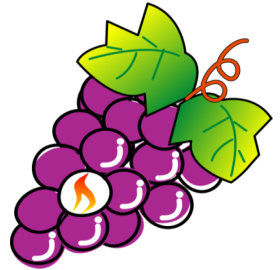


Ministry catalogue

Life groups @ VBC

Friendship, Faith and Fun at the heart of our community



Weekly ministries and activities @VBC



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BAPTIST CHURCH

to see Jesus Christ honoured in Eastbourne and beyond

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WELCOME TO VBC LIFE GROUPS



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 daytime 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?

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

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

Email Jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk

Speak directly to a group leader if you know them.

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 – Lighthouse Group

“We are the Lighthouse Life Group. We meet every Thursday evening from 7:30pm. We dedicate the first Thursday of each month to prayer, often at church to support Prayer for Ukraine. The other Thursdays are dedicated to bible study, following the teaching we receive at church, and to pray for our physical, mental and spiritual needs. We enjoy fellowship and hospitality with one another where laughter is encouraged!”

CONTACT: jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk

WHEN: Weekly Thursday 7.30pm
Old Town



Dave and Iryl Thomson

We rotate the location between different homes although not everyone needs to host. We tend to follow the 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

WHEN: Fortnightly Thursday 7.30pm
Across town, different locations



Paula Burr

Paula 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

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: 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

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 friendship, learning more about the Bible and ourselves.

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

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

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 Life Group BBQ and hope to organise more social occasions in the future.

CONTACT: 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.

CONTACT: jez@victoriabaptist.org.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 is a strong sense of friendship between all the group.

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

WHEN Wednesday 7.30 pm fortnightly
Old Town



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

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 meeting to support each other.

CONTACT: jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk

WHEN Wednesday 10am fortnightly
Ocklynge



Paula Burr Wednesday Group

Paula runs an afternoon group **at VBC** for those who can't get out in the evenings. All are welcome.

The group follows the teaching on a Sunday and explores the issues raised.

Contact: jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk **WHEN:** 2nd + 4th Wednesday afternoons 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.

CONTACT: jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk **WHEN:** 1st and 3rd Wednesday 2.pm @VBC



OMEGA—18-35 group

This started as a post Alpha group. All in the age bracket are welcome. It is an evening of games, craft, a meal and some Bible study / discussion. Run by young people for young people. Felix and Eszter Smith lead the team.

CONTACT: jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk **WHEN** Fortnightly on a Thursday 6pm-9pm

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Lester Miller and Mark Evason



A new group for Spring 2024. Lester and Mark would love you to join. They meet to study the Bible, pray and enjoy fellowship.

Contact: jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk

WHEN: Monday afternoons 2.30pm



Ladies Bible Study

Lucy runs a ladies Bible study on a Thursday morning at VBC in our Garden Room. Originally a post-Alpha group it is open to any lady wishing to study the Word.

CONTACT: jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk

WHEN: Thursday Morning @VBC



We are looking to start new daytime and evening Life Groups this year. Please see Jez if interested in being part of it.

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Erik, our youth worker, runs our 11-18 ministries. There are age-related activities on a Friday evening and Sunday morning and evening. Older youth are encouraged to develop their gifts and use them in church, such as musicianship, technical desk, reading and prayer. God's Word is at the heart of our Sunday times together.

CONTACT: Erik@victoriabaptist.org.uk

WHEN: Fridays and Sundays



Simon leads our 0-11 ministries with provision on Sunday morning from crèche to year 6. There is also a Friday night Kids Club where the vision is to have fun in a safe environment. On a Sunday children share time in church with the family of God before leaving to study God's word in age appropriate ways.

CONTACT: Simon@victoriabaptist.org.uk

WHEN: Fridays and Sundays



This is our parent and toddler group on a Wednesday and Friday morning @10am. Free play, games, story time and singing, all with a Christian heart. A perfect time for mums and dads and even grandparents to catch up whilst the toddlers play.

CONTACT: Simon@victoriabaptist.org.uk

WHEN: Wednesdays and Fridays 10am

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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



THE BOYS' BRIGADE

We run both Boys' and Girls' Brigade at VBC. The girls on a Monday evening and the boys on a Wednesday.



CONTACT helpdesk@victoriabaptist.org.uk

WHEN: Monday and Wednesday

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Ladies 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. The group is for ladies only.

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

WHEN: Fortnightly 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. A vibrant time of prayer for those who like early mornings (or not!).

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

WHEN: Weekly on a Thursday, 7.30am
helpdesk@victoriabaptist.org.uk



Prayer for Ukraine

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.



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CONTACT: 01323 737974

WHEN: Weekly on a Thursday, 7.30pm
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Outreach Prayer Meeting

A vibrant prayer time led by Tim, our pastoral worker. We pray for the ministries of the church and for individuals. The purpose is to see God working in the lives of people in the community.

WHERE: VBC, Eldon Road, BN21 1UE

CONTACT: 01323 737974

WHEN: Friday morning 10am –11am

@ VBC



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: Thursdays 2.30pm @ VBC

helpdesk@victoriabaptist.org.uk



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

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Friends, Food and Fellowship

Enjoy amazing food at low prices, spend time with friends and 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, BN21 1UE

WHEN: 3rd Friday in the month. 12.30pm

CONTACT: 01323 737974

Flow Café



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

- Relax and chat with your friends
- Craft activities for children
- Raising awareness and funds for local charities

WHERE: VBC, Eldon Road, BN21

WHEN: Thursdays @7.30pm

Christians Against Poverty

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CAP

VBC runs a Debt Centre in conjunction with **Christians Against Poverty**. Phil Papps is our Debt Centre manager assisted by Nadine our Debt Coach. If you are struggling with debt or have issues with money, we can support you to achieve greater financial certainty. So far we have helped over 20 people become debt free!

CONTACT: philpapps@capuk.org

WHEN: By appointment

WHERE: VBC

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The Community Fridge

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FRIDGE

Our Community Fridge is for anyone, whether struggling financially or just don't want to see food wasted. Come along and see what we have. Ten grocery items for £2. Plus free coffee and biscuits and a time to catch up and chat. Come and join the fun. Arrive early to catch a bargain!

WHEN : Wednesdays 8.30 –10am

The Bible Academy



Bible Academy will run again in 2024

There are currently TWO courses. (six weeks each)

1. Bible basics. Good for new believers or those wanting an overview of the Bible.
2. Deep dive. Looks more closely at doctrines of faith.

CONTACT: Jez@victoriabaptist.org.uk



The Alpha Course

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.

CONTACT: Tim@victoriabaptist.org.uk

WHEN: 2 –3 times a year

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The VBC Events Team



Do you like supporting community events and being a witness for Jesus at the same time? Our events team stewards and marshalls at local events in conjunction with the local council such as the carnival, bonfire parade, the half marathon etc. You get to wear a nice HI Viz with VBC on the back!

CONTACT: 01323 737974 helpdesk@victoriabaptist.org.uk

Coffee Ministry



We are always looking for people to join the coffee rota and support the Sunday morning ministry. It involves arriving at about 9.20, setting up and making the coffee before the service and serving afterwards. It is quite simple and full training is given. Those on duty will buy the milk needed.

CONTACT: Sandra@victoriabaptist.org.uk

Flower Ministry



Do you have a talent for flower arranging? Would you like to be part of the team that buys and arranges flowers for Sunday morning?

Could you donate money one week to purchase flowers? Are you available to deliver flowers to church members on a Monday?

CONTACT: Sandra@victoriabaptist.org.uk

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