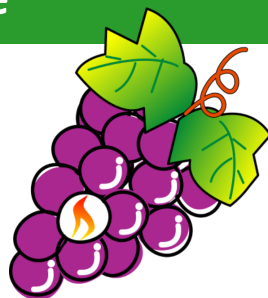


# Life groups catalogue

## 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](mailto: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. 2nd and 4th Thursdays is more flexible a social or prayer event. We have a summer social event .

**CONTACT:** [jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk)

**WHEN:** Weekly Thursday 7.30pm

Various locations. 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:** [jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:jez@victoriabaptist.org.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:** [jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk)

**WHEN:** 2nd and 4th Thursday 7.30pm

Willingdon/ Polegate

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### 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:** [jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk)

**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:** [jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk)

**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:** [jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk)

**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:** [jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk)

**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:** [jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk)

**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.

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**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:** [jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk)

**WHEN** Wednesday 8pm fortnightly  
@VBC



## Linda Hardman and Anna Reid

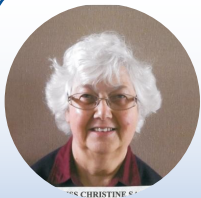


This Monday morning group meets at the church.

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:** [jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk)

**WHEN:** Monday 10.15am weekly  
@VBC



## Christine Sage

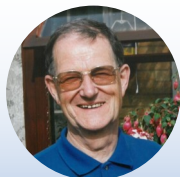
Christine leads this group of retired men and women. They meet in the Ocklynge area of town. Time is spent in prayer, study of God's word and enjoying refreshments. The group likes to keep in touch during the week as well as meet, to support each other.

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**WHEN** Wednesday 10am fortnightly  
Ocklynge

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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:** [jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk)

**WHEN** 2nd and 4th Monday 2.30pm  
@VBC



## 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. Bible study is always at the heart of what we do.

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**WHEN:** 1st and 3rd Wednesday 2.pm  
@VBC



## Jo Venter and Yvette Kemp



Jo Venter and Yvette Kemp run 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:** [jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk)

**WHEN:** Tuesday Afternoons 2.30pm





## Brian Wightwick

The meetings are times for prayer reflection and Bible study. There is a pastoral emphasis to the groups, who seek to care for each other as well as study the Word together.

**CONTACT:** [jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk)

**WHEN:** fortnightly Wednesdays 2pm  
@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:** [jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk)

**WHEN:** Wednesday evening fortnightly  
Polegate



## 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 are looking to start a new daytime group this year. Please see Jez if interested in being part of it.

**CONTACT:** [jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk)

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



Want to start a new group  
Contact Jez.

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## **Bible Academy will run again in 2023**

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

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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

helpdesk@victoriabaptist.org.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

helpdesk@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

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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

[helpdesk@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk@victoriabaptist.org.uk)



**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



The church supports a mission centre in Lebedyn Ukraine. We meet to pray for them every Thursday. VBC is their sister church. Since the start of the war we have been praying weekly.



**WHERE:** VBC, Eldon Road, BN21

**WHEN:** Thursdays @7.30pm

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