pm Xcav8

Funeral Details

- Wed 3 Dec **Hanny Balmer** Committal 1pm, EB Crem
 Thanksgiving Service 2.30pm at VBC
- Mon 8 Dec **Pam Twaddell** Thanksgiving Service 12.30pm at VBC
- Wed 17 Dec **Yvonne Collins** Thanksgiving Service 12 noon at VBC
- Fri 19 Dec **Lester Miller** Committal 10.30am, EB Crem (family only)
 Thanksgiving Service 12 noon at VBC

Please indicate on the sign-up sheets in the Welcome Centre if you would like to join the families for refreshments after the service.

PRAYER DIARY : 1ST - 7TH December

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place where he prayed.” Mark1:35

Monday Lord, we see in the above verse that Jesus was called to a life of service and prayer. Lord, we know that we are also called to be salt and light in the world and to prioritise our relationship with our Father. Lord, sometimes both of these can be tough but we know You mean them to be a source of joy and strength. Give us the strength to persevere as we know You long to hear from us.

Tuesday *“When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralysed man ‘Son, your sins are forgiven’” Mark 2:5* The importance of healing ministry to God is more about dealing with sin than just physical healing. Lord, we pray that when we minister to each other in prayer, You will go to the core of the need: forgiveness of sin. What is your most pressing need today? It might be personal, church-related, or a justice issue ... God knows about it already, ask God to work at the heart of the need.

Wednesday Heavenly Father, we know Your heart is saddened at the loss of the Boy's Brigade in our church. We pray that You will guide new Christian leaders to serve You at VBC and be blessed by equipping a new generation of boys with spiritual guidance, a Christian male role model and a sound pathway, that may not be being provided by a father at home.

Thursday *“Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.” Psalm 20:7* Father, we thank You that You are not remote from our circumstances, or indifferent to our troubles. We know that You are on our side and will answer our call in prayer because of Your loving kindness and inexhaustible grace. We pray that You will give us Your perspective on the things that trouble us this week and help us to go out today with our confidence firmly placed in You.

Friday Father God, as we thank You for the many blessings that have happened due to Flow Cafe over the years, we place its future in Your hands as Sandra will be stepping down as leader at the end of the year. We thank You that we have people in our family who are prepared to step forward to take on the leadership and ask that You will give them the strength and resources they need to continue this valuable and much-loved community initiative.

Saturday We pray that the Christmas wreath workshop today will be a fun time, cementing relationships and an opportunity for Your Spirit to move.

Sunday Father, we pray for all the non Christian parents and toddlers who attend Vicky Bees to have a life-changing encounter with You, and be encouraged and able to attend church events over Christmas, such as the Christingle service. Amen

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

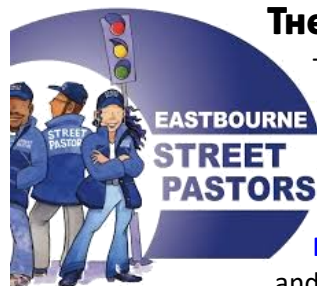
For those of you who have joined us this year and have not experienced a Christmas at VBC, the programme of our events can be found on the next page.

I would also point out that if you want to send Christmas greetings to readers of Victoria Life, we do offer you a way of saving money whilst keeping up with the spirit of the season. For the past few years we have encouraged our church family to send greetings via Victoria Life - just a couple of lines is adequate - but with a picture of you alongside the

greeting. The message can be from individuals, or couples, or from a family. Please do include a picture as we have a lot of newcomers who may not know who you are! If you submitted a greeting last year, feel free to tell me to use last year's picture if that's easier for you.

The messages will be published in the editions immediately prior to Christmas - probably in the 14th and 21st editions.

Please e-mail them in as soon as possible - the more the merrier and the sooner the better. Just think of the savings you will make in not sending traditional cards!



The Mayor of Eastbourne ...

The Mayor of Eastbourne invites you to a special Christmas concert next Friday (5th). Enjoy an evening of festive cheer and the incredible voices of Archway Choir. You'll also be helping to raise vital funds for the Mayor's chosen charities this year which are **Forward Facing**, a local children's charity who support children and families across Sussex living with cancer, life limiting conditions and bereavement make lifelong memories; and **Eastbourne Street Pastors**, who engage with young people in the town centre on Friday & Saturday nights to listen, care and help. Both charities work tirelessly to support those who need it and their work is funded by events like this.

Tickets cost £12 for adults and £6 for children aged 5-16, with doors opening at 7pm and the concert starting at 7:15pm.

EVENTS

01. **Wreath Making**
Come and create a beautiful
Christmas wreath

Saturday
06.12.25
7:00pm

02. **Flow Cafe Christmas**
Monthly coffee morning with
craft, games, bacon baps

Saturday
13.12.25
10am - 12noon

03. **Carols by Candlelight**
Traditional carol service

Sunday
21.12.25
6:30pm

04. **Christingle Service**
Family Christingle service

Wednesday
24.12.25
4:00pm

05. **Christmas Day Service**
Family Christmas Day service

Thursday
25.12.25
10am

SUNDAYS

01. **HANNAH'S SONG**
1 SAMUEL 2:1-10

07.12.25

02. **ANGELS SONG**
LUKE 2:13

14.12.25

03. **MARY'S SONG**
LUKE 1:46-55

21.12.25

04. **ZECHARIAH'S SONG**
LUKE 1:67-79

28.12.25



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Nuremberg

'The only clue to what men can do is what man has done.' (RG Collingwood, philosopher)

'Do you know why it (the Holocaust) happened here (in Germany)? Because people let it happen. They didn't stand up until it was too late.' (Sergeant Howie Trist, chief translator at the Nuremberg trials)

These two quotes from the film, now on public release, represent two of its central themes: to learn from the past and secondly, to speak up and not be silent if we see injustice - lessons the Bible endorses and Christians in history have taken to heart.

The story is about the trials at Nuremberg in 1945-6 where twenty two of the most senior officials of the German Reich were put on trial for crimes against humanity. The distinguishing feature of this film - as opposed to 'Judgement at Nuremberg' (1961) - is that it doesn't use any fictional characters but only real-life people who were there. In particular, it looks at it through the lens of psychiatrist Dr Douglas Kelley (Rami Malek), who was sent by the US army to evaluate the prisoners' state of mind and secretly report back to the prosecuting counsel to aid their cause.

Much of the film concentrates on the many interviews Dr Kelley conducted with the most notorious prisoner, Hermann Göring (Russell Crowe), who was the second most powerful man in Germany during the war. Kelley is not in it for ethical reasons, though, but sees these encounters as a 'money ticket', with the thought of writing a best selling book afterwards.

What unfolds is a study of evil on two levels. We see Göring using his charm, cunning, friendliness, even his family, to make the unsuspecting Kelley think he understands him and will confess his role in the atrocities committed. On the larger level, we see the horrors of the holocaust exposed at the trial through the original film shown there, capturing so horrifically what occurred. Göring nearly gets away with it, pleading ignorance to what happened and blaming others in his defence. The prosecution's case is saved, though, by the British co-prosecutor, Sir David Maxwell Fyle (Richard E. Grant), exposing Göring by the sheer volume of documentary evidence of orders he signed to facilitate the harsh treatments inflicted on the Jews and others, leading to the concentration camps, making him culpable.



..... It is the German translator, Sergeant Howie Trist (Leo Woodall), having helped Kelley with the interviews, who delivers the powerful commentary and his explanation of the holocaust, quoted above, by pointing the finger at ordinary German people for letting it happen. This serves as a warning to viewers that it could happen anywhere, which Kelley repeats to an American radio audience later when trying to promote his book.

The cinematography is excellent, mixing original archive footage with staged. The story is well crafted, keeping your attention for a long film and accurate in its main details. It's also aided by the high standard of acting from the main protagonists, with Russell Crowe outstanding.

It is a good film to see, though uncomfortable, because it reminds us of the reality and subtlety of evil in the world. As Shakespeare's Richard of Gloucester put it, "Why, I can smile and murder while I smile." The Bible also warns us, 'Satan masquerades as an angel of light' (2Cor.11:14). We need to be alert therefore to 'his schemes', heed the lessons of history and stand up for what is right or we will suffer the consequences.

John Demetriou



Consultations

New Church Constitution and Church Handbook.



The consultations for members who wish to discuss the new constitution and handbook in more detail will take place on Wednesday 21st January at 7.30pm in the small hall and on Saturday 24th January at 10.00am in the same venue.

Please will you let the church office know if you intend to come, though not essential, so that we have a rough idea of numbers. Thank you.

Andrew Phillips (on behalf of the CLT)

Evening Services

Thank you to all those who have supported the Evening Services which started as a trial at the beginning of the year.

Owing to the Christmas Services there will be no Evening Service in December. The next Evening Service will therefore be at **6pm on Sunday 11th January** and they will continue through 2026 on the second Sunday of each month.

At the last Evening Service on the 9th November, John Jones shared some of his and his wife Carmen's, story. John also explained how he received and shared the word from God outlined below:

Word from God shared by John Jones at the Outreach Prayer Meeting on Friday 17th October

I was in the (VBC) balcony, praying and had my arms open over the church, praying for the Holy Spirit to move powerfully in the church. Then I saw the entire church floor and it was wet and getting wetter. I thought at first it was rain coming down but then I could see it was getting deeper but the water was coming from the ground and rising upwards. I could feel my feet literally getting soaking wet and then the water rising up to my knees. My legs and feet felt completely soaked, literally. I then bent down to feel my jeans but they were completely dry but still my legs felt completely wet.



I said, Lord what is this, what is going on? Then the Lord spoke and said, "This is what I am going to do. I am going to send the flood of the Holy Spirit on the church but not in the way you may expect. The way I send the Holy Spirit will be beyond your comprehension, but do not be afraid. Do not question what I am doing, this is My way."

Then the Lord said, "I am going to put flesh on the dry bones. Those who are spiritually dry and dead, I will put flesh on the dry bones. Then they will become alive in Me and no longer be dry bones. Know this is what I will do."

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Session 1: Tuesday 27th January 2026 from 7pm - 9pm

Session 2: Tuesday 3rd February 2026 from 7pm - 9pm

Session 3: Tuesday 10th February 2026 from 7pm - 9pm

Scan the QR Code or go to:

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SIGN UP
TODAY!

Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by
16th - Peggy O'Rourke (in memory of Sean)
23rd - Friends of VBC



We have now one empty slot which has arisen unexpectedly - 14th Dec. If anyone would like to donate the flowers for that date, please contact Chris McMahon. She is also taking bookings for 2026.

