




VICTORIA

Life

Sunday 7th June 2026

Therefore I tell you,



**DO NOT
WORRY
ABOUT
YOUR
LIFE,**

*what you will eat or drink; or about your body,
what you will wear. Is not life more than food,
and the body more than clothes?*

MATTHEW 6:25



The Life of a Disciple
Seeking first His kingdom and righteousness
Matthew 6:25-34

Last week Chris challenged us to read the Sermon on the Mount, three chapters, every day. This passage, often entitled 'Do not worry', is part of that sermon, given by Jesus to the crowds and the disciples. Jesus is helping His disciples to understand how to live and to follow Him when He is no longer with them in person, to trust in God's provision when they are on mission as the early church. Today, how can we live as disciples in our culture and with the worries we have for now and the future? Jesus gives His disciples - and us - an answer:



'But seek first His kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.' (Matt 6:33).

We hope you can join us in person and online to consider Jesus' words about the life of a disciple, as we pursue God's kingdom and His righteousness.

Lucy Craggs

This evening - we have our regular Prayer Meeting at 6.30pm.

Next Week (14TH June) - Next week's Live@10 will be led by Chris Short, continuing his series in the Book of Revelation.

And we have our monthly Evening Service at 6pm. A time of Communion is included as always.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for next week? All working to their normal routine!

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

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QR Code

A reminder that the QR code on the seats in front of you has 3 functions. Scanning it with your smart phone will give you the opportunity to 1) find out more about life at VBC; 2) to donate to the work of the church; and 3) to use Breeze - enabling you to have the spoken word translated into your preferred language. Give it a try!



- Sun 7 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Lucy Craggs inc Communion
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
 7.00pm Sunday Evening Youth
- Mon 8 6.00pm Girls Brigade
 7.30pm CLT meeting
- Tue 9
- Wed 10 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 3.00pm Youth Alpha - "Does God heal today?"
- Thu 11 7.30am Men's Prayer Meeting
 Men's Fellowship next meeting - **TUES Jun 16th**
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Stephen Dickson
 6.45pm Omega (contact Tim or Ruth Nunn for details)
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 12 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Friday Night Youth
- Sat 13 10.00am Flow Cafe
 10.30am Creative Writing
- Sun 14 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Chris Short
 6.00pm Evening Service
 7.00pm Sunday Evening Youth

The Week Ahead



BIBLE NOTES

If you have ordered *Your Encounter with God & Daily Bread* notes from Sandra, and you have not already been given them, you will find them in your pigeon-hole at the back of the church.

PRAYER DIARY : 8TH - 14TH June

“Send me your light and your faithful care, let them lead me. Let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.” Psalm 43:3

Monday Let us begin every day this week praying into this verse from your word (Ps 43:3), giving thanks for Your everlasting presence and guidance in our lives, wherever we are and with whoever we meet.

Tuesday Loving Father, we bring before You all those taking exams at this time. Pray for the outreach to the year 11 pupils being held each morning at VBC. Father, through the Holy Spirit, fill the support team with the right words of encouragement and compassion to support the youngsters at this stressful time. Let Your light shine and bring these young people into a relationship with You.

Wednesday Father, we pray for Your intervention in the war in the Ukraine. We plead with You for an end to the horrors suffered by the Ukrainian people. We pray the war does not escalate into a conflict between NATO and Russia. Thank You, Father, for the love that You have shown Bohdan and his team in Lebedyn. Through You, they have not flinched in the face of great hardship to bring comfort, hope and spiritual renewal to so many war-weary people. Father, bless the summer camps and keep safe those attending. Please pray for the church in Zhytomyr, which is struggling, and for Bohdan to have the resources to help them.

Thursday “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in harmony.” Ps 133:1

Father, in these fractured times, we pray the churches of the world unite around worshipping one God, You Almighty Lord, and follow the teaching of one gospel, the God-breathed scriptures, the Bible. We lift up to You the Baptist Union, our own VBC leadership team and our own families. Father, fill us with the wisdom and grace to be understanding of others from different backgrounds and cultures, and to always seek out the truth You have shown us through the life and teaching of Your son our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink”. Matt 25:35

Lord, we bring before you all those struggling with the cost of living crisis as they try to feed their families, heat their homes and clothe their children. Father, we ask for Your presence in their lives. Sustain them and fill them with the hope of an everlasting life with You. Give thanks for the CAP team who in Your name have helped so many become debt free. Father, put it upon the hearts of those who can give, to give generously and with a glad heart.

Saturday “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain for the old order of things has passed away.”
Rev21:4

Father, we lift up to You those who face each morning with the loneliness of bereavement, the empty chair at the table, the quietness, a life now incomplete. Father, fill that void with Your love and Your presence and lead them through the darkness into Your arms and into the light.

Reassure them, Father, that through accepting Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as their Redeemer and Saviour, there is the certain hope of eternal life with You.

Sunday “And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy”. Genesis 2:3

Father, as we come together to worship and glorify You today, we pray for the Holy Spirit to come amongst us and fill us to overflowing so that our praise of You is deep, heartfelt and passionate. May Your word fill our minds with the wonder of Your Kingdom and deepen our faith in Your Son, the Risen Lord.



COVID COVER-UP

Remember Covid?!

Next Thursday (11th) **Dr. Stephen**

Dickson will be bringing to us a very interesting talk on the “**Covid Cover-Up**” at our **Women's Fellowship** meeting at 2.30 pm. We have all been affected by Covid in one way or another and it would be good to take a look back and reflect on what we have been through, and are still feeling the impact of today. If you have not been before to our meetings, make this the first.

We have a special visit of **Dr. Miles Thomas** on the 18th June bringing us news of the work of “**Open Doors**”, ministering to persecuted Christians. Then we have two ‘Eric’s’ - on 25th June we our very own **Erik Cornelisse**, followed by the life story of **Eric Pavey** on 2nd July. Don't miss all these special summer treats before we break up for the holidays! *Avril Coombe*

Men's CURRY NIGHT: Wednesday 15th July
7pm: Tuk Tuk Indian Street Food, 240, Terminus Rd, Eastbourne BN21 3DE

By popular demand, we are returning to Tuk Tuk for our Annual Visit. There are a restricted number of seats, so, when the sign-up sheet appears in the next week or two, get your name down as soon as you can!



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KINGDOM BUILDERS

Holiday Club

Reception to Yr 6

WE NEED YOUR
LEGO

6 AUGUST
10am - 12:30pm

THURSDAY

7 AUGUST
10am - 12:30pm

FRIDAY

8 AUGUST
10am - 12:30pm
SATURDAY

Do you have any LEGO you no longer need? Please can we have it for this years Holiday Club 'Kingdom Builders'.

Info: simon@victoriabaptist.org.uk
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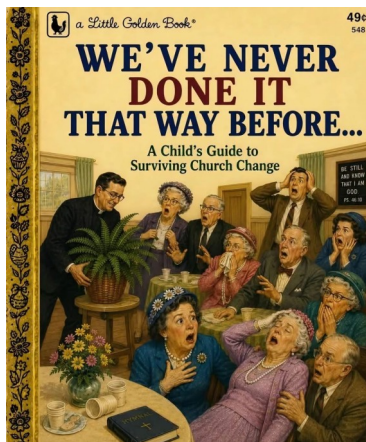
Changes Ahead

Plans are underway for big changes to the weekly news sheet, Victoria Life. It has been decided that we will only publish a full edition - similar to what you currently receive - once a month. On the weeks in-between it is planned to have a brief 2-page sheet covering the diary for the following week plus a limited number of news items and prayer points.

We will also continue to make use of the e-mail facility available to most of you and send any urgent updates via this method.

We are planning to start this new pattern next month - so we will continue with the current format for another 3 weeks after this and then issue the new 2-page format for the edition dated 5th July. The first monthly edition is scheduled for 26th July.

We feel this will be a more time-efficient way of keeping in touch with you all and also enable other tasks to get done more efficiently.



Members' Directory Update

The next edition of the Members' Directory will be produced later this month but, before it goes to print, I do need you to send me details of any changes you need to make - change of address perhaps, e-mail address, phone number etc. You will remember that we are now only including your preferred phone number rather than a landline and a mobile number so do check out what appeared in the last edition and let me know if you want it changed. Remember this is only for those of you who are members - and it is only distributed to members.

FLOWER MINISTRY



We are in great need of someone to join the Flower Bunching Team on a Monday morning. We have a rota and you would be needed probably once a month - but the more people we have the less often you have to do it! Training will be provided if needed. Contact Chris McMahan for details.

My Dearest Mother

Living here in England, so far from you, the silence is becoming unbearable. With every means of communication cut off - no internet, no phone calls, no messages - I am left in a void of total uncertainty.

Not knowing if you are safe while the shadows of war loom over home is a pain I cannot put into words.

Life, without seeing you or hearing your voice, is nothing but the soulless passing of moments ... a tedious crawl of seconds, each carrying a heavy burden of stress, anxiety, and longing.



In your absence, time no longer feels like it's moving forward; it simply passes without being lived.

It feels as though everything exists, yet nothing is in its rightful place. Peace is lost, smiles have faded, and my heart constantly calls out for you. Your presence is what gives colour to my life; your absence turns it into a cold, endless passage.

I miss you beyond measure and pray every second for the moment I hear your voice again.

I hope that God Almighty will keep you in His protection.

Pouria Tamimi

Please keep Pouria, and the other Iranians in our congregation, very much in your prayers in the midst of the difficulties they are facing.



You can find the Life Group notes for today's message through this link:

<https://victoriabaptist.org.uk/midweekgroups/life-groups/resources/most-recent-bible-studies.php>

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GOLF TOURNAMENT



FRIDAY
24TH JULY



4PM



AT
WILLINGDON
GOLF CLUB



This is the 5th year of the VBC Open, an event not to be missed! Please register your interest with Colin or Jez as soon as possible so that we can book the right number of tee slots. The cost to enter this highly prestigious tournament is £30, worth every penny when you consider you will be in the company of some real star golfers!

Accommodation

A former member, now living away from Eastbourne, is looking to rent his house in the Hampden Park area for up to 4 years. It is an end-of-terrace house with 3 bedrooms. If you are interested yourself, or know anyone who it might suit, please contact the office for more details.



Flow Café

A reminder that Flow Café is happening next Saturday (13th) with proceeds being donated to the *Beachy Head Chaplaincy*.

Creative Writing

A reminder to all creative writers that the group will meet as usual during Flow Cafe next Saturday 13 June, 10:30 in The Hive.

With holidays high on the agenda, we will be sharing our work as Travel Writers.

Examples include describing a favourite location filled with memories, a fantasy trip to a faraway location, Adventure Travel, or simply a promotional article about dear old Eastbourne. Looking forward to some whistle stop tours. Any questions I will do my best to help. Look forward to seeing you then. Helen



The theme is Jesus The Good Shepherd and the key scripture is John 10 v 14-16

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make them count

NATIONAL MONTH OF PRAYER for Toddler groups June 2026

Pray for your local toddler group, its leaders and all the families it comes into contact with.

For more information, ideas and resources visit the Facebook Group - 1277 www.1277.org.uk/resources

Flower Minis-

Flowers for Pentecost were donated by
Nola Gibson



*Many thanks for the flowers I received today.
They are much appreciated. PS*

and flowers for last week were donated by
Thelma Papps



*Please give my thanks to the flower ladies for
sending me an amazing arrangement last week.
With lots of love. TS*