

VICTORIA *Life*

Sunday 8th February 2026

REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED

every one of you,

IN THE NAME OF

JESUS
CHRIST

AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE

HOLY
SPIRIT

ACTS 2:38



The Essential Church

Acts 2:33-47 – The Birth of the Church

“Exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.” (Acts 2:33)

If you asked a friend to imagine what the world would be like without the church, they'd be unlikely to break a sweat. Mostly, everything would stay the same except all the church buildings would disappear, which might not be such a bad thing. After all, those Christians haven't always got along very well!



What they wouldn't expect is that, along with the church buildings, all the hospitals, schools, hospices and countless charities that exist for the public good would disappear too. Nor would they expect the football stadiums to be replaced by arenas in which the main form of entertainment was people killing each other. They wouldn't expect it because modern people have come to think of the centuries-long achievements of the church as 'normal life', when the truth is there is nothing normal about it at all.

This morning we'll go back to the very beginning of the Christian revolution and consider together the birth of the church, its extraordinary impact on the ancient world, and how it remains the best hope for the world today.

This Evening

Our monthly evening service will be at 6pm when John Jones will be speaking and Clive Pooley giving his testimony. Do come along if you can.

Next Week (15TH)

Jez Taylor will be leading us next week at our live@10 service, continuing the series on the Essential Church.

Next Month

Please note we have a change in March with the All-Age Service moving from the usual slot of the 2nd Sunday to the 3rd Sunday - so it will be on the 15th, not the 8th. 2

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for next week

Chris Thurs & Fri annual leave
Colin off Mon
Kevin off Sat
Tim in Wed am & Fri am
Nadine in Mon & Thurs
Sandra off Thurs

Phil unavailable
Emily off Mon & Tues
Simon off Tues
Julie in Thurs
Lucy in Weds am, Thurs, Fri am
Jez in Wed am & Fri am

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

Treasurer

Mark Evason

Finance Assistant

Julie Hanks

Ministry Assistants

Lucy Craggs (Women)
Tim Nunn (Discipleship)
Jez Taylor (Life Groups)

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- Sun 8 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am live@10 with Chris Short
 6.00pm Evening Service
 7.00pm Sunday evening Youth
- Mon 9 6.00pm Girls Brigade
- Tue 10
- Wed 11 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
- Thu 12 7.30am Men's Prayer Meeting
 Men's Fellowship - next meeting 19th
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Emily Jenkins
 6.30pm Omega (contact Tim or Ruth Nunn for details)
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 13 10.00am Vicky Bees
 10.00am Outreach Prayer
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Friday evening Youth
- Sat 14
- Sun 15 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am live@10 with Jez Taylor
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
 7.00pm Sunday evening Youth

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 21st Feb Hope Lebedyn Anniversary Event, 4pm



Wed 11th Mar - The Funeral for Daphne Phillips, who went to be with the Lord last week, will be at Eastbourne Crematorium at 12 noon. There will be not be a Thanksgiving Service but refreshments will be available here at VBC for those of you who knew Daphne and want to join the family. Precise timings will follow later and a sign-up sheet will be in the Welcome Centre some time next week.

PRAYER DIARY : 9TH - 15TH FEBRUARY

For wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Proverbs 8:11

Monday In a recent sermon, Chris reminded us that our prayers really matter and are taken seriously by God and really do affect situations on earth. Father God, we pray that Your Spirit will guide us to pray with purpose and sincerity, with faith and trust in our Heavenly Father to answer prayer. Help us to prioritise prayer this year.

Tuesday Father God, we pray that You will manage the world chaos that results on a daily basis because of the inappropriate statements from politicians. We pray and know that Your plans will not be thwarted, we pray for stability in the world and that You will place a genuine desire for peace in the hearts of world leaders.

Wednesday Heavenly Father, we pray for the many Christians who struggle with various degrees of mental health problems. As a church we pray that You will guide us to support them in appropriate ways. We also pray for their families who often struggle to cope emotionally with unending trauma and sadness. We especially pray that You will comfort families who have lost family members due to mental health crises.

Thursday Lord, we pray that You will control those who wish to prevent religious freedom in many countries around the world. Today, we particularly pray for the two million Christians in Saudi Arabia where there are no official public churches. We pray for Christians in Afghanistan, it is 4 years since the Taliban took control, in times of fear and silence, pray that they will be strong, and that the Spirit will add to their numbers. Pray for the very few Christians in Libya who face incredible danger from the authorities, Muslim extremists, family, and communities. Pray for Iran and for Christians who stand firm in their faith against the authorities, that they will be strengthened by the Spirit and that many new disciples will come to faith. Pray for Pakistan where the blasphemy laws impact Christians, pray for true justice and for the lawyers who represent Christians. The world wide church needs our prayers.

Friday Father, we pray that the newly created private prayer space at VBC will be blessed by Your Holy Spirit and be a place where faith allows You to work to Your glory in the lives of our members.

Saturday With CLT elections on 25th February we pray that You, Lord, will have selected the candidates who You have gifted to serve You in such a time as this. Speak Your will clearly to Your servants and let them obey the words of God.

Sunday *"If any of you lacks wisdom you should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you"* James 1:5 Lord, we bring to You today the situations we face which call for wisdom. We pray also for knowledge, prudence, righteousness, discretion and justice which are some of the qualities that accompany wisdom, in Jesus name, Amen.

FUEL FOR PRAYER

MADE FOR YOU

1 DAY CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN

WITH *Lon Fellingham* + FRIENDS



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 **EASTBOURNE**

Saturday 14th March 2026

With Cathy Madavan
& Philippa Hanna



7 Eldon Rd,
Eastbourne BN21 1UE

TICKETS: MADEFORYOU.EVENTS

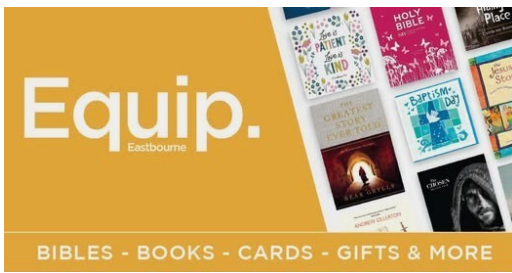


GIRLS' BRIGADE

Do you have a heart for building into the lives of girls as they grow up in a world of significant challenges? Our Girls Brigade needs more leaders. There are several loyal and committed leaders / helpers already but more are needed if GB is to meet safeguarding responsibilities. Please pray about whether this is something you can commit to. With enough helpers a rota could potentially be set up. More girls have signed up this new year which shows the need for GB to thrive. PLEASE help it to thrive. Talk to Jenny or Emily to find out more.

Paula and Deirdre (CLT)





There is now a fairly new Christian Bookshop in Eastbourne, open for nearly 3 months. After the closure of our previous bookshop, it would be good to support this one if you have a need for Christian literature, cards and the like.

ALPHA

Next course - starts Wed March 4th, at 6.45pm, runs for 9 weeks.

For more information, or to sign up, contact Lucy Craggs:

lucy@victoriabaptist.org.uk



Cavendish Connections

Are you a Christian parent/carer with a child at Cavendish School? If you'd like to meet up monthly and pray for the staff and children, please contact Caz Kelly: caz@livingstoneschurch.co.uk or 07421 816802

LIFE SUPPORT

I am so grateful for the kind words, encouragement and support already from the Church family, particularly after I spoke in church last Sunday about my forthcoming 3-month trip to Zambia. If anyone else would like to contribute to Life Support - the charity I've been supporting - please follow this link to Life_Support for more details. *Rosie*



LOST? We have had the pictured items in the office for a number of weeks now. Please come and claim it if you recognise any of them. We will be throwing away any items not claimed.



FLOWER MINISTRY

The flowers last week were donated by
Stephen & Helen Dickson



*Thank you for the lovely
flowers we received this
morning. It was a lovely
surprise. Blessings L&TJ*