



Sunday 7th April 2024

Victoria Baptist Church News

HE HAS SHOWN YOU, O MORTAL, WHAT IS GOOD.  
AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?

TO ACT JUSTLY  
AND TO LOVE MERCY  
AND TO WALK HUMBLY  
WITH YOUR GOD.

MICAH 6:8 | NIV

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## MICAH 6:8

We begin a new mini-series on Micah. Specifically, Micah 6:8 entitled, "What does the Lord require of you?" Have you ever wondered what it is that God wants you to do? How should you respond to events around you? I know I have. This single verse captures the essence of holy living, pleasing to God. Over the next three weeks, I will be attempting to unpick and unpack the depth of teaching that this one verse contains. We begin with **Just living or living Justly?** What is justice? What does it mean for us and what does God mean by the word justice? How can we live just lives in a world full of injustice, hatred, violence and corruption? Micah lived in a world not dissimilar to our own and saw the corruption and proclaimed God's judgement, yet at the same time gave us insight into how to live as the Lord requires, to bring about His kingly rule on earth.

Please note that communion, led by Chris Short, will form an integral part of this morning's service, whilst at 6.30pm we have our regular fortnightly Church Prayer Meeting.



## Next Week (Sunday 14<sup>TH</sup>)

Jez Taylor continues with the second of his 3-week series on Micah 6:8. "What does the Lord require of you?"



He will also be leading the first in the series of Bible Academy Level 2 - "Deep Dive". This will be at 6pm and it is not too late to sign up for this session, or indeed for the Level 1 series which he is beginning this coming Thursday (11<sup>th</sup>) at 6.30pm.

# STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for the coming week are as follows:

Chris	annual leave	Kevin	off Sat
Sandra	off Thurs	Tim	in Wed & Fri mornings
Colin	off Mon	Jez	in Wed & Fri mornings
Erik	off Thurs	Simon	off Tues
Phil	in Wed	Nadine	in Thurs
Julie	in Thurs		

## Senior Minister

Chris Short

## PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

## Family Ministries

Simon Grimes - Children

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## Church Administrator

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**The Week Ahead**

- Sun 7 9.30am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
- 10.00am Live & Online - Communion with Chris Short & Jez Taylor
- 6.30pm Church Prayer Meeting
- Mon 8 7.30pm CLT meeting
- Tues 9 7.15pm Soaking in the Spirit (ladies only)
- Wed 10 8.30am Community Fridge and Breakfast Club
- Thu 11 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
- Men's Fellowship - next meeting Apr 18
- 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Anna Reid
- 6.30pm Bible Academy - Level 1
- 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 12 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
- Sat 13 10.00am Flow Cafe
- 10.30am Creative Writing and Bookclub
- Sun 14 9.30am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
- 10.00am Live and Online with Jez Taylor
- 6.00pm Bible Academy - Level 2

**Preaching Engagements** *Please remember in prayer*



- David Laskey Sun 14 Broadway United, Hampden Park 10am
- David Laskey Sun 21 St Barnabas, Langney 9.45am

**Advance Notice -**

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



Wed 24 Apr Church Members Business Meeting, 7.30pm



## Alpha

Once again we will be starting another Alpha Course, this time on Sunday Evenings from the 21<sup>st</sup> April ... but it relies on all of us to pray, get involved and invite people!

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions, running over ten weeks, that allows people to freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. It's for anyone who's curious. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and ask questions about Jesus in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. Each session includes meeting together, a short talk, and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts. At any point, if you think Alpha isn't for you, that's not a problem. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge.

Our Alpha Course will start at 6pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

For further information or to sign up, contact Tim Nunn: [tim@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:tim@victoriabaptist.org.uk)

Here are two links that explain more about the Alpha Course:

National Alpha website:

<https://alpha.org.uk/>

Victoria Baptist Church website:

<https://www.victoriabaptist.org.uk/church-life/alpha-victoria/>

## Creative Writing

Our next meeting is on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30-noon in the usual venue, the Hive. The subject for the meeting, and your homework in advance of the meeting, is:

**"Just Looking"**

The aim is to focus on a specific place, photograph or piece of art and concentrate on using description to share what we "see", think, and feel with our readers/audience. Every picture tells a story.

All are welcome; for more information, please contact Helen Trimmings.



# PRAYER DIARY 8TH – 14TH APRIL

*The PRAYER FOCUS this week is on certain EASTER CHARACTERS*

**Monday** Joseph of Arimathea, “a respected member of the council”. Pray for all who seek to serve Christ and their community in local or national politics. Pray that they might uphold truth and justice, even when it is at variance with their party’s politics. Pray for all who serve in national government, remembering those who are undecided as to whether to stand at the next election. Pray that they will be people of honour who can be trusted and that we can once again have faith in elected representatives.

**Tuesday** Nicodemus, a secret disciple who did what was right. He first came to Jesus by night. Remember those who are unable to nail their colours openly to the Christian mast. Uphold those in countries where freedom of speech is restricted that they might still find a way of standing up for what is right. Remember the many who are part of the “Persecuted Church” overseas, but also those who have been silenced here in the U.K.

**Wednesday** Mary Magdalene stood weeping, having visited the tomb early on Easter morning. Remember all who have been bereaved recently, those who find it difficult to sleep as a result; those who have been unable to release a loved one to God; those with unresolved issues. The message to Mary was “*He is risen.*” Pray that the reality of the Easter message might bring hope, encouragement, and a way forward for all who are on their grief journey.

**Thursday** John (the other disciple at the tomb) went in and he saw, and he believed, although he didn’t fully understand it. Pray for an enhanced understanding of the wonder of the resurrection, even when this can remain incomplete. Give thanks that Jesus was victorious over sin and death and that they need no longer cause us to be afraid. Pray that the message of a place prepared for us might encourage us to keep looking to Jesus as the author and perfecter of our faith and to live in anticipation of all that awaits us there.

**Friday** Cleopas (and his companion) were returning home on that first Easter Sunday evening. Distressed, despairing, distraught, they confided in the Stranger “*we had hoped...*” Pray for all who are disillusioned or feel let down by another. Jesus asked “*what things?*” and was then able to explain clearly from the Scriptures. Pray that, like them, we might feel our hearts burning within us as we allow Him to answer and bring clarity to our doubts and uncertainties. Give thanks for the truths contained in the Bible and pray for all who seek to make clear all the promises contained in its pages.

**FUEL FOR PRAYER**

**Saturday** Thomas. Give thanks for his honesty, his preparedness to say when matters were unclear. *“Unless I see...and have proof”* is where many are at just now. Pray that the light and truth of the Gospel will shine brightly on all who have honest doubts and that, like Thomas, they might come to own Him as Lord and God. Pray for many grown up children who have wandered away from a faith they once embraced and confessed, especially remembering the many parents in our church who are constantly prayerful that their children will once again return to the fold.

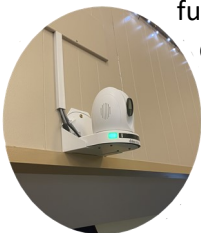
**Sunday** Peter. Give thanks for this disciple who, despite making huge mistakes in his life, was lovingly and graciously re-instated by his Master. Give thanks that we, too, can know what it is like to be *“ransomed, healed, restored and forgiven”*. To Christ’s question *“Do you love me?”* may we boldly reply *“Yes, Lord, You know that I love You.”* May we know the reality of the fact that we don’t have to worry about being left alone ever again. He has promised to stay right here and never leave our side. He will always be with us, even to the very end of time. Join in praise and worship accordingly.

## A Plea FOR VOLUNTEERS

Many people love the fact that our services are live-streamed. Maybe they find it hard to get to church, or they want to hear part of the sermon or a particular song again. Or maybe they want to listen again to aid Life Group preparation. We have people from all over the world who love to watch and listen to our services. It’s a great resource but it can only happen if someone operates the cameras! Recently two of our camera operators have moved on to other

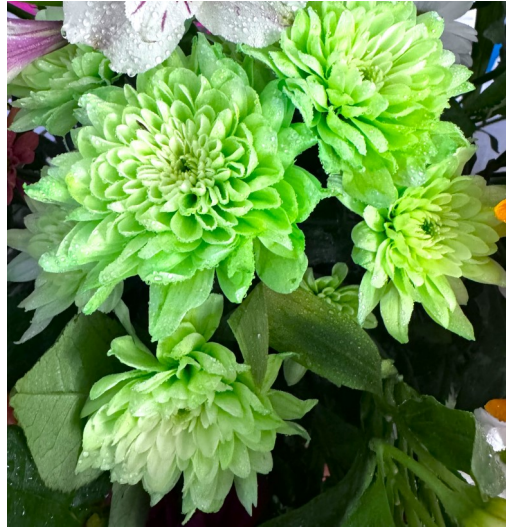


things, leaving us extremely short of people. It basically means that the few people we have, have to cover more Sundays. Please can you help? It is not as hard as you may think. Some familiarity with using computers helps, as does an artistic eye, but full training can be given. It’s also possible to sit in and observe for a couple of Sundays to see if it’s for you. If you can’t help perhaps you can think of someone who might be able to. This is a real need so please give it some thought. Please contact Doug or Vanessa Howard, or the church office, if you are interested. Thanks.



## Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by  
**Avril Coombe**



*I just wanted to email to thank you for the beautiful flowers that were delivered yesterday. They really brightened my day. YC*



*Please thank the ladies so much for the beautiful flowers delivered this morning. It's such a wonderful ministry and means so much. Just in time to celebrate our 59th Wedding Anniversary on the 3rd! GB*