

VICTORIA *Life*

Sunday 14th June 2026

Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive

GLORY AND HONOUR AND POWER

for You created all things, and by Your will they
existed and were created.

REVELATION 4:11

ALL-CAPTIVATING GLORY

“They lay their crowns before the throne and say: “You are worthy our Lord and God to receive glory and honour and power, for You created all things and by Your will they were created and have their being.” (Revelation 4:10-11)



Chris Short

There was a time in which it was common to hear a certain type of Christian described as being, ‘so heavenly minded they were no earthly good’. The message of the book of Revelation is the exact opposite. The most encouraging, inspiring and motivating experience any human being can have is to see God as He is, seated on heaven’s throne. History has repeatedly borne that out, with some of society’s most determined reformers, also those with an ardent Christian faith and spiritual experience.

William Wilberforce, Thomas Clarkson, Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Jr., Gladys Aylward and just recently, Alexei Navalny are just some of the many people inspired by a transforming vision of God to live courageous, self-denying lives for the benefit of those around them.

I hope you’ll be able to join us this week, as we consider together the all-captivating glory of God.

This evening - our monthly evening service takes place at 6pm with communion included.

Next Week (21ST June)

Our twice-monthly Prayer Meeting will take place at 6.30pm.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for next week -

Sandra & Jez Taylor are away for the week on annual leave.

Kevin is away the following week and, in his absence, a number of jobs still need doing - setting up for external groups, cleaning, emptying the bins, checking the toilets, and so on. If anyone would be able to help with this - and would also be prepared to get similarly involved on other occasions when he is away, please contact the office.

Senior Minister

Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

Church Administrator

Colin McMahan

Caretaker

Kevin Virgo

Head of Family Ministries

Emily Jenkins

Children's Ministries

Simon Grimes

CAP Debt Centre Manager

Phil Papps

CAP Debt Coach

Nadine Crawford-Piper

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- Sun 14 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Chris Short
 12 noon Youth Alpha - The Holy Spirit sessions
 6.00pm Evening Service
 7.00pm Sunday Evening Youth
- Mon 15 6.00pm Girls Brigade
- Tue 16 12noon Men's Fellowship - meeting at the Smugglers, Pevensey
- Wed 17 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 3.00pm Youth Alpha - "What happens next?"
- Thu 18 7.30am Men's Prayer Meeting
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Open Doors
 6.45pm Omega (contact Tim or Ruth Nunn for details)
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 19 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 12.30pm Friends, Food & Fellowship
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Friday Night Youth
- Sat 20
- Sun 21 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Chris Short
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
 7.00pm Sunday Evening Youth

The Week Ahead

Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*

Ian Doling

Jun 28 Beer Congregational Church, Devon - 10am



7 PRAYER POINTS FOR THE TECH TEAM

at

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH

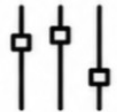
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WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT

- Pray that the tech team would have wisdom in every decision, from selecting equipment and software to solving complex technical challenges.
- Ask God to help them make choices that best support the church's mission and ministry.

TUE



RELIABILITY AND EXCELLENCE

- Pray for smooth operation of all technical systems, including audio, video, lighting, streaming, networking, and presentation tools.
- Ask that the team's work would be marked by excellence, helping remove distractions and enabling people to focus on worship and God's Word.

WED



UNITY AND HEALTHY COMMUNICATION

- Pray for strong relationships among team members, volunteers, ministry leaders, and pastors.
- Ask God to cultivate humility, patience, and clear communication, especially during high-pressure situations.

THU



PROTECTION FROM BURNOUT

- Pray for physical, emotional, and spiritual strength for the team, particularly during busy seasons, special events, and multiple weekend services.
- Ask God to help them maintain healthy rhythms of rest, family life, and personal devotion.

FRI



SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND PURPOSE

- Pray that team members would see their technical service as ministry, not merely as operational support.
- Ask God to deepen their faith and remind them that their work helps create opportunities for people to encounter Christ.

SAT



CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION

- Pray for fresh ideas and creative solutions that enhance ministry effectiveness without losing focus on the church's core mission.
- Ask God to guide the team as technology changes and new opportunities emerge for outreach and discipleship.

SUN



PROTECTION AND SECURITY

- Pray for protection over the church's digital infrastructure, data, online services, and communication platforms.
- Ask God to guard the team from major failures, cybersecurity threats, and disruptions that could hinder ministry efforts.



SUPPORT FOR ST. WILFRED'S HOSPICE

The support that our local hospice gives to patients and their families is invaluable, and they are in real need of additional funds. In order to do my bit to help, I have signed up for the 'Wilfride' this coming September. This entails cycling from Eastbourne to Paris - 290 miles in 4 days!

I am covering all the costs of the trip myself, so any money raised will be going directly to the hospice. If you feel able to contribute, however small an amount, please go to the link below where you will be able to donate. Alternatively, speak to me directly. Many thanks in anticipation of your support for this challenge.



<https://events.stwhospice.org/fundraisers/franceshall3955>

PRAYER NEEDED



Please remember our Youth work in your prayers for the next couple of weeks. Emily is leading a group of 14 youngsters and 6 leaders, travelling to Carroty Wood, near Tonbridge for the weekend of 3rd/4th/5th July. They will be studying Psalm 139, learning about their identity in Christ. Accommodation is in bell tents and they will also be enjoying a variety of activities including high ropes, low ropes and swimming.

Please pray specifically for:

- Sunshine
- Safety
- Sleep
- Super-Fun, and
- the presence of the Holy Spirit

Men's CURRY NIGHT: Wednesday 15th July
7pm: Tuk Tuk Indian Street Food, 240, Terminus Rd,
Eastbourne BN21 3DE

By popular demand, we are returning to Tuk Tuk for our Annual Visit. There are a restricted number of seats and the sign-up sheet is now available in the Welcome Centre for you to sign-up. Don't miss out on a night out with the boys!



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PRESENTS

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OPEN

GOLF TOURNAMENT



FRIDAY
24TH JULY



4PM



AT
WILLINGDON
GOLF CLUB



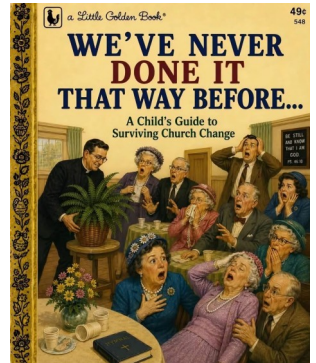
This is the 5th year of the VBC Open, an event not to be missed! Please register your interest with Colin or Jez as soon as possible so that we can book the right number of tee slots. The cost to enter this highly prestigious tournament is £30, worth every penny when you consider you will be in the company of some real star golfers!

Changes Ahead

Plans are underway for big changes to the weekly news sheet, Victoria Life. It has been decided that we will only publish a full edition - similar to what you currently receive - once a month. On the weeks in-between it is planned to have a brief 2-page sheet covering the diary for the following week plus a limited number of news items and prayer points.

We will also continue to make use of the e-mail facility available to most of you and send any urgent updates via this method.

We are planning to start this new pattern next month - so we will continue with the current format for another 3 weeks after this and then issue the new 2-page format for the edition dated 5th July. The first monthly edition is scheduled for 26th July. We feel this will be a more time-efficient way of keeping in touch with you all and also enable other tasks to get done more efficiently.



The CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

There is a meeting of the CI next Thursday (18th) at Holy Trinity Church in Trinity Place - 7.30pm to 8.45pm. The focus of the evening will be -



“Scripture is clear that all people are made male or female in the image of God. Every human life has inherent value. This biblical truth is the only true basis for equality and for treating all people with genuine love and respect. We must resist the attacks on it from **assisted suicide** and **transgender ideology**. And because we love our neighbours made in the image of God, we must stand against **gambling**, which is destructive for individuals and society.”

To hear about these issues - and others - and to see how you can be equipped to make a difference - get along to HT next Thursday evening.

MEMBERS' DIRECTORY UPDATE

The next edition of the Members' Directory will be produced later this month but, before it goes to print, I do need you to send me details of any changes you need to make - change of address perhaps, e-mail address, phone number etc. You will remember that we are now only including your preferred phone number rather than a landline and a mobile number so do check out what appeared in the last edition and let me know if you want it changed. Remember this is only for those of you who are members - and it is only distributed to members.

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KINGDOM BUILDERS

Holiday Club

Reception to Yr 6

WE NEED YOUR
LEGO

6 AUGUST
10am - 12:30pm

THURSDAY

7 AUGUST
10am - 12:30pm

FRIDAY

8 AUGUST
10am - 12:30pm

SATURDAY

Do you have any LEGO you no longer need? Please can we have it for this years Holiday Club 'Kingdom Builders'?

Info: simon@victoriabaptist.org.uk

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DELIGHT IN THE LORD

DELIGHT IN THE LORD



Margaret Barham

“The LORD is in His Holy temple; the Lord is on His Heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; His eyes examine them.” Psalm 11:4

We live in times of increasing violence and wickedness and it seems that the foundations of our society are being destroyed. Sometimes I feel like running away from it all and hiding, but where can I go? Running away from things does not solve the problem. The only person to whom I can go is God because He is my refuge and strength in times of trouble.

God is watching what is going on and He knows about the seeming prosperity of the wicked and the increase of violence. God is Holy and righteous and just, and one day, those who deliberately choose to do evil will receive the due punishment for their wickedness, maybe not in this life, but in eternity. We see things from the point of view of our time lived here on earth, but God sees the whole of eternity stretched out before Him. Those who love wicked ways will receive eternal punishment, but those who love God, who know salvation in Jesus and delight in Him will see Jesus face to face. God is working out His just and righteous purposes, and we can trust Him.

BIBLE NOTES

If you have ordered *Your Encounter with God & Daily Bread* notes from Sandra, and you have not already been given them, you will find them in your pigeon-hole at the back of the church.



Life groups @ VBC

Friendship, Faith and Fun at the heart of our community



You can find the Life Group notes for today's message through this link:

<https://victoriabaptist.org.uk/midweekgroups/life-groups/resources/most-recent-bible-studies.php>

HOPE INTO ACTION CONFERENCE

Paula Burr, Janet Edwards and Sandra Taylor attended the Hope into Action Conference in Milton Keynes last month. The theme was “Rooted: Homelessness ends in Community”, and we were treated to a very powerful and encouraging day of seminars and talks.



Krish Kandiah was the keynote speaker and spoke about hospitality overcoming hostility. He focussed on Exodus 1:8-10 and suggested a parallel with the political situation today where fear is used as a political weapon. His key message was that hospitality is a practical, courageous response to rising division and fear and that we should practice courageous, quiet acts of compassion even when systems and public opinion suggest otherwise.

In one of the seminars, some of the Hope into Action tenants, both former and current, spoke of their experiences and how the work of Hope into Action has impacted them. Most of them came from a background of alcohol or drug dependency, resulting in homelessness. It was a very powerful session as we heard of how the support and encouragement of Empowerment Workers and Church Friendship and Support Volunteers had helped them to turn their lives around. The thread running through all the stories was that patience, commitment, love and prayer made all the difference. Many of the tenants had either become Christians or rediscovered their faith, and some told of how they were beginning to explore the Christian faith.

You may be aware that we are partnered with a Hope into Action house, and we want to ensure that we show the same love, commitment and patience to our tenants. We currently have 3 men of varying ages living in the house, but our support team is made up of 6 women and 2 men. This makes it difficult for us to engage fully with the tenants. We would really like to be able to meet up with them weekly for a coffee and chat, but feel it would be more appropriate for them to meet with another man. They sometimes come along to Community Fridge, where



we can have a brief chat with them to see how they are getting on, but this does not really lend itself to building meaningful relationships. If you are male, and feel you could spare the time to commit to meeting with one of our tenants, please let Sandra, Paula or Janet know. Maybe you could invite them along to something you already do. In any case, please do pray for our tenants. We pray that one day they will be able to attend the Hope into Action Conference themselves and testify to how good God has been to them through Hope into Action and Victoria Baptist Church.

FLOWER MINISTRY

Flowers for last week were donated by
Brian Coupland, in memory of Christine



Thank you so much for the lovely flowers delivered to me this week. We have such a loving, caring church family. The verse carried me through the week and forward to the future. With fondest love & big hugs. RF



As advertised last week, we still have a need for bunchers/preparers and deliverers on a Monday morning, possibly every 4 or 5 weeks, not every week. Please give it some prayerful thought and contact Chris McMahon if you would like to find out precisely what this involves or would be happy to be added to the rota.