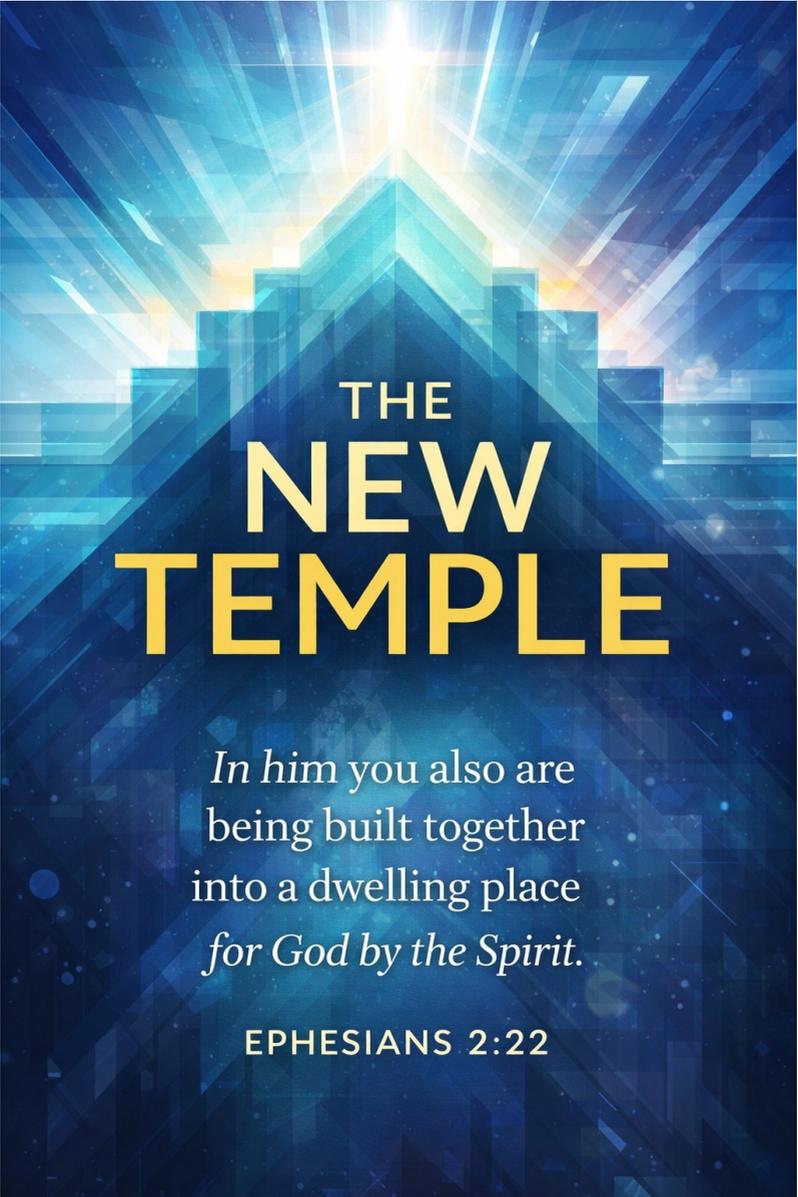


VICTORIA *Life*

Sunday 22nd March 2026



THE NEW TEMPLE

*In him you also are
being built together
into a dwelling place
for God by the Spirit.*

EPHESIANS 2:22



The Essential Church Ephesians 2.1-22 – The New Temple

“And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:22)

We live in uncertain times. It is not certain how things will turn out in the Ukraine or that things won't escalate in Iran. It's not certain what the price of petrol will be in the coming weeks. It's not certain that Keir Starmer will remain Prime Minister. It's not certain that the meningitis outbreak will be quickly brought under control.



Stability and predictability are good things, and human beings work very hard in pursuit of them. International institutions work hard to ensure peace among the nations of the world. Governments work hard to provide economic and social stability. Parents work hard to provide stable homes for their children. Yet sin is always lurking, tempting people to mistrust one another, to act selfishly and corruptly, undermining stability and peace.

Our passage this week tells us God's plan to bring enduring peace to the world and the Church's role in it. I hope you'll be able to join us.



BAPTISMAL CLASSES

Chris will be holding another session today at 3pm in his office. If you missed last week's, and you have been giving some thought to Baptism, it is not too late to join

Next Week (29TH) At our live@10 service next Sunday, Jez Taylor will be bringing God's message to us.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for next week

Chris off Tues

Colin off Mon

Kevin annual leave

Tim in Wed am, Fri am

Nadine in Mon & Thurs

Sandra off Thurs

Phil Tues am, Wed, Thu pm

Emily off Mon & Tues

Simon off Tues

Julie in Thurs

Lucy in Weds am, Thurs, Fri am

Jez in Wed am & Fri am

Senior Minister

Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

Church Administrator

Colin McMahon

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 22 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Chris Short
 7.00pm Sunday Evening Youth
- Mon 23 6.00pm Girls Brigade
- Tue 24
- Wed 25 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 6.45pm Alpha - How can we have faith?
- Thu 26 7.30am Men's Prayer Meeting
 1.30pm Thanksgiving Service for Pearl Rendall at VBC
 Women's Fellowship - cancelled
 6.45pm Omega (contact Tim or Ruth Nunn for details)
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 27 10.00am Outreach Prayer
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 Kids Club - no meeting today, starting again on 17th Apr
 7.00pm Friday Night Youth
- Sat 28 1.00pm Messy Easter
- Sun 29 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Jez Taylor
 4.00pm Prospective Members Meeting
 7.00pm Sunday Evening Youth

The Week Ahead

LIFE GROUPS

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>



BRITISH Summer Time

Don't forget the clocks go forward next Sunday at 1am!



Accommodation

We have a new Iranian family in town, who urgently need a home. There is nothing available in town at the moment, that is clean and decent. Mum is able to pay a reasonable rent. The family consists of mum, a son, 13, and a daughter, aged 7. There is an older sister who is studying away but comes home at weekends. If you are aware of any properties for rent, even short term, then I'd love to hear from you. The family will have to move out of the temporary home she's in at the moment at the end of next week. *Anna Reid*

Easter Dates

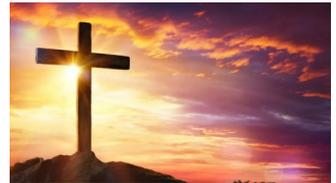
Thurs 2 Apr - 2.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion with the Women's and Men's Fellowships. All welcome. Led by John Jones.

Fri 3 Apr - 10am Good Friday Service
with Chris Short

Walk of Witness

Old Town Churches will be holding their annual Good Friday walk between churches to pray and to be a witness in the community.

Starts at 10.30am outside Old Town Community Church, Central Ave, it will arrive at VBC just after 11am. You are welcome to join the walk from here, or at any time along the route. It will finish at Emmanuel Church at around midday where hot cross buns and a hot drink will be available.



Sun 5 Apr - 10am live@10 Easter Sunday service, with Chris Short

Please note that there will be NO prayer meeting in the evening.

Prospective Members Meeting

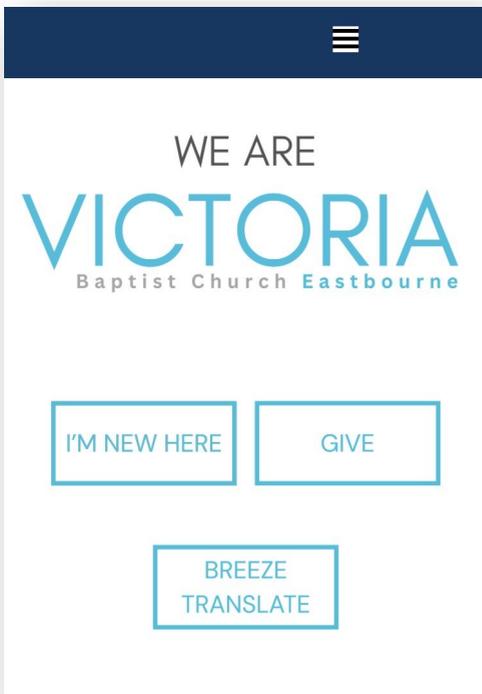
If you would like to know more about becoming a member of the church, then join Richard Kirk, our Membership Coordinator, on **Sunday 29th March, 4pm** in The Hive, when he will explain the benefits and responsibilities of membership. You can contact Richard by email: richard@victoriabaptist.org.uk



What's this on the chairs?



Scan the QR code with your phone camera and it will open up this page from the Victoria website.



Clicking on:

I'm New Here will take you to a page that tells you all about Victoria and how to contact us.

Give will take you to the Victoria Dona page. This will give you the chance to give to the church.

Breeze Translate will take you to the Breeze Translate website where you will be able to follow the sermon in a written language of your choice

PRAYER DIARY : 23RD - 29TH MARCH

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

During this week of prayer we will focus on recent news items ...

Monday Please pray about the "epidemic of violence" against women in our country, particularly regarding the distrust of the police, domestic abuse, and the risks that women face when going out alone in the community.

Tuesday Please pray for the pressures that the prison service is under, the danger of attack by inmates; and for the prison staff, pray for safety, compassion, and a positive attitude to rehabilitation, and strength to resist becoming involved in corruption.

Wednesday Mathew 24:6-8 says "You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed, such things must happen but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation ... all these are the beginnings of birth pains". In a recent worship lead, Pete said that there are 59 wars going on at the present time around the world! Most of these are not featured much in the news. Please pray for all peoples suffering during wars, pray for speedy ends to wars, and pray for your own reactions to wars as indicated in this verse.

Thursday Please pray about the worlds' efforts to rehome Christian migrants trying to find a place where they can grow in their faith in safety. Pray for all governments and charities to be guided to strategies that comply with God's will for His children in Christ.

Friday Please pray about efforts to limit the use of social media in the lives of young people in schools, relating to age limits. Pray that young people worldwide will come to the decision themselves that they no longer want to live bound to technology and that they will find a better way to live as part of God's family.

Saturday Please bring before the Lord your prayers for the environmental issues that concern you, for biodiversity, food production and water safety. And praise God for the beauty you see in creation and the wonderful signs of spring around you.

Sunday Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are called to praise God in all circumstances and to seek His forgiveness for our sins before we make our requests known to Him. Let's do that today - joyfully. Amen

FLOWER MINISTRY

Last week's flowers were donated by
Anna Reid



Thank you so much for the lovely flowers delivered to me following Ros' passing. They are very much appreciated. IG



Many thanks for the lovely flowers received this week & for all your prayers over last few months They are much appreciated. With love S&MB



It was a lovely surprise to receive the beautiful flowers from VBC. It has been most encouraging to have been thought of in this way. DE