

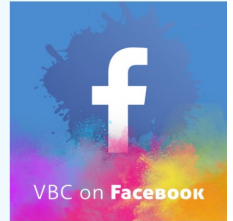
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VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
to see Jesus Christ honoured in Eastbourne and beyond

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**Live and online
WITH
Jez Taylor**



God doesn't believe in 'No win scenarios'

Exodus 14:1-14

This week we celebrate the work of CAP, an organisation dedicated to releasing people from the crippling pressure of debt. I am reminded that God has the same mindset. He does not want us to remain under the weight of our sin; lost, hopeless and on a path to destruction. God will fight for us! He sent His son to release us from slavery to sin, to pay off the debt so we can be free.

In our passage this week we find the Israelites in a hopeless situation, trapped by the Egyptians and seemingly doomed to death or captivity. God steps in and rescues them dramatically. The story is a picture of what Christ would later do for the whole of humanity.



This morning's service will include Communion.

This Evening

Our fortnightly Prayer Meeting will be held at 6.30pm. All are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to attend!

Next Week (10TH Nov)

An All-Age Remembrance Service with Chris Short

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for the coming week are as follows

Chris	off Mon & Tues		
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 & 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)

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- Sun 3 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am Live @ 10 with Jez Taylor, including communion
 6.30pm Church Prayer Meeting
- Mon 4 6.00pm Girls' Brigade
 7.30pm CLT Meeting
- Tues 5 7.15pm Soaking in the Spirit
- Wed 6 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.30am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 6.30pm Boys' Brigade
- Thu 7 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 12noon Men's Fellowship with Jill Parker (JPK Project)
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Pete Martin
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 8 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Xpect
- Sat 9 10.00am Flow Cafe
 10.30am Creative Writing & Bookclub
- Sun 10 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am All-Age Remembrance Service
 7.00pm Xcav8!

The Week Ahead

PREACHING ENGAGEMENTS *Please remember in prayer*

David Laskey Nov 3 St Barnabas UC, Langney, 9.45am

Francis Bates Nov 10 Polegate Free Church, 10.30am



LADIES MEAL - Wed 13th Nov. 7pm, Pomodoro e Mozzarella.

LADIES PRAYER BREAKFAST - Sat 23rd Nov, 9am-10.30am.

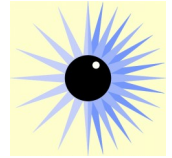
We can now confirm that Laurence Gamble will be speaking

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



Flow Café

Our next Flow Café get-together will be next Saturday (9th) with all proceeds from the event being allocated to the Eastbourne Blind Society. Crafts, games, refreshments and BSL Café will all be available - as well as the opportunity to catch up with friends over a cuppa.



BOOKCLUB will be meeting at 10.30am in the Snug, downstairs, whilst all the Flow Café activities are taking place in the halls and Welcome Centre - and in the Hive - also downstairs - we have the next meeting of the **CREATIVE WRITING** group at 10.30am.

John Demetriou writes - "Our subject is to write a descriptive piece about some kind of social gathering or celebration, e.g. a church or political meeting, a scene from a lesson, or a festive day. Feel free to describe some real event or use your imagination. All welcome."

Please contact John if you would like more information.

Funeral

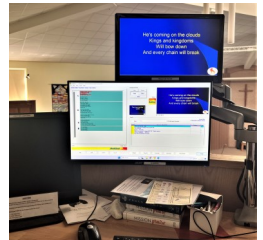
Please note that Pat Nelson has confirmed the funeral for her husband, Ken, will take place on Friday 22nd Nov, 2pm, at Eastbourne Crematorium.

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!



PRAYER DIARY 4TH - 10TH Nov

My word that goes out from my mouth, he says, will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purposes for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11

Monday Meditating on the above verse, we pray to You God that nothing we sow for You will ever be wasted - no prayer, act of kindness or sacrifice. We praise You that although a seed may be buried for a while, it will come to fruition in due season. Amen. In Revelation beginning at 5:8 we read that 24 elders in heaven are holding bowls full of the prayers of God's people, ready to be poured out at the end of the age. This is a powerful reassurance that even though we may think prayers have been unanswered, they have in fact been cherished by God and await a fulfilment to come. Father God, I give you back the prayers that have not yet been answered. Restore the years, the prayers, the trust that the locusts have eaten. Help me to trust You again in my life.

Tuesday A prayer of John Wesley – Father God we pray that we will do all the good we can, by all the means we can, in all the ways we can, in all the places we can, at all the times we can, to all the people we can as long as ever we can. Amen. Christ says – It is mine, over all the earth. He is sovereign.

Wednesday We thank You Father for the radical example of John Wesley. We pray that You will raise up men and women in our generation to be Christian leaders and ministers who pray and preach with the passion that he did guided by Your Spirit and who will witness signs and wonders following the transformations of whole communities for Christ.

Thursday John 17:15 says – My prayer is not that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the evil one. Lord, we pray protection for all missionaries, in the broadest sense of the word, including those involved in CAP ministry, discipleship leaders, ministry to women in our church, and all missionaries working abroad; as well as each of us witnessing for Christ in our places of work.

Friday “the wind blows wherever it pleases ... so it is with everyone born of the Spirit” John 3:8. We pray for the church in our country and the whole world not to become self-absorbed or misguided in its direction, but pure and holy so that God reveals to the church where He is working and that the church will choose only to go where God is leading. We ask this particularly for the Church of England that is so publicly represented in our national life and has great influence on the views of Christ in our nation through TV coverage.

FUEL FOR PRAYER

Saturday Ask God to strengthen and protect Christians in prison in Iran for their faith. In July Iran elected a more moderate president in Masoud Pezeshkian. Pray that he will improve religious freedom during his presidential term. Also pray that God will protect Christians who have fled Iran and that He will strengthen their faith.

Sunday Come, now is the time to worship. Lord, we give You our hearts, we confess You are God, we repent of our sins, we bow humbly before You and we choose you now. We pray that we will come into Your house with clean hands today for this is Your house and You are a holy God. We ask all these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

First of all, we would like to say a big thank you to those who have already responded with financial donations. This was following our recent appeal for help with this year's CAP Christmas hampers. More details will follow shortly as Christmas approaches rapidly but to remind you of our needs!

We will need:

- a couple of people to write cards for our clients to send out the Christmas message of God's love
- monetary gifts to buy the food for the hampers
- contributions of toiletries or a big Celebrations box ...other brands also welcome
- a team of packers, details of dates to follow
- drivers to deliver the hampers
- If you are able to help in any capacity, please use the sign-up sheets which will be in the Welcome Centre in a couple of weeks time
- prayer for the whole project



If you feel you may be able to help in any capacity, please contact Phil or Lesley for more info.



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.

DGH Chaplaincy Team Appeal

Our hospital is probably the place with the highest concentration of spiritual concerns in the whole area, yet if we are honest, we in the churches seem to be somewhat unaware of this, apart from when one visits a particular friend on the ward. Our visit may make us realise how cut off and anxious a person can be, whether the admission is for a minor medical problem or a serious threat. Multiply that concern by 380 (the number of beds) and then, in addition, add the stresses and emotional weight carried by the nurses and doctors, and the scale of the issue will soon raise our eyebrows!



Since Covid, the number of volunteer chaplains has dropped drastically. There is such a vacuum of spiritual care, a fact that is so poignant when spiritual care has been emphasised as an essential aspect to medical care: data shows its measurable benefit. Even a couple of hours on the wards with free access to share with any patient can be very rewarding. Sometimes, even a brief moment chatting with a porter or ward clerk is an opportunity to encourage and appreciate them. They so value such moments.

Do please think about this call to care, to serve others. If you wish to explore the idea, please ring the lead chaplain, Graham Atfield on 07972 242741.

A promotional graphic for 'Bible by the Beach'. It features a blue circle with a white dove and waves. Below it is a red stamp that says 'SAVE THE DATE'. The text reads 'BIBLE BY THE BEACH In all things God at work 02 - 05 MAY 2025 EASTBOURNE www.biblebythebeach.org'.

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Rebekah Fairhead is organising a group booking for Bible by the Beach. Please get in touch with her by 24th November if you'd like to be included in the group booking which means you pay a slightly reduced price.

The Economic Point of View



The Chancellor announces,
"The economy's taking shape,
Inflation is under control
Interest rates are falling,
Competition means lower pricing",
So, my spirits are rising!

The newscaster announces,
"More factories are closing
Unemployment is growing,
Due to floods
Insurance premiums are soaring."
Oh! Now my spirits are falling.

With what type of eyes do I see
With what type of ears do I hear
How do I judge
The news that appears?
Is material prosperity my only gauge
If life is OK in this day and age?

The Son of God announces,
"Love God with all your heart
Live for your Maker and not the market
Think of serving instead of getting
Practice contentment, not spending."
Suddenly, my spirit is stirring.

John Demetriou



HOW TO REDUCE YOUR ENERGY USE TO SAVE MONEY & THE PLANET



Wednesday 13 November | 9.30am to 11am
Emmanuel Church Hall, 48A Upperton Road,
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Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by Yvonne Broadbent in memory of Clive



An Autumn of celebrations! Following our recent Diamond Wedding celebrations, I was delighted to receive some lovely flowers on Monday from the church family on the occasion of my 80th birthday. Thank you all ever so much! JB

