



Sunday 4th February 2024

Victoria Baptist Church News



"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

Philippians 1:4

**Live in CHURCH and
online**



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

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**Live at Ten with
Ron Cross**



Partnership in the Gospel

Philippians 1:1-14

How can we, with our freedom in the West, partner with one another and the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the good news to the community in Eastbourne? Can we also partner with our persecuted family so that they can continue to be good news and stand strong, proclaiming Christ in the middle of their persecution?



Ron Cross is the Church Relations Lead for Open Doors.

He is an ordained minister in the Church of England and has pastored churches in London and Los Angeles. Most recently he was Vicar of Croyde and Georgeham in North Devon. He tells us that “every day, over 360 million Christians risk their lives to follow Jesus. In more than 70 countries, Open Doors supports them by supplying Bibles, providing emergency relief, and helping persecuted believers stand strong for the long-term so that they can continue to proclaim Jesus as Saviour.

In the UK and Ireland, Open Doors helps the church to pray, give, and speak out for those who share our faith but not our freedom. We are so grateful for your support of our work and the persecuted church family.”



This morning's service will include a time of Communion with the children present and invited to take part.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES ... the last in this series is happening today (Sunday) at 5pm in Chris' office.



Next Week (11TH)

Chris Short will be speaking at our service next Sunday, 10am, continuing his series on “Hearts on Fire”. Please note that this will NOT be an all-age service.

Staff/Office Matters

Staff movements for this coming week are as follows:

Chris off Tuesday
Colin off Monday
Erik off Thursday
Simon off Tuesday
Julie in Thursday

Sandra off Thursday
Kevin off Saturday
Tim in Wed am & Fri am
Jez in Wed am & Fri am
Helen in Mon, Wed
Nadine in Mon, Tues & Thurs

Senior Minister

Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

Family Ministries

Simon Grimes - Children

Erik Cornelisse - Youth

Church Administrator

Colin McMahon

Caretaker

Kevin Virgo

CAP Debt Centre Manager

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Sun	4	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
		10.00am	Live and Online with Ron Cross - Communion included
Mon	5	6.00pm	Girls Brigade
		7.30pm	CLT meeting
Tues	6		Soaking in the Spirit (next meeting 13 th)
Wed	7	8.30am	Community Fridge and Café
		10.00am	Vicky Bees
		6.30pm	Boys Brigade
Thu	8	7.30am	Prayer Meeting (for men only)
			Men's Fellowship (next meeting 15 th)
		2.30pm	Women's Fellowship with Vanessa Redhouse
		7.30pm	Ukraine Prayer Meeting
Fri	9	10.00am	Outreach Prayer Meeting
		10.00am	Vicky Bees
		5.00pm	Kids Club
		7.00pm	Xpect
Sat	10	10.00am	Flow Café
		10.30am	Creative Writing and Bookclub
Sun	11	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
		10.00am	Live and Online with Chris Short
		7.00pm	Xcav8

The Week Ahead



PREACHING ENGAGEMENTS *Please remember in prayer*

Brian Wightwick 4 Feb Trinity Willingdon, 10.30am

4 Feb Beulah Baptist, Bexhill, 4pm

David Laskey 11 Feb St. Barnabas United Church, Langney, 9.45am

Francis Bates 11 Feb Punnett's Town, 2.30pm

Ladies' Dinner - Wed 13th Mar @ Pomodoro's

Church Business Meeting & AGM - Wed 28th Feb, 7.30pm

Prospective Members - Sun Mar 24th 5pm in the Hive.

Advance Notice -

There will be NO service here at VBC on Sunday May 19th. We want to encourage everyone to join us at the Bandstand that morning for this year's Thy Kingdom Come event.



Anniversary

To mark the 2nd anniversary of the war in Ukraine we are organising two key events.



Sat 17th Feb 4pm @VBC.

A service of prayer and worship. Eddie Lyle, former CEO and president of Open Doors and a trustee of Hope Lebedyn, will be leading the prayers. He will also be speaking at VBC the following day (18th). We also hope to be hearing from Bohdan, the pastor at the church in Lebedyn.

18th–24th Feb - a Week of Prayer for Lebedyn/Ukraine

Every day for one hour we will be holding a prayer meeting for Lebedyn /Ukraine. We will focus on different issues each day . A special area will be set up in the sanctuary. This will also be available during the day for anyone to come and pray (when the sanctuary is not being used).

Sunday 18th 6.30pm

Monday 19th 2.30pm

Tuesday 20th 9.30am

Wednesday 21st 1.30pm

Thursday 22nd 7.30pm

Friday 23rd 11am

Saturday 24th (anniversary) 9.30am

Please make every effort to attend at least one of the prayer times during the week. The Lebedyn Church is our sister church and at this difficult time they need upholding in prayer.



Holy Spirit Day

Sat 6th Apr 9.30am to 4.30pm here at VBC. In line with Chris's ongoing Teaching Series regarding the work and person of the Holy Spirit, we are setting aside a day to explore the work of the Holy Spirit together as a church. More details to follow nearer the time.



We would love to see you at Flow Café next Saturday (10th). Bring your friends to enjoy crafts, bacon or sausage baps, football, BSL, coffee and cake. All proceeds this month will be for *Good News Brighton*, the mission in Moulsecoomb led by Neil and Jess Hilton.

Good News Brighton



The next Creative Writing meeting will be also be next Saturday, during Flow Café, at 10.30am in the Hive. The topic this month is 'A Quiet Place' - you can write something in prose or poetic form. For more information please contact Helen Trimmings or John Demetriou. All are welcome.

Bookclub, meanwhile, will also be taking place at 10.30 in the Snug.

Do you have a vision to see our Father's Kingdom Come in Eastbourne? This afternoon is for you.

SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY
1PM-4.30PM

King's Church, Edison Road, BN23 6PT

Keynote Speaker
ROGER SUTTON
UK Gather Movement
gathermovement.org

With warm appreciation to Kings Church for their hospitality and support for this event

PROGRAMME

13.00 - Doors open

Catch up with friends. Light refreshments available. Local Christian agencies will have displays of their ministries to peruse.

14.00 - Welcome and Worship

14.30 - Vision

Roger Sutton will share a vision to see every UK town or city transformed through a vibrant church unity movement.

15.00 - Prayer

Praying for our town led by local Christian leaders.

16.30 - End

As part of the afternoon plans for the Thy Kingdom Come bandstand event in May and also prayer walking the wider Eastbourne area during 2024 will be shared.

An offering will be taken to cover event expenses.

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PRAYER DIARY 5TH - 11TH FEBRUARY

“... eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the hearts of man the things that God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9

Monday The final baptismal class took place yesterday. Please pray for all who have attended these classes to have grown closer to God, be protected from Satan’s attacks and be guided to forgiveness, salvation and baptism.

Tuesday Ron Cross, from Open Doors, preached yesterday. Please pray for our persecuted Christian family perhaps by using the [daily prayer diary](#) produced by this charity and ask God how He wants you to support broken, frightened Christians around the world.

Wednesday Please pray for the flower ministry at VBC as all who donate and work behind the scenes to distribute the flowers bring God’s love, joy and a sense of being cared for to members who are in need in some way.

Thursday The ladies bible study group takes place on a Thursday morning. Pray for God to guide Lucy Craggs as she leads the sessions, and pray that the people of God’s choice will be enabled to attend and be blessed by God and with the fellowship.

Friday Ask God to release His power on every Christian church worldwide so that we will all come in line with His true teaching, that false teachers will be exposed and removed, for unity, and for an outpouring of His Spirit so that the Church will be ready for when Jesus returns.

Saturday The *Pray Eastbourne 2024* event takes place today at Kings Church. Ask that God will speak powerfully through the speaker Roger Sutton as he seeks to share a vision for God’s kingdom coming in Eastbourne.

Sunday Please pray for all the staff at VBC : Chris, Sandra, Simon, Erik, Colin, Kevin, Julie, Helen, Nadine, Tim and Jez to be filled with the Spirit; to have wisdom and discernment, to be able to cope with the pressure of their jobs. And pray that we, the congregation, will be caring and supportive and so bring joy to their service. Amen.

God bless you – “All my life You have been faithful, all my life You have been so, so good, with every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God”

FUEL FOR PRAYER

Living Life

Contact
Mick Trott
for more
details



Come and join our team of volunteers!



Bible by the Beach 03 – 06 May 2024. An opportunity to serve others, make new friends and receive free access to the conference on the days you work!

Could you:

BIBLE
BY THE BEACH

- join the stewarding team
 - join the catering team
 - provide accommodation for other volunteers
- or
- if you are currently involved in youth or children's work, come and serve alongside others in the kids teams?

Want to know more? We would love to hear from you!

biblebythebeach@gmail.com

Open afternoon

Thursday 15th February, 2-3:30pm

St Wilfrid's Hospice

**1 Broadwater Way,
Eastbourne BN22 9PZ**

Come and learn more about the hospice and our services.

On the day there will be:

- Tours of the hospice.
- A free arts activity for those under 18 from 2pm-3pm (under 16s must be accompanied by an adult).
- Free refreshments.
- An opportunity to talk to our volunteering team.
- A chance to learn about our upcoming fundraising events.

Book your place: stwhospice.org/openafternoon



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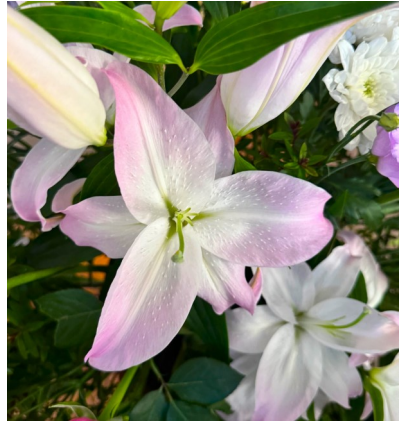
The hospice is close to the Hampden Park Sainsbury's Bus Stop served by the No. 8 bus. Hampden Park Station is approximately 10 minutes' walk away. Limited parking may be available at the hospice. Parking available nearby.



St Wilfrid's Hospice

Flower Ministry

Last week's flowers were donated by
Sally-Ann Soulsby and the family of Audrey Brown



Came home this morning and found a beautiful bunch of flowers on the step. Please thank all concerned for this lovely act of kindness (yet another one by the VBC community!) God bless you. BS

