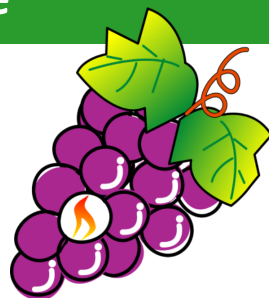


Life groups catalogue

Life groups @ VBC

Friendship, Faith and Fun at the heart of our community



VICTORIA
BAPTIST CHURCH

to see Jesus Christ honoured in Eastbourne and beyond

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WELCOME TO VBC LIFEGROUPS



Hi my name is Jez Taylor and I am the coordinator of Life Groups at VBC.

Here at VBC we believe that being part of a Life Group is an essential part of our spiritual journey and enables us to become better disciples of Jesus. The vision of VBC is ***to see the name of Jesus honoured in Eastbourne and beyond.*** Life Groups are a key part of this vision. We believe that every person connected with VBC should belong to a group.

WHAT ARE LIFE GROUPS?

Life groups provide:

- A place to learn and ask questions about God, Jesus and the bible.
- A place to make friends and strengthen friendships
- A place to pray and to learn to pray.
- A place to be honest about ourselves with people we trust.
- A place to have fun and enjoy life with others.
- A place to grow in your faith and develop your gifts.
- A place to serve the church and the community

The Directory lets you know what each group is like and gives you an insight in to the way they function. Every group is different and contributes to the life of the church in a different way. It may take time to find the group that best suits you. That's fine , we don't mind you trying groups out for a while!

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WHEN DO THEY MEET?

There are day time and evening groups available.

Each group decides what is best for them. If there is no group that suits you, we **may** be able to start a new one.

WHAT ABOUT CHILDCARE?

We have a monthly group for mums that meets in the daytime.

Baby/child sitting is an option for evening groups, but you would need to arrange that yourself

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

Email the leader of the group you wish to join,

or email Jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk

Speak directly to a group leader if you know them, or use the VBC app (if you are registered) to apply

CAN I CHANGE GROUPS ?

Of course, either speak to Jez or just ask a new group leader.

There are always times when we need a bit of a change!



Bruce Bird

We have been meeting via Zoom during 2021 but are looking to return to face to face meetings. We meet to fellowship, follow the teaching we receive at church, and

a discussion off in a different direction. We have a summer social event in August.

CONTACT: brucebird52@outlook.com

WHEN: 1st 3rd & 5th Wednesday 7.30pm
@VBC Term time



Dave and Iryl Thomson

We rotate the location between different homes although not everyone needs to host. We tend to follow series being done at Church, although we do mix it up a bit with anything that may be on someone's mind.

We always finish with a period of prayer. Then it's time for tea and cake. We like to socialise with picnics, BBQs and meals

CONTACT: di.thomson@hotmail.co.uk

WHEN: Fortnightly Thursday 7.30pm



Paula Burr

Paula has recently taken over this group and is keen to welcome new members. Most of the members live in the Willingdon/Polegate area of town. There is a time of catching up with refreshments followed by bible study. They plan regular socials.

CONTACT: paulaann1@live.co.uk

WHEN: 2nd and 4th Thursday 7.30pm
Willingdon/ Polegate



Erik & Paula Cornelisse

We explore our faith through biblical studies, prayer, discussion as well as food, fun and times of social activities.

We also offer prayer support for our CAP ministry.

CONTACT: ecornelisse@aol.com

WHEN: WEEKLY on a Tuesday, 7.30pm
Old Town



Jez and Sandra Taylor

Our format is quite relaxed and we discover the Bible together. We often go off on a tangent in our discussions. We always have coffee and cake and

sometimes we have a meal together, or go out for chips and a walk.

We like to pray for the church, the nation and each other's needs.

CONTACT: jeztay@sky.com
sandratay@sky.com

WHEN: 2nd and 4th Wednesday 7.30pm
Term time only Various locations



Deirdre Dean

We rotate the venue to share hosting and most members are happy to lead a session from time to time but it isn't an essential. We enjoy great fellowship and

We deeply value our times of prayer. We are quite informal and enjoy chatting. We love cake and meet up socially on a regular basis. We would welcome newcomers.

CONTACT: clandan82@gmail.com

WHEN: 1st and 3rd Thursday 7.30pm
Old Town. Term time

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Chris and Sue Coles

We see ourselves as a collective and share responsibilities. Hence no picture. We publish a programme for each “term” time to allow members of the group to plan in advance. Generally, we meet in Sue and Chris’ home.

We are homely and relaxed and enjoy good Bible study as well as cake. We like to discuss and pray for the needs of the church.

CONTACT: chris.m.coles@outlook.com

WHEN: 1st and 3rd Tuesday 7.30pm
Ratton

Dan and Rebekah Fairhead



We always begin with refreshments and a chat, catching up with each other. We spend time studying the bible together and end our meeting with a time of prayer for each other , the church and the wider world.

This summer we enjoyed a home group BBQ and hope to organise more social occasions in the future.

CONTACT: rebekahfairhead@googlemail.com

WHEN: Every Wednesday 7.45pm
Old Town



Ted and Pam Twadell

We are a group of seniors, veterans and sinners that meets in the Old Town area of Eastbourne. The group is primarily for Bible study and prayer. Ted tends to lead each one and we mainly follow the series that is being taught on a Sunday.

CONTACT: pamtwaddell@yahoo.co.uk

WHEN: 1st and 3rd Tuesday 10.30pm
Old Town

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Colin and Chris McMahon



This group has been running for a long while and there

Following a time of sharing, encouraging and exploring God's Word, we invariably feel uplifted and so pleased to have made the effort to be there - a time of social interaction and spiritual nourishment, mixed with a lot of fun and laughter.

CONTACT: colin@victoriabaptist.org.uk

WHEN Wednesday 8pm fortnightly
@VBC



Linda Hardman and Anna Reid



This Monday morning group meets at the church.

They are a lively group of people who have found strength and support from within the group. It is a female dominated group but not intentionally. More men would be welcome.

CONTACT: lindaharman131@btinternet.com

WHEN: Monday 10.15am weekly
@VBC



Ivor Meakins and Eric Pavey



This is a relatively new group which is seeking new members to help establish it. Exploring God's word together and developing new and stronger friendships is central. This is an evening group that meets in the Upperton area of town.

CONTACT: ivorme@icloud.com

WHEN : Wednesday Evenings. Fluid times
Upperton

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David And Pat Ashby

There are about a dozen regulars in this group. It often begins with listening to/singing along to some



This is followed by a discussion of a biblical passage often based on the Sunday themes. We often share the leading. There is a strong prayer time followed by refreshments. The group meet socially too with occasional meals out.

CONTACT: davidpatashby@talktalk.net

WHEN 2nd and 4th Monday 2.30pm
@VBC



Mark and Sue Simmons

This group meets in the Langney Point area of town. They are keen to have new members and create wider and stronger friendships. Bible study is key as well as prayer and friendship.



CONTACT: marksue.simmons@btoopenworld.com

WHEN: 2nd and 4th Thursday 7.45pm
Langney Point



John Glover

Our group usually meet in the Saffrons area of town. There are eleven of us and although none of us is as young as once we were, we are young in heart and there is always a lot of laughter. We do touch on some deep subjects.

Central to our meeting is a study of scripture and a time of prayer. We end up with refreshments provided by each member in turn. We go out for a meal from time to time. I lead the group but we share out the Bible Study.

CONTACT: jrg9@talktalk.net

WHEN Wednesday 2.30pm fortnightly
@VBC

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Brian Wightwick

Brian runs a Wednesday afternoon group at VBC. It is a small group of mainly elderly folk who enjoy prayer and Bible study together. Brian is a retired minister and has great experience in leading and speaking.

CONTACT: brianhpk@yahoo.co.uk

WHEN: Wednesdays 2pm . Alternate weeks @VBC



Tom and Ruth Duncanson

Tom and Ruth are kindly facilitating this group rather than leading it. Members of the group take turn to host and leading is a shared experience.



It is a new group for 2021 based in the Polegate area

CONTACT: trdduncanson@gmail.com

WHEN: Wednesday evening fortnightly Polegate



Christine Sage

Christine leads this group of retired men and women. They meet in the Ocklynge area of town. Time is spent in prayer, study of God's word and enjoying refreshments. The group likes to keep in touch during the week as well as meet, to support each other.

CONTACT: christineannesage@gmail.com

WHEN Wednesday 10am fortnightly Ocklynge



EAL / Young Mums Group

We run a group for young mums with English as an additional language. Childcare will be provided and it will be an opportunity to practice conversational English, with a spiritual slant.

CONTACT: Sandra@victoriabaptist.org.uk

WHEN 1st Tuesday monthly 1pm @VBC



Jo Venter & Chris and Yvette Kemp

A new group, ideal for new believers. An ideal place to ask questions, seek God and discover the Bible together. Jo, Chris and Yvette are keen to welcome you to their group.



CONTACT: ckemp113@gmail.com
Joventer13@gmail.com

WHEN Tuesdays 10.30am @VBC
Possibility of meads area.



Bible Academy coming Autumn 2022

New to the Bible? Come and find out where it came from, what's in it, how to use it etc.
A six week course for the beginner.

CONTACT: Jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk

WHEN : November 2022



Our Life Groups have “adopted” our college and university students.

- They pray for them
- They give practical support
- They help them to feel they belong

We encourage all our 18+ young people to become part of a life group.



**Want to join a new group
Contact Jez.**

CONTACT: jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk

WHEN: Generally in the office on a Wednesday or Friday Morning



**Want to start a new group
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Soaking in the Spirit



Run by Jo and Yvonne this is a time of quiet contemplation and prayer; waiting on the Spirit and allowing God to minister. It is aimed at ladies.

WHERE: VBC, Eldon Rd, BN21 1UE
CONTACT: 01323 737974

WHEN: WEEKLY on a Tuesday, 7.30pm
jo@pamphilon.co.uk



Men's Prayer Group

We pray for our church, our town and our nation and the world of which we are a part

WHERE: VBC, Eldon Road, BN21 1UE
CONTACT: 01323 737974

WHEN: WEEKLY on a Thursday, 7.30am
tim@victoriabaptist.org.uk



Ladies Fellowship

A time for women to gather and worship together in an informal style service with informative talks from guest speakers as well as time to chat over tea, coffee and biscuits. All ladies welcome.

WHERE: VBC, Eldon Road, BN21 1UE
CONTACT: 01323 737974

WHEN: WEEKLY on a Thursday, 2.30pm
caroldadswell@yahoo.co.uk

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Men's Fellowship

A time for men to gather and worship the Lord. An informal service with guest speakers and time for chat over tea, coffee and biscuits. All men welcome.

WHERE: VBC, Eldon Road, BN21 1UE

CONTACT: 01323 737974

WHEN: 1st and 3rd Thursday 10am

lesterandpam@icloud.com



Alpha is an 11 week course that enables you to explore the big questions of life in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. It usually involves a meal first, then a short video or talk and finally group discussions.

It great for those wanting to discover about Jesus and faith, or even those who need a refresher.

WHERE: VBC, Eldon Road, BN21 1UE

CONTACT: 01323 737974

WHEN: See church website for full details of the next course



A drop in café with cakes, crafts and sausage or bacon butties.

- Relax and chat with your friends.
- Craft activities for children
- Special events for charity ... raising awareness and funds

WHERE: VBC, Eldon Road, BN21 1UE

CONTACT: 01323 737974

WHEN: 2nd Saturday 10am-Midday

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Friends, Food and Fellowship

Enjoy amazing food at low prices, spend time with friends. Meet new friends. Enjoy a short time of worship and reflection. Aimed at those who are retired or available at this time. Come and join the fun.

WHERE: VBC,
Eldon Road,

WHEN: 3rd Friday in the month. 12.30pm

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