

VICTORIA *Life*

Sunday 26th October 2025

AND BLESSED BE GOD MOST HIGH,
WHO HAS DELIVERED YOUR
ENEMIES INTO YOUR HAND." THEN
ABRAM GAVE MELCHIZEDEK A
TENTH OF EVERYTHING.

- GENESIS 14:20





JustGiving – Genesis 14:17-20 **A Tenth of Everything**

“Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.” (Genesis 14:17-20)



This week we've got two things to look forward to. Firstly, it's the Thanksgiving and Dedication of Christopher Reiss Grey and we look forward to welcoming James, Keely and their families to church.

We're also returning to our series on giving. This week we're considering the Bible's teaching regarding tithing. Tithing is a religious word. I'd never heard the word until I became a Christian. Tithing means giving a tenth of everything we have received from God back to Him, with the promise of a greater blessing to come as a result. This morning we'll learn some surprising things about tithing and consider how it relates to us as New Testament believers who are no longer under the law (Romans 6:14). I hope you'll be able to join us.

Next Week (2nd Nov)

Ruth Newton will be preaching at next week's live@10 service. The service will include Communion.

Our fortnightly Prayer Meeting at 6.30pm will be slightly different in that we will be joined by people from other churches in Eastbourne. We are hosting one of the prayer events being held by *Pray Eastbourne*, as advertised in last week's edition of Victoria Life.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for next week

Chris	annual leave wk 1; off Tues wk 2		
Colin	2 weeks annual leave	Emily	?ff Tues
Kevin	off Sat	Simon	off Thurs (wk1), Tues (wk2)
Tim	in Wed & Fri	Julie	in Thurs
Nadine	in Mon & Thurs	Lucy	off wk 1;in Weds am Thurs, Fri am
Sandra	off Thurs	Jez	in Wed am & Fri am
		Phil	in Tues am, 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

Children’s Ministries

Simon Grimes

CAP Debt Centre Manager

Phil Papps

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Sun 26 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
10.00am live@10 with Chris Short

Mon 27

Tue 28

Wed 29 7.00am Prayer Meeting
8.15am Community Fridge

Thu 30 7.30am Prayer Meeting (men only)
Men's F'ship (NB venue change Toby Carvery, 12noon)
2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Erik Cornelisse
7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting

Fri 31 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting

Sat 1

Sun 2 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
10.00am live@10 - with Ruth Newton
6.30pm Pray Eastbourne Prayer Meeting
7.00pm Xcav8

Mon 3 6.00pm Girls Brigade
7.30pm Core Leadership Team Meeting

Tues 4

Wed 5 7.00am Prayer Meeting
8.15am Community Fridge
10.00am Vicky Bees

Thu 6 10.15am Men's Fellowship with Andy Twilley (SEBA)
2.30pm Women's Fellowship with Chris Short
7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting

Fri 7 10.00am Vicky Bees
5.00pm Kids Club
7.00pm Xpect

Sat 8 10.00am Flow Cafe
10.30am Creative Writing and Bookclub

Sun 9 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
10.00am All Age Service, live@10 - with Jez, Emily & Simon
6.00pm Evening Service
7.00pm Xcav8

Two Weeks Ahead

Grada & George - most of you will remember Grada, who was baptised in June. She and her fiancée George, are looking for accommodation on the following weekends:



Fri Nov 28th to Mon Dec 1st and Thurs 4th Dec to Sun 7th Dec

On both of these weekends they are looking for 2 bedrooms. If you feel you may be able to help, please contact the office.

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

One of our members, Tom Duncanson, is the compere at “Countdown to Christmas” (in words and music). The event features the Glyndebourne Youth Opera as well as a number of soloists and is being held at Holy Cross Church, Uckfield, 6.30pm on Sat Nov 29th.

Earlybird tickets from £12.50 can be obtained at friendsofsussexhospices.org.uk

LADIES BREAKFAST

The next breakfast is scheduled for Sat Nov 22nd, at the usual time of 9.30am with the guest speaker being Amanda Pye. Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Centre.

Creative Writing

The next meeting will be in two weeks (8th Nov), during Flow Café. in the Hive at 10.30 am. Our subject is '**The Passing of Clouds**'. Constable was fascinated by them, Wordsworth wandered with them, and Cowper used them metaphorically to depict the gloom Christians sometimes face. You are invited to write a piece, in prose or poetry, inspired by the title. All are welcome. For more information, contact John Demetriou. **Bookclub** meanwhile will be running simultaneously, in the Snug, also at 10.30am, where they will be discussing their latest chosen book. All are welcome - please contact Ingelore Demetriou for more information.

CORE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Almost your last chance to nominate someone for our Core Leadership Team (CLT). Our next church meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th November, when we will be holding CLT elections. There will be 2 vacancies for the CLT as Frances Hall will be stepping down in November, and nominations need to be submitted to the church office by **Wednesday 29th October**.

Nomination forms and Trustee Information Packs are available in the church office. We recommend that anyone considering being nominated reads the information pack carefully.

PRAYER DIARY : 27TH OCTOBER - 2ND NOVEMBER

FUEL FOR PRAYER

Monday "To the faithful You show Yourself faithful" Psalm 18:25. The only way to be delivered from surrounding evil is to call on God for help and strength. This is a psalm of praise and thanksgiving, it is a powerful psalm, read it to set yourself up to walk with God this week! And pray that the Ukrainian leadership will depend on our great God to fight their battles and bring peace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Tuesday "this people has rejected the gently flowing waters of Shiloah" Isaiah 8:6 Father God we pray for our nation that has rejected You and as was the case in Isaiah 8 v19 we pray that our witness and Your blessing will stop people from consulting with false gods and enable a change in values, goals and direction of travel in their lives that results in salvation.

Wednesday We thank You for the blessings that the internet has enabled, allowing online church services and "introduction to Christianity" initiatives to reach young people especially, many of whom have never encountered God before. We pray for the spiritual growth of a young generation who come to You, and that You will protect them from false prophets.

Thursday "I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne..." Isaiah 6:1 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty. Read verse 8. Isaiah was willing to go, to be sent by God, even before he knew what God wanted! Reflect on the place where God sends you every day - home, work, shops etc and pray to God that you will reflect His holy character there. Maybe, like Isaiah, pray to God asking Him if He is calling you to something new.

Friday We heard from a speaker from Open Doors recently that many Christians they work with require trauma care to help them recover from abuse and acts of terrorism. Let's pray for just a few of these victims today (please note, all names and situations mentioned are openly available to the public in the Open Doors prayer diary) Father God, we pray for church leaders working in Sudan where the conflict has exacerbated the persecution of believers. We pray that You will bring emotional and spiritual healing from all they have seen in the war.

We pray for pastor Duminda, who has recently received persecution survival training in Sri Lanka, bless his life in your service we pray.

We pray for Rifkatu in Nigeria who was kidnapped 4 weeks after her wedding. Now released, we pray that the trauma care she is receiving will free her from the physical and emotional violence of her captors and from her nightmares.

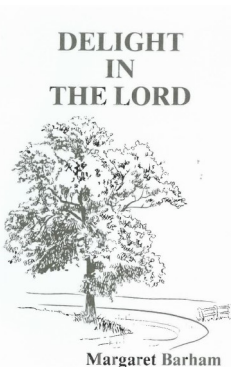
In Niger, we pray for the Open Doors training programmes training pastors to respond biblically to persecution and equip them to persevere in their call to shepherd God's people,

Saturday Lord, we pray for world-wide church unity. We pray that the new female head of the Church of England will have her ministry blessed by You and that You will show that she is Your choice for the job. We pray that King Charles' decision to spend time praying with the Pope will be blessed by You and enable more unity despite the obvious differences in some theology. And we pray for the new members of the CLT to bring more of Your wisdom so that VBC will go only where You are leading.

Sunday Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have lovingly and carefully planted and cultivated us in our journey of faith as a vine in Your vineyard. As we think now about some of the key people and moments in that journey ... we give You thanks for all You have done, and worship You alone today. Amen

DELIGHT IN THE LORD

Another in the series of thoughts inspired by quotations from the Book of Psalms. These were put together in a booklet - "Delight in the Lord" - some 30 years ago by Margaret Barham. "The LORD has heard my cry for mercy; the Lord accepts my prayer" Psalm 6:9



When we are unwell and our body is tired and aching, it often affects our spirit and we can feel that God is far away and that He is angry with us or disciplining us in some way. However we feel, we can still tell God about it. We can tell Him about our sickness and ask for His healing. We can tell Him about the anguish of our soul, and that He seems far away and not answering us. We can ask for His help - not because we merit it or deserve it, but because of His unfailing love towards us, which we see most clearly in the sufferings of Jesus and His death on the Cross for us.

No matter how worn out we feel, or how many tears we have shed, whether tears of sadness, or tears of self-pity or frustration, God still loves us, and we can be sure that He has heard our weeping, and that in His own time He will deliver us.

When we feel that everything is against us and that no-one is on our side, we can still call out to God for help, knowing that He has heard and accepted our prayer and will come to our aid.

PRAYER DIARY : 3RD - 9TH November

“Be joyful always ; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Monday Lord, we thank You for always being present to hear our prayers and for the power of prayer, to change lives through the actions of Your Holy Spirit. Father, hear our prayers this coming week as we reach out to You individually, in small groups at home or in our church, and especially as we gather to worship You on Sunday.

Tuesday “He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many nations”. Isaiah 2 :4

Father, we pray for the continuation of the peace process in the Middle East and for negotiations in the Ukraine to begin to bear fruit. We pray for the cessation of hostilities, the repatriation of prisoners, and for families to be reunited. Father, send us Your Son, the Prince of Peace, to silence the guns and allow the process of reconciliation to begin.

Wednesday Heavenly Father, we pray for Your protection over those gathering to watch firework displays on this Bonfire Night. Pray for safety protocols to be observed and for the potential dangers of fireworks to be recognised especially by children.

Thursday Loving Father, we lift up to You all those experiencing loneliness, especially as the nights draw in. This autumnal time of year is so difficult for many as the reduced daylight hours mean there is less social contact. Lord , put it upon our hearts to reach out to someone we know who is living alone, be it with a telephone call or a short visit ,always remembering we are doing this in Jesus’ name. He was a friend to everyone.

Friday Dear Lord, we lift up to You those who have recently been baptised. We thank You for the miracle of spiritual rebirth and the transformation that has taken place in their lives. May they continually experience the power of the Holy Spirit, to obey your Word and resist sin. Grant them, Lord, a spirit of humility, wisdom and resilience to continue the purpose you have planned for their lives. Lord, equip us to encourage and guide them in their times of need, to continue to declare You as their Lord and Saviour.

FUEL FOR PRAYER

Saturday “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in .” Matthew 25:35 The UN World Food Programme says that 40% less funding this year will mean famine for 14 million people in Afghanistan, DRC, Somalia South Sudan and many other countries.

Father, we pray for Your intervention to change the hearts of our world leaders and restore the funding to the famine relief programs. Pray for adequate resourcing for the aid organisations so they can act in famine suffering areas, and for successful harvests in these war torn, drought afflicted countries. Dear Lord, have mercy on those in such desperate need.

Sunday Heavenly Father, as we come before You this morning, seeking renewal in body and spirit, we pray for You to fill us with your peace and help us to let go of any burdens weighing us down. Father, as we worship You in song and praise, may your Holy Spirit wash over us, renewing and refreshing our souls. As we leave the service, may we be filled with the joy of knowing we are fully anointed servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Risen King.

Release International

**An International Day of Prayer (IDOP)
event with Andrew Brunson**

**Wednesday 19th November at Holy Trinity
Church, Eastbourne at 7.30pm**



For 23 years, Andrew and his wife Norine served as missionaries in Turkey. In October 2016, they hit headlines around the world when they were arrested and falsely accused of terrorism. For the next two years, Andrew was held in Turkish prisons. Following a worldwide prayer movement, he was dramatically released in October 2018.

At this event, Andrew will share his compelling story with us, encourage us to remember those who remain in prison for their faith, and challenge us to consider how ready we are to face opposition for Jesus. There will also be an opportunity to put questions to Andrew. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

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LIGHT PARTY

An alternative to Halloween

Friday 31st Oct

5pm to 6:30pm

Reception to Yr 6

Games

Craft

Sign up here



Travelling in Hope

Hope grows not in continuous sunshine.
But enduring through changing seasons
slowly unfolds like a beautiful flower.

Step by step, moment by moment, grace upon grace
Into rugged territory, mapped out lovingly by his nurturing, nail-pierced hand.

(Your boundaries have fallen for me in pleasant places)

Through winding paths of the years, singing our songs in the night,

Through deep, dark valleys, your presence goes with us

On steep, stony mountain paths, you go before us

In storms and floods and tossing seas, you are with us

Through consuming flames, you are in the midst with us

The Beloved, who for joy has gone before us, leads the way through

Sparkling streams and peaceful rivers,

sun-dappled, leaf-laden bluebell woods

And larks singing in meadows sprinkled with daisies and buttercups

He goes before us, and He goes with us

through sun-scorched desert places, where resources run dry

Gloomy wastelands and empty wilderness

From these, we emerge leaning on the lover of our souls

The enemy seeks to steal and destroy

Relentless piercing winds blow through the soul

Thick darkness engulfs, and storms batter and break

But hope is not lost

Anchored to the immovable Rock

Strengthened with His precious promises

That which is unshakeable remains

My Beloved comes in the darkness, walking on the waves

His familiar Shepherd's voice calling us onwards through it all

Rod and staff are protecting, holding us fast

As we stumble along towards eternal day.

ONE THING we desire and seek after

ONE THING we have chosen and will not be taken from us.

ONE THING we do forever pressing forwards

To Him, the bridegroom, the Lamp of Heaven shining in His glory

He lights our way into His crowned presence,

All hope dissolved in fullness of joy and knowing

Love's reward, King forever

Paula Burr

Flower Ministry

The flowers last week were donated by
friends of VBC



It was lovely to come home and find
flowers outside our front door.
Please thank the flower ministry
team - they do such a great work!
We are very grateful for their
kindness. JB

