



Sunday 19th November 2023

Victoria Baptist Church News



**There remains, then,
A SABBATH REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD;
for anyone who enters God's rest
also rests from their works,
just as God did from his.**

Hebrews 4:9-10

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JOHN 5:2-27 – The Essential Jesus – The Sabbath Switches

“Because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute Him.” (v16)

In the final session of our series *The Essential Jesus* we’re going to examine something that we come across a number of times in the gospels – Jesus coming into conflict on the Sabbath. Jesus often healed people on the Sabbath. The Jewish leaders were offended by this and considered it grounds to persecute Him.

God gave the Sabbath as a way for His people to show themselves different from the nations around them and as a gift – a day to rest and to grant their households, slaves and animals rest (Ex. 20:8-11 / Deut. 5:12-15). The author of the letter to the Hebrews says those Sabbaths points to a true Sabbath-rest for the people of God when they rest from their all their works (Heb. 4:9-10).

This week we’ll see that God’s promise of rest finds its ultimate fulfilment through the ministry of Jesus. We can only find true rest because of His work on our behalf. As we’ll see, the healing of the ungrateful man by the pool, shows us how we can experience this rest for ourselves.



Prayer Meeting - 6.30pm tonight.

Next Sunday

Chris Short will be starting his Christmas series on women in the genealogy of Jesus, Matthew Chapter 1. Tamar is the first in the list so you may like to read her story in Genesis before listening to Chris next week.

Staff/Office Matters

Staff movements for the coming week

Chris off Tuesday
Sandra off Thursday
Erik away in India
Simon off Tuesday
Julie in Thursday
Kevin off Sat

Colin off Monday
Tim in Wed am & Fri am
Jez in Wed am & Fri am
Helen in Mon, Wed
Nadine in Mon, Thurs

Senior Minister

Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

Family Ministries

Simon Grimes - Children
Erik Cornelisse - Youth

Church Administrator

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The Week Ahead

Sun	19	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
		10.00am	Live and on-line with Chris Short
		6.30pm	Church Prayer Meeting
		7.00pm	Xcav8
Mon	20	6.00pm	Girls Brigade
		7.30pm	CLT meeting
Tues	21	6.45pm	Alpha - "How does God guide us?"
		7.15pm	Soaking in the Spirit (ladies only)
Wed	22	8.30am	Community Fridge and Cafe
		10.00am	Vicky Bees
		6.30pm	Boys Brigade
		7.30pm	Church Members Meeting
Thu	23	7.30am	Prayer Meeting (for men only)
		10.00am	Alpha - "How does God guide us?"
			Men's Fellowship (next meeting 7 th Dec)
		2.30pm	Women's Fellowship with Mick Trott
		7.30pm	Ukraine Prayer Meeting
Fri	24	10.00am	Outreach Prayer Meeting
		10.00am	Vicky Bees
		5.00pm	Kids Club
		7.00pm	Xpect
Sat	25	1.00pm	Christmas Messy Church
Sun	26	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
		10.00am	Live and on-line with Chris Short
		6.30pm	Behold the Man
		7.00pm	Xcav8



Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*

Brian Wightwick	19 Nov	St Barnabas, Langney, 9.45am
Brian Wightwick	26 Nov	Polegate Free Church, 10.30am & 6.30pm
Erik Cornelisse	31 Oct-30 Nov	India mission trip

Christmas Events

Sat 25 th Nov	Christmas Messy Church, 1pm
Sat 9 th Dec	Christmas Flow Café, 10am
Sun 10 th Dec	Nativity for All Ages, 10am
Sun 17 th Dec	Carols by Candlelight, 6.30pm
Sun 24 th Dec	Christingle Service, 4pm
Mon 25 th Dec	Christmas Reflection, 10am





CAP Christmas Hampers for Clients

Dear Friends, we have been blessed this year to be able to serve many more CAP clients. We now have around 60 clients or families on our radar.

As a church family, we would like to be able to bless these people with a Christmas gift hamper again and so are looking for your support once more. Following feedback from last year, we hope to make it simpler for life groups but we still want to give you the opportunity to help.

Sign up in the usual place in the Welcome Centre to help with packing or delivering on Thursday 21st or Friday 22nd December. Why not pray together about this, get a few people from your life group to team up to help? We need people at church packing, and pairs to go out in cars to deliver the gifts in the early evening.

Donations of money would be gratefully received as we anticipate that each hamper will cost between £30 and £60. This can be handed into the office. Alternatively, we welcome BACS transfers - the bank details are on p3 of this newsheet, please mark any donation *CAP Christmas*.



We would also welcome donations of longer date food items, which can be brought to church and left in the collection area by the blue welcome centre wall. These need to be in by the 17th December. Chilled and frozen goods will be bought in a big order.

We will provide Christmas messages and cards to go in the boxes but if your life group would like to donate a handpicked gift for clients, and deliver to a specific family or person, please let us know and sign a personal card. Any questions please contact Lesley Corke.

Thank you for your support with this big project and making Christ's Christmas message come alive for our clients.

Very best wishes

Helen, Nadine and Lesley

Suggested items for donation

Christmas crackers, Christmas sweets, soft drinks, Christmas or sponge pudding, custard, Christmas chocolates, mince pies, Christmas cake, Christmas biscuits, biscuits for cheese, toiletries gift set, Christmas napkins, chutney, jam or sauces, tinned fruit or vegetables, tea, coffee.





CHURCH MEMBERS' BUSINESS MEETING

Wed Nov 22nd, 7.30pm

1. Introduction, Welcome & Prayer
2. Agreement of minutes and matters arising
3. Membership Report - Richard Kirk
4. Finance Report - Mark Evason
5. Family Services
6. Report on Evangelical Baptist Meeting - Chris Short
7. VBC Assets - proposal
8. AOB – **Items for consideration to be emailed to the church office by Monday 20th November**
9. D.O.N.M. – 28th February 2024



Please note - a show of hands is required for item 7 of the above agenda. This means **we need to have a quorum** for the vote to be valid. Please make every effort to attend - and vote - as this item is of great significance with respect to the future direction of VBC. If you are unsure of the detail behind this, please look back at the minutes of previous meetings when this issue has been discussed in some detail. The minutes have been sent to you via e-mail shortly after the meetings have been held. If you are unable to access these minutes, please feel free to ask the office staff for copies to be resent to you.

Thank you...

... to all of you who supported Flow Café last Saturday. It was a great morning and we raised £245 for Linking Lives Eastbourne, so thank you for your generosity. The next Flow Café is on Saturday 9th Dec, when all proceeds will be given to MacMillan Cancer Support.



CHRISTINGLE

We will need to assemble Christingles for the service on 24th December, so if you have an hour to spare on Saturday 23rd December at 2pm to help with this, please let me know. Many thanks, Sandra

PRAYER DIARY 20TH - 26TH NOVEMBER

Monday *The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want* Spend a few minutes thanking God for His extravagant love for us and the generous way He provides for all our needs - physical and spiritual. Pray for those experiencing lack now so that they may receive the support they need through kindness shown to them and through CAP, the Community Fridge, Networx, and Alpha. May they come to know Jesus as their Shepherd.

Tuesday *He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.* Pray for any you know who are stressed and anxious, that they may know God's peace which passes all understanding. Pray for those caring for loved ones or others that they may know God strengthening and refreshing them amid all their daily activities.

Wednesday *He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.* Pray for those struggling with issues in their lives or who must make difficult decisions in their personal lives or workplace so that they may know God's guidance and have His wisdom for the next step.

Thursday *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.* Pray for those who are sick, dying or bereaved, that they will know God's comfort and support at this difficult time. Pray for those going through darkness in their lives through other losses or depression, that they may receive God's comfort and upholding.

Friday *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.* Pray for those Christians who are being persecuted for their faith in countries such as Nigeria, North Korea, China, and other places, that they may be able to stand firm under pressure. Pray that there will be an outpouring of God's Spirit in these countries so that many may come to know Christ even under extreme pressure. Pray for a change of heart in the governments which restrict religious freedom. <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/>

Saturday *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.* Thank God for His goodness and faithfulness in your life. Spend a few moments looking back at critical times when God was at work and led you through each season of life. Pray for opportunities to share these stories with others so that they may experience God's goodness, too.

Sunday *And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.* Thank God for His constant presence in your life and the opportunity and freedom to worship Him with other Christians. Thank Him for His promise to complete the work He has started in us and the hope we have of spending eternity in His presence if we trust in Him.

FUEL FOR PRAYER

1277 Days!

Vicky Bees

and why we need you!!

Did you know that there are, on average, 1277 days from a child's birth to when they start nursery at 3 years of age? 3 years when their development is at it's peak, and they are often exclusively with their family members. This is often the time when families will reach out to find opportunities to build relationships and for children to have positive play experiences.

At Vicky Bees we are seeking to do this, but also to present Jesus to these families. We need people who can talk to parents, to build relationships, who can pray and maybe offer practical skills, to make those 1277 effective.

At Vicky Bees we pray, then play,
We talk, and walk alongside families.
We build with bricks, and then with lives.
We sing, have stories, and
discover what Jesus has done.
And then we pray again.

Why not come along one Wednesday or Friday morning, and see how you can be involved in making those 1277 days effective in God's kingdom?

Email simon@victoriabaptist.org.uk



BIBLE BY THE BEACH

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As in previous years we hope to take advantage of a discount price if we can get 10+ adults of £110 per person for the whole period if we book before 30th Nov.

For more information follow the web link at:

[Bible by the Beach](#)

*and/or **speak to John and Ingelore Demetriou.** If you can't make it for the full weekend there are day passes available.*

*If you are interested in taking advantage of the Early Bird offer please **put your name on the list in the Welcome Centre before the end of the month.***

Date: 3rd - 6th May 2024; Location: Congress Theatre, Eastbourne

Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by
Peggy O'Rourke



Beautiful bunch of flowers from VBC to cheer us up as we go through this difficult time. Colin York