

VICTORIA *Life*

Sunday 26th April 2026

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Baptist Church Eastbourne
Live@10

SUNDAY *Morning*

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26th April
Revelation

With Chris Short



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Luke 15:11-32 – Lost and Found

“While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.” (Luke 15:20)



Jesus said, “I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.” This morning we will celebrate the fulfilment of those words as we witness the baptisms of Stephanie Hill and Rachael Hollands. We’ll also welcome those who are doing the Alpha Course as they join us at the beginning of their Alpha Holy Spirit Day.

Let’s pray for Rachael and Steph as they prepare to give their testimonies, and for the guests on the Alpha Course, that God may bless their time together and that they may hear Him speaking into their own lives.

Jesus said: “I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” I hope you’ll be able to be with us as we join our praises with theirs.

Next Week (3RD May)

Next week’s Communion service at 10am will be led by Chris but Prof. John Wyatt will be bringing the message to us. John is one of the speakers at Bible by the Beach which takes place next weekend.

There will be the regular Prayer Meeting here at the church, 6.30pm.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for this week - the office will be closed on Mon May 4th (Bank Holiday)

Chris off Tues

Colin off Mon

Kevin off Sat

Tim in Wed am, Fri am

Nadine in Mon, Thurs

Sandra off Thurs

Phil Tues am; Wed; Thurs pm

Emily in Wed & Thurs

Simon off Tues, WFH Thurs

Julie in Thurs

Lucy in Weds am, Thurs, Fri am

Jez in Mon am & Fri am

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- Sun 26 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Baptismal Service @ 10 with Chris Short
 7.00pm Sunday Evening Youth
- Mon 27 6.00pm Girls Brigade
- Tue 28
- Wed 29 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 3.00pm Youth Alpha - "Jesus is ..."
 6.45pm Alpha - "How does God guide us?"
- Thu 30 7.30am Men's Prayer Meeting
 Men's Fellowship - next meeting 7th May
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Rev Roy Bedford
 6.45pm Omega (contact Tim or Ruth Nunn for details)
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 1 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Friday Night Youth
- Sat 2
- Sun 3 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Prof John Wyatt - Chris leading Communion
 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
 7.00pm Sunday Evening Youth

The Week Ahead

Date for your Diary

Wed May 6th - **Margaret Paraskeva's Thanksgiving Service** will be here at 1pm. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Centre if you would like to join the family for refreshments after the service.

Sat May 16th - **Ladies' Prayer Breakfast**, speaker Becky Mansford

Sun May 17th - there will be **no service at VBC on May 17th**. We would encourage you instead to join with people from Eastbourne churches at the "Thy Kingdom Come" event on the Wish Tower slopes.



We are running a **Youth Alpha** course for young people (11-18 year olds) who want to know more about the Christian faith.

Contact: emily@victoriabaptist.org.uk

Meet new people and explore the Christian Faith together . Alpha is for anyone who's curious.
No judgement, no pressure.

Each session unpacks a big question in faith, life and purpose.
And is designed to spark conversation
Come along, see what you think

Try Alpha

This 8 week course, here at VBC, started on Wednesday with 8 youngsters turning up to delve into the Christian faith. It is not too late to join us - every Wednesday, 3-5pm - but we don't get fully underway before 3.45. Join us if you can.

PASTRIES AND PRAYERS

Supporting Our Students

Did you know that some of our young people are about to step into one of the most significant seasons of their lives? Exam season is coming and with it comes pressure to succeed, fear of failure, and an intense workload that can feel overwhelming. There are students that are part of our church family, and this is our moment to stand with them. But don't worry, you can support them; here is how.

Will you join us in supporting them?

Prayer Team We are asking people to commit to praying for one student, within our church family, throughout the exam period. You will receive their exam timetable so you can pray specifically for their preparation, peace, and confidence each day. This is not a small task, GCSE students can be sitting 20 exams. We need your commitment for this. Your prayers can make a real difference as the students know that whilst they might feel overwhelmed to pray for themselves they have a church family who is praying for them.

Breakfast Club Team From **Monday–Friday, 11th May–19th June (8:00–8:45am)**, we are hoping to run a breakfast club for Year 11 Cavendish students before their exams. This will be a space of welcome, calm, and encouragement where they can be fed before they head into the day. There will also be a prayer post box where students can share their worries and we will commit to pray. We are hoping to hear back from the school before proceeding.

We need volunteers to help host, serve, and create a peaceful, supportive environment at the breakfast club - 'Pastries and Prayers'.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Welcome Centre

PRAYER DIARY : 27TH APRIL - 3RD MAY

In Colossians 4:3, Paul asks for the Colossians to pray for his work. Let's pray his prayer request for each other this week. "Pray for us that God will open a door for our message so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ" We are all Christ's witnesses wherever He places us this week.

Monday Lord, we pray for all those who feel they have wasted some of the time that You have given them or made mistakes in life. Remind them that in You there is always hope for a new beginning. Help them to see the future with fresh eyes and to use the knowledge and experiences they have to help others, trusting in Your transformative power.

Tuesday Father God, we pray for peace in the world, for the end of violence and instability; and guide world leaders to govern with wisdom and integrity that will usher in a new era of reconciliation. To many of us this prayer may seem a hopeless fantasy, but help us to remember that You are the God who can move mountains.

Wednesday Lord, we read that about 1,000 children per day die from lack of access to clean water and unsafe sanitation. We pray for new ideas and opportunities to bring clean water and sanitation to communities across the world. And as vast sums of money are given through charities such as water aid, we pray for protection from corruption of finances and terrorist groups in vulnerable countries.

Thursday Lord, we pray that You will reveal Yourself in visions and dreams to many Muslims who are seeking God. Lord, we know that a conversion to Christianity can often cause hostility from family and communities so we pray that You will strengthen new Christians under pressure and provide support and encouragement.

Friday Please pray this prayer for the staff of Tearfund which they have written themselves for us to pray "Dear God, help us to build a wider movement that cares for creation and others, so that through our prayers and actions, we may be witnesses of Your restoration story, bringing hope to those around us". Please pray for the continued success of Tearfund work in Rwanda through their Transforming Communities programme. Pray for the work of Tearfund in Mozambique among people affected by violence.

Saturday Please pray for the work carried out by the VBC Events Team, supporting our community and witnessing to Christ through their work.

Sunday Give thanks to God that He has blessed us with the preaching here at VBC. Pray that God will sustain Chris and enable him to keep hearing from God and delivering God's message to us. Help us to support his work by using our efforts to pastorally support each other and in so doing, lighten the burden on Chris. May God bless our service this Sunday. Amen.



Funds for Ukraine

You will recall Jacqui Archer's daughter has been holding a special event each year to raise money for the needs of the people of Ukraine. We received this from Jacqui - "Please do extend our thanks to everyone who supported Keziah's Ukraine Appeal. We made in total £400, including a very generous £100 cheque." This will be given to Hope Lebedyn.

AND FUND RAISING FOR THE VBC YOUTH

The weekend of 9th and 10th May is a fundraising weekend for the youth. 10am-12noon Saturday morning is the **Youth Edition of Flow Cafe**. Please come and support the youth as they will be there to help and have a few extra games and activities available.

Sunday 10th, after church, the youth will be providing cakes and biscuits to have with your teas and coffees. There will be a donation pot available. The money raised from these events will go toward the youth weekend away in July, and also the cost of social events that happen throughout the year.

Thank you for your support with this.



On the subject of Flow Café, we were pleased to be able to make a donation of £188 to St Wilfrid's Hospice following last week's event. Thank you again to those of you who come along regularly to support the monthly cause.

Biduyta & Erik Anglo-Polish tour 2026

for visual effect only - NOT ACTUAL ROUTE !!

Erik and his friend from India are touring Poland to promote the charity Erik went to visit a few years ago

Prayers appreciated

FURTHER DETAILS:
24th April - 1st May (Biduyta till 12th May!)
www.helpingpoint.info

FLOWER MINISTRY

Last week's flowers were donated by
Luanda Hoxha



*Hi you lovely people
Thank you so much for
the lovely flowers I
received today. They
are a real blessing and
the verse a real
encouragement. NC*



*Thank you so much for the flowers -
a lovely surprise. A&SK*