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Victoria Baptist Church News



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time for every purpose under heaven.*

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Changing Seasons

Ecclesiastes 3:1

As the season changes and we prepare for autumn, our All Age Service focuses on the seasons we experience in our lives - how we can prepare, how we manage them and what we can learn from them. Each of us experiences challenging times in our lives, and times of blessing too. We often refer to these as 'seasons'. We enjoy some and tremble at others. In the Bible, Saul, who became Paul, experienced dramatic seasonal changes in his life, especially when Jesus spoke directly to him and turned his life upside down. We will briefly explore some of the things Paul learned through his life and what we can learn from him.



Next Week - September 17TH 10am

Chris Short will be bringing us the next in his series The Essential Jesus.

Tonight at 6.30pm - Behold the Man

Session 7 - Rabbis and Disciples

In this session, Dwight Pryor shows that Jesus drew upon some of the traditions of Israel as well as the Scriptures in his teaching – traditions that included a significant emphasis upon repentance. Dwight reveals a surprising way in which Jesus extended repentance even to the religious leaders in Israel and describes Jesus' passion for making disciples.

Staff/Office Matters

Staff movements for the coming week.

Chris off Tues
Sandra off Thursday
Erik off Thursday
Simon off Tuesday
Julie in Thursday

Colin off Monday
Kevin off Saturday
Tim in Wed & Fri am
Jez in Wed & Fri am
Helen in Mon, Wed
Nadine away at CAP HQ

Senior Minister

Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

Family Ministries

Simon Grimes - Children
Erik Cornelisse - Youth

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The Week Ahead

Sun	10	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
		10.00am	All-Age Service Live & Online with Jez Taylor
Mon	11	6.00pm	Girls Brigade
		7.30pm	CLT meeting
Tue	12	7.15pm	Soaking in the Spirit (ladies only)
Wed	13	8.30am	Community Fridge and Cafe
		10.00am	Vicky Bees
		6.30pm	Boys Brigade
Thu	14	7.30am	Prayer Meeting (for men only)
			Next Men's Fellowship 21 st September
		2.30pm	Women's Fellowship with Ana Nolan
		7.30pm	Ukraine Prayer Meeting
Fri	15	10.00am	Outreach Prayer Meeting
		10.00am	Vicky Bees
		12.30pm	Friends, Food & Fellowship
		5.00pm	Kids Club
		7.00pm	Xpect
Sat	16		
Sun	17	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
		10.00am	Live & Online with Chris Short
		6.30pm	Prayer Meeting
		7.00pm	Xcav8



Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*

Erik Cornelisse	10 Sep	Downs Baptist Church, Woodingdean	10.30am
Brian Wightwick	10 Sep	St Barnabas, Langney, 9.45am	
Brian Wightwick	17 Sep	Broadway United, Hamp Park	10am
Brian Wightwick	17 Sep	Bernhard Baron CH	5pm

Dates for Your Diaries

Sat 23 rd Sept	Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9am -10.30am
Wed 27 th Sept	Church Members Meeting
Wed 4 th Oct	Men's Curry Night - details to follow later, just make a note of the date at this stage.
Wed 15 th Nov	Ladies Italian Night - details to follow nearer the time



INVITATION TO COFFEE

We are in need of more people to help on the coffee rota as one team has had to drop out. If you are able to make and pour tea and coffee, then I'd like to invite you to join the team. You will be perfect for the job!!



Please see me if you feel you could serve the church in this way.

Many thanks - Sandra

BIBLE READING NOTES



Notes for Oct-Dec are in pigeonholes for those of you who have ordered them. Please confirm with me whether you would like to continue receiving them next year. Thank you - Sandra

BRENDA BASTIN

After being ill for some time, we were sorry to hear that Brenda passed away last weekend but we rejoice that she is now with the Lord.

Her funeral will be on Thursday 21st Sept at Redstone Cemetery in Redhill (RH1 4DG)

This photo is not a recent one but it may jog the memories of some of you who have been at VBC for a number of years.



RACHEL WIGHTWICK



Brian, Anne & family thank the VBC family for all of the cards and e-mails, and for the assurance of their prayers following the recent Home Call of their mother, Rachel. The postman has been kept busy with birthday cards and cards of condolence - all much valued. Thank You!

Please remember to sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Centre if you would like to join Brian & Anne for refreshments after the Thanksgiving Service - 1pm on Tues 26th Sept.

FRIENDS, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

There will be no Friends, Food and Fellowship meal on 20th October as unfortunately we do not have sufficient helpers in the kitchen on this occasion. Many apologies for this.

PRAYER DIARY 11TH - 17TH SEPTEMBER

"In the same way that you gave me (Jesus) a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world." From The Message John 17:18

Monday Please pray for Vietnam this week, increasingly becoming a popular tourist destination and yet local communities are often hostile to Christian converts demanding they denounce their faith and implementing practical hardships on them; and yet there are also Christian leadership and training initiatives and Christian groups reaching out to communities with practical love. Please pray for safety for believers and for God's work in Vietnam to be blessed.

Tuesday Many parts of India, such as Manipur, are suffering with churches being destroyed, violence against Christians and church leaders being persecuted by Hindu extremists who want them to return to Hinduism. The Indian government also shows a muted response to protecting Christians in India. Please pray for God to continue to reveal Himself to people in India and for safety for believers.

Wednesday Please pray for Christians in Egypt. Although the government is theoretically supportive of Christians, especially in many rural areas where Islamic groups hold influence, there is violence against Christians and discrimination in education and employment. Please pray for strength and hope and the love of God to surround believers.

Thursday Churches in the Middle East in Iraq and Syria have suffered so much due to war. Pray for the Christian local church leaders who continue to serve God in very difficult situations as they felt guided by God not to abandon their congregations and try to leave their country. Please pray that the message of Jesus will reach those who do not yet know the love of Jesus.

Friday Please pray for church leaders and churches meeting in secret in North Korea. Pray they will not be discovered. Pray for Christian material being smuggled into the country from China to reach its destinations without being detected. Pray that the church will grow through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Saturday Even in countries like Sri Lanka, Buddhist communities can oppose the construction of Christian churches, and Christian church leaders receive death threats. Please pray for this country.

Sunday Give thanks for our precious freedom of worship in the UK. Ask the Lord to reveal Himself to those who persecute His people around the world and lead them to the truth which will set them free.

"The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me." Acts 20:24

FUEL FOR PRAYER

Alpha

All being well, we are seeking to run two Alpha courses this autumn ... but it relies on all of us to pray, get involved and invite people!

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions running over ten weeks that freely explores the basics of the Christian faith. It's for anyone who's curious. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. Each session includes meeting together, a short talk, and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts. At any point, if you think Alpha isn't for you, that's not a problem. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge.



Two Alpha courses:



Lucy

For ladies only: Thursdays at 10am starting on Thursday 28th September. For further information, contact Lucy Craggs:

lucy@victoriabaptist.org.uk

For everyone: Tuesdays at 6.45pm starting on Tuesday 3rd October. For further information, contact Tim Nunn:

tim@victoriabaptist.org.uk



Tim

Here are two links that explain more about the Alpha Course:

National Alpha website: <https://alpha.org.uk/>

VBC website: <https://www.victoriabaptist.org.uk/church-life/alpha-victoria/>



CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF ISRAEL ...

... will hold their annual conference at Suncoast Church in Eastbourne on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th September. It is free to attend, titled “**Israel in view of God's faithfulness**” and features guest speakers Chris Mitchell, Middle East reporter and correspondent for the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), and Dorit Oliver-Wolff BEM, who survived the Holocaust in hiding and eventually made Aliyah to Israel during the British Mandate period.

Flower Ministry

Last week's flowers were donated by
Tony & Janet Mottram



Many thanks to the church for the beautiful flowers and the helpful Bible passage accompanying them. They were very much appreciated. Brian