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Live at Ten WITH
Dan Fairhead



Salvation is from the Lord Jonah 2:9

This Sunday we are continuing the series on Jonah and will be considering Jonah's prayer from the belly of the fish in Chapter 2. It's a prayer crying out to God in a crisis, yet also a prayer of faith and hope in the Lord. As we listen to what God is saying through His word I pray that we, like Jonah, will be able to declare with thankfulness "Salvation is from the Lord".

This Evening

Alpha takes place this evening at 6pm. *"How does God guide us?"*

Jez will be leading the next session of Bible Academy Deep Dive at 6.30pm

Next Week (16TH June)

Chris Short will be continuing his series in the book of Jonah at our 10am service next Sunday and there will be a **Church Prayer Meeting** at 6.30pm. The next session of Alpha *"How can I resist evil?"* will take place at 6pm.



STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for this coming week are as follows:

Chris off Tues

Sandra off Thurs

Colin off Mon

Erik off Thurs

Julie in Thurs

Kevin off Sat

Tim in Wed & Fri mornings

Jez in Wed & Fri mornings

Simon off Tues

Nadine in Mon & Thurs mornings

Phil annual leave

Senior Minister

Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

Family Ministries

Simon Grimes - Children

Erik Cornelisse - Youth

Church Administrator

Colin McMahon

Caretaker

Kevin Virgo

CAP Debt Centre Manager

Phil Papps

CAP Debt Coach

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Tim Nunn

Life Group Coordinator

Jez Taylor

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- Sun 9 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am Live and Online with Dan Fairhead
 6.00pm Alpha (How does God guide us?)
 6.30pm Bible Academy Deep Dive
- Mon 10 6.00pm Girls Brigade
- Tues 11 Soaking in the Spirit - next meeting 18th June
- Wed 12 8.30am Community Fridge and Cafe
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 6.30pm Boys Brigade
- Thu 13 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 Men's Fellowship - next meeting 20th June
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Jez Taylor
 6.30pm Bible Academy Level 1
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 14 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Xpect
- Sat 15
- Sun 16 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
 10.00am Live and Online with Chris Short
 6.00pm Alpha (How can I resist evil?)
 6.30pm Church Prayer meeting

The Week Ahead

Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*



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| David Laskey | Jun 9 | St Barnabas UC, Langney, 9.45am |
| Francis Bates | Jun 16 | Punnetts Town, 3pm |



26th June - Church Members' Meeting with CLT election

17th July - Ladies Evening Out at Pomodoro e Mozzarella, 7pm

19th July - VBC Open at Willingdon Golf Club, 4pm
(see Colin or Jez for details)

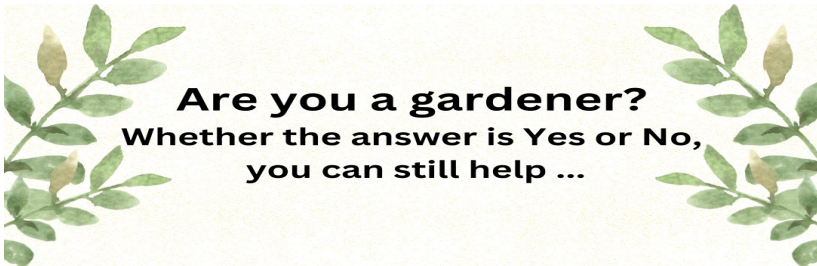
8th-11th Aug - Summer Holiday Club - details to follow
(see Simon for more information)

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in Church Membership on Sunday 7th July at 5.30pm. The meeting will be held downstairs in the Hive and will last for approximately 45 minutes.



For more details please contact richard@victoriabaptist.org.uk



Are you a gardener? Whether the answer is Yes or No, you can still help ...

We would like to get a small working party together to have a good tidy up around our wonderful grounds. We have many areas which could do with some weeding or strimming and sprucing up. If you could help on **June 29th from 10.30-noon**, that would be much appreciated.

With our premises being used as a polling station on July 4th, it would be a great witness to have the church grounds looking pristine.

Please let Kevin or the Church Office know if you would be available to help out. Coffee and cake provided!



CLT Elections

At the next church members' meeting on June 26th, we will be having an election for the vacant space on the CLT. We have two nominations for this role - Andrew Phillips and Sarah D'Amato. We would ask you to read their profiles below before praying for guidance as to who you feel should fill the vacancy.

Andrew Phillips



I was born and raised in Purley, Surrey attending Purley Baptist Church where I was baptised aged 19. I am from a Christian home and my parents served in the church throughout their lives. I attended the youth groups at church where I made a commitment to follow Jesus in my early teens. I also attended Crusaders and became a Crusader leader where I served for many years. I met my wife, Mandy, at the church where we married in 1986. Together we served in a number of roles within the church. In my 30s, I became a Deacon and, later, part of the Leadership Team. Among my roles, I was involved in

taking the church from an excepted charity into a company limited by guarantee. As part of our development project, I was involved in the purchase of a few properties and in recovering church assets from the London Baptist Property Board.

In July 2014, I was made redundant and given early retirement from my work in corporate banking. Mandy and I moved to Eastbourne that same month where we began attending Kings Church and trained as debt advisers with CMA. We always felt that our membership at Kings would be for a season and so seven years later under God's guidance, and after finishing my term as a Trustee there, I moved to Victoria Baptist Church.

Since joining Victoria Baptist I have become involved in several areas of church life. I am on the prayer team, the sound desk, a CAP Befriender, a member of a Life Group and various working groups.

I have a real love for people. I long to see people come to know the Lord and to grow in their faith, being set free by the power of the Holy Spirit to serve God and His church.

Sarah D'Amato

I'm Sarah and I work as a nursery practitioner in Eastbourne. I have been attending Victoria, with my husband Daniel, for just over 5 years. However, my story begins in Brighton where I was born and raised by my Christian family.

Being a Christian in a sinful world has its obstacles. 14 years ago, my mother left this world to be with our Saviour after a long illness. So, at the age of 19, I started to doubt God and the darkness set in. My dad and sister seemed to just get on with life, but I, however, felt lost and stopped believing. As the world kept moving I was still.

Then one day my heart and mind felt lighter. God was calling me back, reminding me He was there! I went back to church in Brighton and have never looked back. Here at Victoria I'm part of the band, I teach in Sunday School and on a Friday I help at Vicky Bees.

I would be honoured to serve on CLT and help our church progress in our vision to see Jesus honoured in Eastbourne and beyond.



BIBLE READING NOTES

If you have ordered **Daily Bread** or **Encounter with God** from Sandra, then you can find the next issue (Jul - Sept) in your pigeon hole.

Can You Help?

(Not so) little person, seeks little car, for little money.

Please contact the office if you can help out

Would you know of anyone with a space for one person for one week?

Where: Southampton area

When: 5th - 9th August

please contact the office if you have details, thank you.

Can You Help?

PRAYER DIARY 10TH - 16TH June

As He was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my son whom I love, with You I am well pleased" Luke 3:22

Monday This week our prayers are going to be focused around revival. The above verse points to the importance of prayer for the Holy Spirit to descend, and shows that God's plan for salvation is centred on Jesus. At this point Jesus had not yet started His ministry and yet God proclaimed in an audible voice that He is pleased with Jesus and that He loves Him. These statements are what God wants us to understand about His character. Pray today that you will know for certain the unconditional affection and affirmation within the heart of the Trinity, that you should know the love of the Father is His priority and His default is kindness.

Tuesday Psalm 24:4 "Who will ascend to the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false." However much we pray, God's spirit is not going to descend if we as individuals are not right with God. Pray honestly today with God, confessing your sin, hiding nothing in the knowledge of His forgiveness and mercy.

Wednesday This is Duncan Campbell's definition of revival (Duncan was a Scottish evangelist in the 1950's) "Revival is a going of God among His people, and an awareness of God laying hold of the community". Please pray that God will help us, and the leadership teams of all churches to be open to hear what God is saying to His church and, unlike Jonah, to know that the only way forward is to go into the unknown where God is leading.

Thursday The last "great awakening" (that I am aware of) happened in the Outer Hebrides between 1949 and 1953. The majority of the population surrendered their lives to Christ, lots of young people started attending church, there were miraculous signs and wonders, and prayer was a dominant factor before the revival, and during it, for God's people. Please start praying for revival.

Friday People of other faiths are earnestly praying to their gods. Please pray today for the Hindus, Sheiks, Muslims, Buddhists, etc that God, in His mercy, will reveal Himself to them.

Saturday Make time today just to love God and let Him love you. No list of prayer requests today because only as we are filled with His love do we have love to give away. Seek His presence with no agenda, just be with the Father. It is a difficult thing for us to learn to do. Try reading Psalm 27:4. He wants us to seek Him out simply because we are happier in His presence than anywhere else.

FUEL FOR PRAYER

Sunday Please pray today for the places in the world where it is difficult to preach the gospel due to wars, natural disaster and political control. Pray that God will guide people to the truth regardless of the obstacles in the way. The power and the glory all belong to God alone. Amen.

A CALL TO PRAYER

For those of you who heard Chris speak from Jonah 1:4-17 on Sunday 26th May, you were no doubt challenged and inspired as I was. What particularly struck me were the words of the captain of the boat who went to Jonah who was sleeping and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your God! Maybe He will take notice of us so that we will not perish." Chris observed that Jonah was the one person in the boat who knows the God that does exist, but is NOT praying. In challenging us to pray, Chris tried to convince us he wasn't nagging ... well I am quite openly nagging you now to pray ... more! I am more and more convinced prayer is the only way this generation will come to know that 'Salvation comes from the Lord' Jonah 2:9.

We all know we can't make every Prayer Meeting in the church diary, but these are the current opportunities to pray:

Sunday

9.30am Chris' Office before the church service.

6.30pm First and Third Sundays, Church Prayer Meeting

Tuesday

7.15pm Bi-weekly, Soaking In The Spirit (Ladies only)

Thursday

7.30am Men's Thursday Morning Prayer Meeting

7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting

Friday

10am Outreach Prayer Meeting



Some of you may be aware of the Pray Eastbourne 2024 initiative: <https://prayeastbourne.co.uk/> Following the Thy Kingdom Come Service at the Bandstand on Sunday 19th May, Pray Eastbourne 2024 began a Prayer Walk around the perimeter of Eastbourne over that next week. It really is worth engaging with their website and praying with fellow Christians for our town.

In response to this and what we feel God is saying, we are adding another opportunity to pray together. We are going to meet on **Wednesday mornings at 7am for half an hour** to seek the presence of God. For a variety of reasons, this won't start until **Wednesday 10th July** ... so please put it in your diaries and don't let it stop you praying in the meantime!

CAP and Community Needs

*“Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed”
Psalm 82:3*

It’s easy to be either overwhelmed with the needs of ourselves or others, or be in denial and avoid responding. Jesus is our example and following Him includes sharing His heart and living as He did.

In my new role with Christians Against Poverty (CAP), I’ve been meeting others in the town who defend the weak and uphold the cause of the poor and oppressed, as well as meeting my own clients and hearing their stories.

Did you know?

- 102 Foodbank vouchers were issued to people living in the area around Victoria Baptist Church in the last 4.5 months
- Last month (yes, month) 665 children in Eastbourne had emergency food from the Foodbank
- In the South East, CAP clients have an average of around £12,000 of debt, nearly half of which are priority debts which have serious consequences if unpaid
- The Child Poverty Action Group reports that 4.3 million children in the UK now live in relative poverty after housing costs. This is 30% of all children in the UK.
- CAP’s most recent report on the national situation shows:
 - ⇒ 59% of clients have an income that is below the poverty line
 - ⇒ 60% have to borrow money just to pay household bills
 - ⇒ 15% skip meals on a daily basis due to costs
 - ⇒ 90% have sleepless nights as a result of debt
 - ⇒ And most concerning, 46% consider or attempt suicide as a way out of debt



However, we see hope even in despair. In the UK, 873 churches deliver CAP services and VBC is privileged to be one of them. Last year CAP saw 2,292 people become

debt-free which is amazing - some of those were helped by our debt centre here.

The Community Fridge here at VBC is visited weekly by around 50 families who take the opportunity to purchase fresh, quality food at minimal cost. In the Easter and Summer holidays we offer free continental breakfasts to these families, along with family meal bags for them to take away.

You can easily help those you know who are in debt by pointing them to CAP who will then assess their situation and refer them on to our debt centre where appropriate. The freephone number is 0800 328 0006 or visit capuk.org and follow the links. We always offer to pray with clients and share the gospel with them as appropriate if they wish, and to link them with church activities too. Another way to help is to tell them about the Community Fridge, held here at Victoria on Wednesdays between 8:30am - 10:00am each week during term time where they can pick up 10 food items for a £2 donation and have refreshments and a chat too.

And please keep praying for those in need and our teams who serve through our church and in the town. We need and value your ongoing prayer support.

Phil Papps

CAP Debt Centre Manager at VBC

Eastbourne & Wealden Branch of



formerly known as **GideonsUK**

cordially invite you to

'Coffee with Friends'

Glimpses of Good News ministry from the local to the international scene; including a DVD presentation, testimony, reports and inspirational Bible ministry from our special guest speaker **Martin Hooper**.

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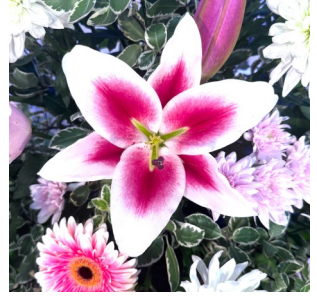
Saturday June 15th 2024

Coffee from 10.00 - 10.45am for 11am start



Flower Ministry

The flowers on 26th May were donated by
Nola Gibson



Please convey grateful thanks to all concerned, for the stunning bouquet of flowers sent recently. The flowers, scripture verse and the fact of being thought of at all lightened a challenging time.

The flowers on 2nd June were donated by
Christine Johnston



Just a note to thank you very much for the gorgeous plant which I received recently to mark my significant birthday. It was lovely to be remembered in this way and I appreciate the plant and the love and thoughtfulness that goes with it very much. Love and best wishes, VH

We still have a vacancy for someone to join the rota for bunching the flowers on Monday mornings. If you would be interested - training given if necessary - please contact Chris McMahon for more info.