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The King That Delivers **Matthew 14:13-36**

I love a good book. Do you? I love the way an author builds the story slowly, revealing the characters, developing the tension until there is a climax and a major conflict has to be resolved. In most novels the hero wins and the bad guys get their comeuppance. Matthew's gospel is a beautifully crafted piece of literature with a specific purpose, to reveal Jesus as the Messiah of Israel, God's Son, chosen to bring salvation to Israel and to rule as King forever. In our passage today we see how Matthew reveals Jesus' credentials as Messiah and His right to be called Messiah. What does this mean for us today? Do we see Jesus in the same way, the One who rescues us and rules in our lives or is He just a miracle worker and a good teacher? How will the story end for you?



**membership
MATTERS**

THIS EVENING

There is a Prospective Members meeting at 5pm, and the church Prayer Meeting takes place at 6.30pm.

Next Week (14TH JULY)

Erik and Simon will be leading the All-Age Service at 10am.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for this coming week are as follows:

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

Senior Minister

Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

Family Ministries

Simon Grimes - Children

Erik Cornelisse - Youth

Church Administrator

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Caretaker

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- Sun 7 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am Live and Online with Jez Taylor
 5.00pm Prospective Members Meeting
 6.30pm Church Prayer Meeting
- Mon 8 6.00pm Girls Brigade
- Tues 9 Soaking in the Spirit (next meeting 16th July)
- Wed 10 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.30am Community Fridge and Cafe
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 6.30pm Boys Brigade
- Thu 11 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Chris Short
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 12 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Xpect
- Sat 13 10.00am Flow Cafe
- Sun 14 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am Live and Online with Erik and Simon

Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*

Francis Bates Jul 7 South Street, 10.30am



- 17th July** - Ladies Evening Out at Pomodoro e Mozzarella, 7pm
19th July - Friends, Food & Fellowship, 12.30pm

There are sign-up sheets for both of these events in the Welcome Centre.

Flow Café

Please join us at Flow Café on Saturday 13th July when we will be donating all proceeds to SANDS, a charity supporting bereaved parents and saving babies' lives.

All the usual activities will be on offer - crafts, football, table tennis, card making, BSL Café, along with coffee, cake, and bacon and sausage sandwiches.

Look forward to seeing you.

Sandra



VBC Open



It's still not too late to express your interest in the Golf Tournament taking place on Friday 19th July, at Willingdon Golf Club, 4pm. We still have a couple of places to fill and would love to fill all the spaces we've booked. We will be in touch with those already on our list to confirm the arrangements. Please see Colin or Jez if you have any queries.

Life groups @ VBC

Friendship, Faith and Fun at the heart of our community



I have asked Life Group leaders to take a break during the school summer holidays, although meeting socially is always a good thing to do. However, there may be many who would like to continue to study God's word together. With this in mind, I have produced a "**Summer Series**" reflecting on Psalms 1-9. The study and copies of the Psalms are available on the website along with many other Bible studies based on Sunday preaching. The link below will take you to the appropriate webpage.

<https://www.victoriabaptist.org.uk/church-life/life-groups/resources/>

Thanks

Jez

PRAYER DIARY 8TH - 14TH JULY

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.....”. 1Peter 1:3

Monday Father, we lift up to You all those who have been elected to serve their communities as MPs and those who now form the new government. We pray that these men and women turn to You, Lord, for the wisdom and guidance to govern our nation according to Your plans and purposes. Father, we pray they put Your Son Jesus Christ first in all the decisions they make.

Tuesday Lord Almighty, we lift up to You those who are suffering, those in hospital and those who are receiving treatment at home. Surround them with Your love; let them know Your healing touch and strengthen them in body, soul and spirit. We also lift up to You, Father, their carers who give so much to their loved ones and often sacrifice their own needs. Reassure them, Lord, that You are always present in their hour of need.

Wednesday Gracious God, we bring before You so many countries ravaged by war. We especially ask You to intervene in the Ukraine and Gaza wars. Father, we cry out for peace, justice and reconciliation to reign, and for those in power to act now, to secure the release of all hostages and prisoners, and for the bloodshed to end. May Your Son, the Prince of Peace reign for ever.

Thursday Almighty and forgiving Father, we remember that Your Son became a refugee and had no place to call His own. We lift up to You in prayer all those who have fled from danger, persecution, homelessness and hunger. Bless them, Father, and encourage those who have resources to house and support the refugees, and for organisations such as NetworX to know their acts of kindness, generosity and compassion are driven by the Holy Spirit.

Friday Father, we lift up to You our young people who are finishing their school and university years. We pray for Your powerful presence in their lives as they await exam results and then make decisions about their future. Let them know You love them deeply and You have a unique plan mapped out for each one of them. We pray that the search for a Youth Leader bears fruit soon and our young people can continue to have their hearts and minds opened to the glories of Your kingdom.

FUEL FOR PRAYER

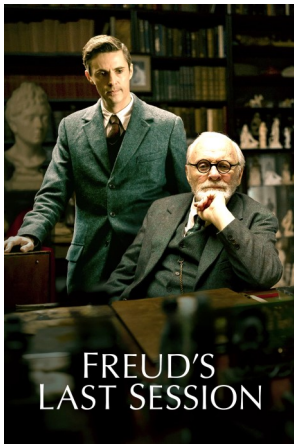
Saturday Lord, we pray for unity of purpose within the family of the world church. We pray for the Holy Spirit to empower us with the wisdom and the words to overcome the division and intolerance so often prevalent in churches today. Unite us, Father, under Your Son, the Prince of Peace, who has instructed us through the Holy Scriptures to love one another .

Sunday “Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish each other with all wisdom, through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your heart.” Col 3:16 As we gather for the All Age service this morning pray for the Holy Spirit to move amongst us, awakening in our minds and hearts the wonder of God’s amazing Kingdom .

Thank You!

Last Saturday, an energetic group of people from the church, very ably led by our volunteer chief gardener, David Trimmings, spent a couple of hours tidying up the grounds of the church, making them look very presentable. There’s much work involved in keeping the grassy areas and bushes neat and tidy and we do owe David, who does a lot of the heavy work, and Tessa, who concentrates on the bushes and plants, a huge debt of gratitude for the work they do regularly. But on Saturday, they were joined by a group of 10 or so others to help with the task of tidying things up. They were spurred on by tea and cake laid on by David’s wife, Helen, and, as a group, they have even talked about this becoming a more regular event, maybe 3 or 4 times a year. So, if you were unable to make it last week, do watch this space for details of their next gathering!





FILM REVIEW - FREUD'S LAST SESSION

It's not often we get a film today debating the existence of God but in 'Freud's Last Session' we have one with excellent acting, an unusual setting for a film and some clever cinematography to make it work.

The film is based on the stage play by Mark St. Germain and imagines a meeting between the ageing, dying and atheistic founder of psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud, with the younger Christian apologist and Oxford professor, CS Lewis, commonly called 'Jack' by family and friends. The meeting takes place in Freud's London home in September 1939 when England declares war on Germany.

The fictional meeting (though there is evidence Freud did meet with an unknown Oxford don) provides an effective dramatic scenario to set the two great minds against each other to debate the existence of God, question of suffering, suicide, the role of sex and other subjects from an atheistic and faith perspective.

At two hours long, the film would be difficult to watch if it was confined to the two men sparring with each other in a limited space so the arguments are interspersed with flashbacks of their former lives and some imaginary scenes to fill in the back story and explain their characters and beliefs. We see 'Jack' sent to boarding school in England from Belfast by a distant father, his traumatic experience fighting in WW1 and his meeting with Tolkien and the Inklings group in Oxford as he explored the evidence for Christianity. For Freud, we view his motherless upbringing mixed with Jewish and Catholic influences, his experience of anti-Semitism by the Nazis in his home city of Vienna that made him flee to London and his domineering, troubled relationship to his daughter Anna, whose sexual orientation he finds objectionable.

In such a film, focussed on discussion, the acting has to be of a high calibre to make it work and it does not disappoint. Anthony Hopkins gives his usual master class as the cantankerous, mischievous Freud, suffering from advanced mouth cancer; Matthew Goode, as the quieter, more reflective Lewis; Liv Fries as Anna, Freud's long-suffering, indecisive daughter, yet a capable children's psychoanalyst in her own right - despite the prejudice of a male dominated faculty where she teaches; as well as other well known actors contributing their part. The intellectual sparring scenes, which could be dry, are given vibrancy by the lead actors' contrasting characters. Freud finds it incredulous that *'A supreme intellect like Lewis could abandon truth and embrace a ludicrous dream and insidious lie'* while 'Jack' quietly reflects in return, *'How is it that Christianity allows for science but science has no room for God?...*



The costumes, scenery and historical backdrop are well replicated for a low budget film and the pace maintained by the quality of the acting, mix of conversation, flashbacks and imaginary scenes, already mentioned, as well as weaving Anna's story into the plot.

On the negative side, it can be detected that the two main protagonists' arguments are lifted verbatim from their writings making it sound mechanical. Also, some viewers might find the innuendo about Lewis' relationship with Mrs Moore, the mother of his best friend who died in the War and who he was committed to care for, disturbing, though it occurred before his conversion to Christianity.

The film doesn't come down on one side or the other by the end, but it is refreshing to see such a theological debate dealing with issues still relevant today given a public airing through a dramatic medium, and Christianity, in particular, allowed a fair hearing. The film is coming to the Towner Eastbourne from 12th July: [Freud's Last Session — Towner Eastbourne](#) *John Demetriou*

Wednesday Morning Prayer Meeting, 7am

As you are hopefully already aware, we are starting a new Wednesday Morning Prayer Meeting. We'll meet at 7am for half an hour every week, commencing this coming week (10th July).

There are a number of reasons for starting another prayer meeting. One has been the words of the captain of the boat to Jonah, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your God! Maybe He will take notice of us so that we will not perish" (Jonah 1:6). So, rather than sleeping, we are going to get up and call on our God, believing that, as we do so, He will bring salvation to those in our community.



In his book, Center Church, Tim Keller said: "To kindle every revival, the Holy Spirit initially uses ... "extraordinary prayer" - united, persistent, and kingdom-centred prayer. Sometimes it begins with a single person or a small group of people praying for God's glory in the community. What is important is not the number of people praying but the nature of the praying. The 3 basic traits of such prayer are:

1. A request for grace to confess sins
2. A compassion and zeal for the flourishing of the church and the reaching of the lost
3. A yearning to know God, to see His face, to glimpse His glory."

Our prayers will begin with repentance and then a time of personal prayer. We will be allowing time for God to speak through words and pictures.

We will meet in the Sanctuary and access will be via the fire exit door near the office entrance. I hope to see you there. Tim

Transform, Revive and Heal Society

Following last Sunday's service, we have had requests to publish the words of the closing song, a song not familiar to everyone.

We Seek Your Kingdom

We seek your kingdom throughout every sphere

We long for heaven's demonstration here

Jesus Your light shine bright from sea to sea

Transform revive and heal society

Before all things in Him all things were made

Inspiring culture media and trade

May all our work serve Your economy

Transform revive and heal society

Peace truth and justice reigning everywhere

With us be present in our public square

Fill all who lead with Your integrity

Transform revive and heal society

Forgive us Lord when we have not engaged

Failing to scribe Your heart on history's page

Make us again what we were made to be

Transform revive and heal society

Faithful to govern ever may we be

Selfless in service loving constantly

In everything may Your authority

Transform revive and heal society

Andy Flannagan, Graham Hunter, Noel Robinson

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- Thurs - Sat (+ Sunday)**
- 10.00am - 12.30pm**
- reception - year 6**
- games, crafts, songs,**
- snacks & more!**



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Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by
John & Jean Simmons
as they celebrate their Golden Wedding



The July date was quickly taken after last week's announcement of vacant dates but we still have 3 slots in August that need to be filled (11th, 18th, 25th). If you feel you would like to donate the flowers on one of these dates, please contact Chris McMahon for more info and to see what is involved. You might like to consider giving as a life group perhaps?

