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Matt. 6:21



Just Giving – Life-Giving Giving
Matthew 6:19-24

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This morning we are beginning a new series about generosity. I do so with mixed feelings. Firstly, I feel a sense of excitement that God is going to do a new thing among us regarding our finances. We need it, we're praying for it, and I think God is going to do it. But also, I feel a sense of trepidation. The Church doesn't have a great reputation when it comes to money. I read recently that the Rwandan government closed nine thousand churches in the last year. The primary reason is Western prosperity preachers coming into the country, setting up churches and fleeing the people.



It is a disgrace and a sign of our defeat, when the church to which Jesus said, “Freely you have received, freely give” (Matt. 10:8) has a reputation for greed. To reopen, the Rwandan churches have to meet certain standards which includes theological education. That sounds like a good thing. We're going to do the same here. With God's help, we're going to learn what the Bible teaches about life-giving giving.

I hope you'll be able to join us.

NEXT Week (28TH SEPT)

Next week's live@10 service will be led by Chris Short and the speaker will be Miles Thomas from Open Doors.

There will be a Baptismal class at 5pm in Chris' office in advance of the Baptism service scheduled for October 12th - which is also the day of our Harvest Festival.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for next two weeks

Chris	off Tues		
Colin	off Mon	Emily	off Mon
Kevin	off Sat	Simon	off Tuesday
Tim	in Wed & Fri	Julie	in Thursday
Nadine	in Mon & Thurs	Lucy	in Weds am, Thurs, Fri am
Sandra	annual leave	Jez	annual leave
Phil	in Mon pm, Wed, Thurs pm		

Senior Minister

Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

Church Administrator

Colin McMahon

Caretaker

Kevin Virgo

Head of Family Ministries

Emily Jenkins

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Phil Papps

CAP Debt Coach

Nadine Crawford-Piper

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- Sun 21 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live @ 10 with Chris Short
 5.00pm Baptismal Class
 6.30pm Church Prayer Meeting
 7.00pm Xcav8
- Mon 22 6.00pm Girls Brigade
- Tue 23
- Wed 24 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 7.30pm Members' Business Meeting
- Thu 25 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
 10.15am Men's Fellowship - next meeting 2nd Oct
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Jeanette Howard
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 26 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Xpect
- Sat 27
- Sun 28 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live @ 10 with Miles Thomas from Open Doors
 5.00pm Baptismal Class
 7.00pm Xcav8



Wednesday 1st Oct - Ladies Italian Night @ 7pm

Wednesday 15th Oct - Men's non-Curry night @ 7.15pm

Please sign up for these events on
 the sheets in the Welcome Centre.

MEMBERS' DIRECTORY

Please note that a new Members Directory is now scheduled for production. Therefore, if you have made any changes to your contact details, please let the office know by the end of this month.

PRAYER DIARY : 22ND - 28TH SEPTEMBER

Monday As our nation continues to be split over issues such as immigration and national pride, we pray that the example of Christ would prevail. The virtues of compassion, grace, mercy and justice for all people regardless of status, race, gender or anything else. We pray that love would overcome hate and that, as Christians, we would demonstrate the love of Christ to all people we meet.

Tuesday As schools and universities restart, let us pray for all those young people leaving home for the first time, perhaps off to university or moving for work. May they encounter other Christian people, involve themselves in local churches and find strong Christian friendships. Pray too for our local schools and the Christian children in them who sometimes struggle to be open about their faith. Pray for strength and wisdom in how to navigate their school years.

Wednesday As the conflict in Gaza continues and famine increases, let us pray for a swift resolution so that innocent men, women and children no longer have to suffer. Whatever our theological position on Israel, let us pray that those in positions of authority have compassion, and seek truth and justice for both Jew and Palestinian. Let us pray for softened hearts and a desire for people to live in peace together.

Thursday Let us continue to pray for our friends in Lebedyn, Ukraine - for protection of the team and facilities - for continued conversions within the youth group and refugee population. Please pray that Farmer Sergey, Valentyn and other young men are not taken to fight. Pray for Bohdan and Alla, their marriage and family, as they lead the church and mission centre.

Friday Please pray for our CAP ministry. Thank God for the lives transformed by becoming debt-free. Pray too for the greater transformation of hearts and that people will come to know Jesus as their Saviour. Pray for Phil and Nadine as they work hard to overcome the barriers presented by clients that stop them becoming debt-free. Pray too for our Community Fridge ministry. Thank God for the people who serve in it and the clients who attend. Pray that conversations will be supportive and the love of Jesus will permeate every conversation.

Saturday This weekend, please pray for Simon and Emily as they lead our Children's and Young People's work, and for each of the different groups: Vicky Bees, Sunday School, Kids Club on Friday, Youth Club on Friday, Sunday morning youth and Xcav8 for the older youth on Sunday evening. Pray that the leaders and volunteers form strong Godly relationships so they can teach, mentor and disciple our young people. Pray for growth, both in numbers and in souls saved.

Sunday Pray for Chris today as he leads our church. Pray too for our speaker from Open Doors as he brings God's word to us. Thank God for the team who work hard to make the church run smoothly: Chris, Colin, Sandra, Julie, Kevin, Phil, Nadine, Simon, Emily, Tim, Lucy and Jez. Continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's leading on them as they serve the church here.

Thank You

Thank you to those of you who braved the wind and rain to support Flow Café last Saturday. We raised £250 for Diabetes UK. Ken and Gill Grimes would also like to thank everyone for their support.



GIRLS BRIGADE

Whilst having a sort out of the GB cupboard we have come across a box of bead work materials. If anyone could make use of this, please contact the church office. Many thanks, Jenny

Hope Lebedyn

We have the opportunity to send a truck of aid to Lebedyn in October, courtesy of one of our support partners, **Ukraine Relief**. We would like to send items which will be useful, and the team in Lebedyn has told us that they are in desperate need of large sized nappies, and large and extra large sized incontinence pants/pads. If you feel you would like to help with the provision of these items, we will be accepting donations here at VBC on the morning of Sunday 5th October and from 2pm - 4pm in the afternoon of the same day. These donations will then be taken to Bournemouth to be loaded onto the aid truck.



ST WILFRED'S HOSPICE

A very big thank you to everyone from VBC who sponsored entrants to **The Starlight Stroll** last Saturday. Over a thousand people took part and we are pleased to say about £80,000 was raised for the hospice. St Wilfred's, like all hospices, is struggling financially so every penny raised allows them to keep doing the wonderful job they do with patients and their families.



BIBLE READING NOTES

Bible reading notes for Oct-Dec are in the pigeon-holes for those who have ordered them. Please let Sandra know if you wish to continue receiving them - and, if you would like to start receiving them from January, she would also be happy to take your order.



Join Us in Making a Difference for Our Young People!

We're looking for more passionate individuals to support our young peoples' groups, especially on Monday and Friday evenings during term time. Right now, we have a dedicated team at Girls Brigade on Mondays and six volunteers on Fridays, but we need additional hands to keep the energy and support going!

Here's how you can get involved:

Regular Volunteers

Join our rota and commit to helping on a regular basis.

Drinks & Snacks Helpers

If you're available to help serve juice, hot chocolate, and snacks, we'd love to have you!

Share Your Story

Do you have a 5-minute testimony, story, or talent you can share with the young people? Or perhaps you know someone who does?

Support Volunteers

If you're not able to commit regularly, join our "bank" of volunteers we can call upon as needed.

Your help, no matter how big or small, makes a real difference. If you're interested or know someone who might be, please get in touch!

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Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by

Nigel Collier

In loving memory of Sue



Thank you for the lovely flower surprise! It has made my day! LH



Thank you so much for the lovely flowers that you gave us. It was such a nice surprise! Blessings C&JJ



Thank you so much for the flowers. "God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything" 1 John 3:20. RB

