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Sunday 8th June 2025

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Baptist Church Eastbourne

Centenary

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CHURCH CENTENARY SERVICE

Hebrews 12.1-3.

God has been faithful through 100 years of the church's life. How do we celebrate? By looking back (a little) and by looking forward and to Jesus (a lot more). God is at work in our nation right now in exciting ways. What sort of church do we need to be so that we're ready for all that God wants to do through us in this next chapter of our story? Our verses today point the way.

Peter Morden was our Assistant Minister from 1995-1999. He is currently Principal of Bristol Baptist College.



The service will be followed by tea and coffee in the Large Hall and then we will be adjourning to the garden area at 12.30pm for a church family picnic - where we will be laying on some musical entertainment!

We also have our monthly evening service at 6pm.

BAPTISM



It's not too late to tell us of your interest in being baptised. We are planning on having baptismal services on **both 15th and 22nd June**, and there will be a baptismal class with Chris in his office this coming Sunday (8th) at 4.30pm. Please have a word with him if you would like to consider baptism - or just turn up at 4.30. He will be delighted to see you!

NEXT WEEK

A busy Sunday next week when Chris Short will be leading our morning service at 10. This service will include communion and a baptism.

At 6.30 pm we have our regular Prayer Meeting.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for next week

Chris	off Tues		
Colin	off Mon	Phil	in Wed am
Kevin	off Sat	Simon	off Tues
Tim	in Wed am & Fri am	Julie	in Thurs
Nadine	in Mon & Thurs	Lucy	in Wed am, Thurs, Fri am
Sandra	off Mon & Thurs	Jez	in Wed & Fri

Senior Minister

Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

Family Ministries

Simon Grimes - Children

Church Administrator

Colin McMahon

Caretaker

Kevin Virgo

CAP Debt Centre Manager

Phil Papps

CAP Debt Coach

Nadine Crawford-Piper

Treasurer

Mark Evason

Finance Assistant

Julie Hanks

Ministry Assistants

Tim Nunn (Discipleship)

Lucy Craggs (Women)

Life Group Coordinator and interim Youth Leader

Jez Taylor

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- Sun 8 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Peter Morden
 12.30pm Centenary Picnic
 4.30pm Baptismal Class (see page 2)
 6.00pm Evening Service
 7.00pm Xcav8
- Mon 9 6.00pm Girls Brigade
- Tue 10 7.15pm Soaking in the Spirit - ladies only
- Wed 11 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 6.15pm Boys Brigade
 6.45pm Alpha
- Thu 12 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 10.15am Men's Fellowship - next meeting Thurs 19th
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Ruth Duncanson
 evening Omega 18-35 (for timing/venue contact Tim Nunn)
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 13 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Xpect
- Sat 14
- Sun 15 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Chris Short - including Communion
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
 7.00pm Xcav8

Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*

Erik Cornelisse May 11 Rottingdean Beach Mission



June 21 - Ladies Prayer Breakfast

Wed 24 - Members Business Meeting, 7.30pm

Urgent Plea

CALLING ALL NEW MEMBERS (and older ones too!)

How would you feel if you longed to go to a church meeting, but couldn't get there without transport? Stuck at home when you could be with friends and enjoying fellowship? Taxis are often available but could amount to £11 each way!



In a church of over 300 members, I am appealing for a driver to help our Women's Fellowship (if more offer then the job is shared) for the **next six weeks** who would be able to pick up several ladies to bring to the Women's Fellowship. We meet every Thursday 2.30pm to 3.30pm. A few of our ladies are still driving but, when approaching 90 years old, feel it is time to give up! Is this a way in which you can serve the Lord, especially if you are newly retired?

Please contact Avril Coombe, or the Office.

Core Leadership Team



There are 2 vacancies for the CLT and we will be having an election at the church meeting on Wednesday September 24th. Nomination forms are available from the office and will need to be submitted by August 27th at the latest.

Information regarding the Roles and Responsibilities for this role are also available from the office and we would encourage anyone willing to stand to read through this information before making a commitment.

Ladies Prayer Breakfast

Our next meeting will be on Sat 21st June when the speaker will be Jacqui Archer. A sign-up sheet is available in the Welcome Centre.



EASTBOURNE STREET PASTORS ... will be holding a recruitment evening on Thurs 12th June at The Way, 91-93 Seaside Road, BN21 3PL at 7.00pm. Anyone who is interested in supporting, or would like to become a Street Pastor or Prayer Pastor, are welcome to come along. Hot and cold drinks and cakes will be available.

There will be an opportunity to find out more about the different roles and also how people can help out financially if they are able. There will be an update on the Safe Space refurbishment plans.

PRAYER DIARY : 9TH - 15TH June

"May He strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all His angels." 1 Thess 3:13

Monday Give thanks to God for our 100 years celebrations. Pray that having spent fun time together, and with God, this will bring increased unity, sense of purpose and enthusiasm for the gospel. Pray for any friends and family who attended the church over the weekend, that they be moved by God's spirit.

Tuesday Father, we pray that You will strengthen and increase the number of Christian MP's and local councillors in our country and enable those in positions of senior authority to be guided to serve Your purposes.

Wednesday Christians are persecuted throughout the world. Today, please focus on SW Asia praying for - Pakistan where Christians are often effectively modern slaves, isolated and struggling with their faith; Iran, where Christians are often imprisoned with hardship and harassment from government for their families; Saudi Arabia, trying to embrace a more progressive form of Islam to bring about the ending of honour murders in families and allowing believers to follow Jesus freely; Yemen, that the Holy Spirit will work miracles that will strengthen secret believers and that the church will continue to grow.

Thursday We pray that Your people of Israel will have their eyes opened to acknowledge that Jesus is their King and that this terrible war in Gaza will end. We also pray that the people of Gaza will turn to Christ and be saved.

Friday Apparently, more Amazon rain forest than ever has been destroyed this year, along with all the other environmental issues this is a cause of stress and anxiety to many, especially our young people. Father God, we pray that You will intervene to bring about change in worldwide government policies sooner and bring healing to Your beautiful planet and all creation.

Saturday Please pray for our staff team at VBC who are serving God to ensure that we are saved and that we grow in our faith. Lord, we pray for opportunities to encourage them and support them. We know that Satan will take any opportunity to knock them down and make their lives difficult through our harsh words or unhelpful actions. We pray that we, as a congregation, will bring joy to our leaders as they see You working among us through faith.

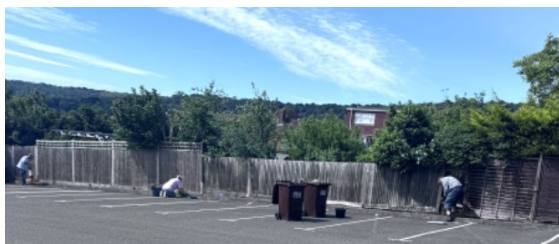
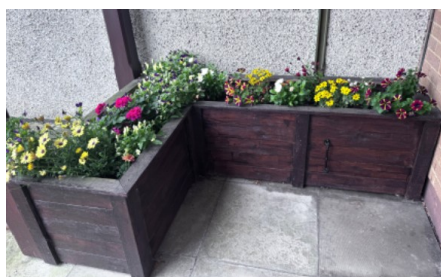
Sunday Paul's letters in 1&2 Thessalonians show how much he cares for this young church struggling with trials, confusion, division and suffering. He tells them that it is only Jesus who can help Christians to love each other. Let us humbly acknowledge that nothing will be achieved in our own strength and pray the words of 1 Thessalonians 3:13 "May the Lord strengthen our hearts so that we will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when Jesus returns" Amen.

Premises Tidy-Up

The sun shone on Saturday morning as our gallant team of volunteers gathered for another session of grounds tidying - following on from their efforts last September.



David Trimmings oversees these events and his wife, Helen, is always happy to provide the well-deserved refreshments half-way through the session. We have also been blessed by the efforts of Tessa Carder who has been responsible for the display beside the side entrance. How lovely to have such a splash of colour as we enter for another hard day's work at the office!



Flower Ministry

No flowers this week as there was no service! The *Thy Kingdom Come* event on the Wish Tower slopes was the reason for the “no service”, this now becoming an annual event for all the churches in the town. Fortunately, the weather was quite kind to us and there was a good turn-out for both the service itself and for those who stayed to witness baptisms off the nearby beach.

Hopefully, we will be able to return to our regular venue, the Bandstand, next year.

