

VICTORIA *Life*

Sunday 27th September 2026





The Revelation of Jesus CHRIST

Your Kingdom Come! Revelation 11:15-19

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah, and He will reign for ever and ever."

(Revelation 11:15)



This morning we come to the final session in the first half of our series in the book of Revelation. The verses we are considering tell us that, for believers, the best is yet to come. The world will not go on as it is forever.

Endless peace, justice and joy may be just around the corner. Everyone who prays, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven", will see their prayers gloriously answered.

The description of God as the One "who is and who was and who is to come" (Rev. 1:8) has been made redundant (Rev. 11:17). God has come and will reign forever and ever over a united heaven and earth.

I hope you can join us as we consider His first act, His way in the world and the three questions that arise for us all.

Next Week (4TH OCT)

Chris Short will be bringing God's Word to us, from Psalm 95. The live@10 service will include Communion.

In the evening, the twice-monthly Prayer Meeting will be at the usual time of 6.30pm



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CAP

At this week's Church Members' Business Meeting, it was announced that Luanda Hoxha has been appointed as our new CAP Debt Centre Manager. She starts in the role officially on Monday October 19th and we all hope that she will soon settle into the job, continuing the work done by the previous holders of the position.



- Sun 27 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Chris Short
 7.00pm Sunday Night Youth
- Mon 28 6.00pm Girls Brigade
- Tue 29
- Wed 30 7.00am Prayer Meeting
 8.15am Community Fridge
 10.00am Vicky Bees
- Thu 1 7.30am Men's Prayer Meeting
 10.15am Men's Fellowship - Joanna Legg-Bagg (Operation Agri)
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship - Joanna Legg-Bagg
 7.30pm Ukraine Prayer Meeting
- Fri 2 10.00am Outreach Prayer Meeting
 10.00am Vicky Bees
 5.00pm Kids Club
 7.00pm Friday Night Youth
- Sat 3
- Sun 4 9.30am Prayer Meeting in Chris' office
 10.00am Live@10 with Chris Short - with Communion
 6.30pm Church Prayer Meeting
 7.00pm Sunday Night Youth



- Sat 10th Oct Flow Café @ 10am
- Sun 11th Oct Baptism Service
- Wed 14th Oct An Evening with Rob Parsons (see page 6)
- Sun 18th Oct CAP service
- Tue 27th Oct Safeguarding Training (7-9pm)
- Sat 31st Oct Safeguarding Training (7-9pm)
- Sat 31st Oct Light Parties for Children and Youth

Thank you



A huge thankyou from the Trustees and team of Hope Lebedyn for your generosity in donating so many nappies and incontinence products for the lorry of aid going out this month. As you can see, with the recent donations and those from earlier this year, we had a good amount to send off to our friends in Lebedyn. As Bohdan said when he saw the photos: **“Wow, this is amazing and incredible!”** Please pray for an uneventful journey for the lorry and for the items to all arrive safely. at their intended destination.



Men's Non-CURRY NIGHT

In our ongoing attempts to be more 'inclusive' and commune with those don't enjoy curry, we are returning to **Dem Shish** which is an award winning Turkish restaurant in the centre of town with a varied menu.

Wednesday 4th November at 7pm

Dem Shish, 85-87 South St, Eastbourne BN21 4LR

A sign up sheet will miraculously appear in the Welcome Centre at church in due course.



Cases needed

We have had a request for small cases/rucksacks for refugees to use for their belongings when they move between accommodation. If anyone has such items they no longer need, please bring them to the office



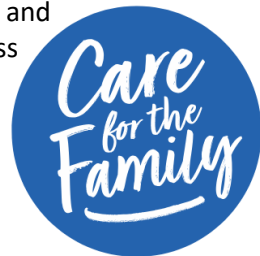
Care FOR THE FAMILY

We are hosting a Care for the Family event - **An Evening with Rob Parsons** - on Wednesday October 14th. Tickets for this popular event are £11. Currently, around 200 people are expected.

From the boy described as 'making no use of what little ability he has,' to an international best-selling author, speaker and founder of Care for the Family, Rob Parsons has a lifetime's experience of overcoming obstacles. In his new event, *An Evening with Rob Parsons*, you're invited to pull up a chair and settle in for a poignant night of storytelling and timeless wisdom that will stay with you long after you head home.

You'll hear about:

- Escaping from imposter syndrome
- Finding hope beyond shattered dreams
- Letting go of the labels others put on you
- Enduring the hard times you just can't fix
- Why tomorrow doesn't have to be like yesterday



Put this date in your diary now!

PRAYER POINTERS - focusing this week on [Life Groups](#)

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42"



- Please pray for our Life Group leaders that they maintain their spirit of enthusiasm and commitment for leadership. Pray too for wisdom and discernment in facilitating Bible studies and helping others in their walk with Jesus.
- Pray for deepening friendships as groups meet regularly. Pray that pastoral needs can be shared and met by those in each group. Pray for an outpouring of the love of Christ on each group member to have compassion on others and to show love and mercy to everyone in their group.
- Find time to pray for those not in groups, that they may feel the need to become part of a group. Pray for the new group that starts in October: for success, commitment and that it gels together quickly.
- Pray for new leaders and hosts to come forward in order that our community at VBC may all be part of a group and receive the benefits of pastoral care, friendship, faith development and discipleship.



PRAY *Eastbourne*

NATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER

Join Pray Eastbourne as we take part in the National Week of Prayer

10TH TO 18TH OCTOBER 2026

- **TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER, 7.30PM** with Living Stones Community Church at Community Wise, Ocklynge Road, BN21 1PY
- **THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 10-11.15AM** with River of Life Church at St Barnabas Church, 34 Kingfisher Drive, BN23 7RA. Coffee with prayer at Langney Shopping Centre and open house prayer at St Barnabas till 2pm.
- **SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER, 10AM** meet outside the Enterprise Centre for a prayer walk around the town centre, followed by a time of worship and prayer.



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Ladies' Prayer Breakfast: Made in the Image of God

An advance notice to tell you about an extended morning of fellowship, discussion, and delicious food as we explore what it means to be a woman of faith and how it shapes the way we view our bodies.



When: Saturday November 14th 9:00am – 12:00pm

What's Included: Our usual tasty breakfast, dedicated time for prayer and short Bible-based talks.

The Theme: We will discuss what being made in the image of God truly means, Jesus becoming flesh, and the wonder of our bodies being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Speakers: Hosted by Lucy Craggs alongside a visiting guest speaker.

"On Your Knees"

A Prayer Meeting for our nearest and dearest who don't yet know Jesus - Saturday 31st October - 7 to 9pm - The Hive* (Vicky Bees) - Accessed down the slope to the left of the church.

On our journey of increasing the amount of prayer in the church, this is another opportunity to join with us to pray for those in your family who don't yet know Jesus.



This has been inspired by the series Chris has been preaching from Revelation. It has been made clear to us that there is an urgency about people needing to come to Jesus ... before it's too late.

Whilst this will be the main focus of our prayers, you will realise that it is also Halloween. We will therefore also be praying about that and for the Light Parties that the young people will be holding in the church.

As the title suggests, we will be on our knees, so if necessary, bring your own kneeler!

The Overflow

An evening of Worship and Encounter at King's Church on Saturday October 3rd. Tickets are £8 and can be bought at theoverflowworship.eventbrite.co.uk.

In partnership with Compassion UK

A Love Letter to England

This poem was contributed by one of the members of the VBC Creative Writing Group recently and is a good prompt to encourage us in our desire and prayers to see more people in our country turn to the Lord Jesus Christ.



I have always loved you

**From the high fells and the lowly meadows my love has followed you
From the western shores to the eastern horizons, and every place between,
my love has sought you.**

From the mighty oak to the smallest daisy, my love has saturated the land.

**From the heights of heaven to the depths of the ocean,
my love has never been out of your reach.**

**From majestic cathedrals and humble chapels, lofty towers and dark tunnels,
my love remains.**

**When you turned your back on me, spat out my name as a curse and locked me
away in the depth of your minds, even then, my love didn't pause.**

**And now, dear England, I stand with arms outstretched, scars still visible, waiting
patiently for the day you finally turn back to my embrace.**

Mary Dicker 27/08/26





When President Dwight ‘Ike’ Eisenhower was asked why the D-Day landings were so successful he replied, *“because we had better meteorologists than the Germans.”* This film shows how valuable and clever those meteorologists were but also how dependent on surprising good fortune, or we might say God’s intervention, to make the invasion a success.

The film centres on Group Captain James Stagg (played by Andrew Scott), given the post of chief meteorological advisor to Supreme Commander Eisenhower (Brendan Fraser) and the rest of the Allied Commanders to give the expected go ahead for the D-Day landings, only a couple of days away.

Unfortunately for Allied Command, Stagg, with his penchant for meticulous research, noticed severe weather approaching for that date and was not coy to voice his concerns, to the chagrin of the other officers, especially Montgomery. To make matters worse and more tense the senior American meteorologist, Irving Crick, an overconfident, gung-ho character, takes an opposite view; predicting fine weather.

Stagg, though, with his better, detached, local knowledge of Atlantic weather patterns, and up to date climate data, persuades ‘Ike’ to abort and, when the rainstorms come on the planned invasion day of June 5th 1944, is vindicated.

Unfortunately, that presented Allied Command with a new problem; how to keep thousands of troops cooped up and sworn to secrecy in makeshift barracks as well as maintain all the massive camouflage to fool the Germans- fake armies, inflatable tanks, fake ships etc- for at least 2 weeks more before the next suitable opportunity to sail. A truly formidable task!

It is at this point ‘providence’ steps in, in the form of a brief 24 hour break in the severe storm, which is spotted by the meteorologists, that would allow Operation Overlord to go ahead the next day and surprise the unsuspecting Germans. Stagg tells ‘Ike’ to go, the attack goes ahead and the rest is history.

The acting in the film is accomplished and the rising tension palpable, helped by the intense musical score, as different personalities clash, capturing the gravity of the situation. There is pressure in the air, the allied officers and weathermen are under pressure and Stagg, personally, is pressured by hearing that the hospital his wife is in to give birth has been bombed and he is not allowed to contact her. ,,,,

Though the film in no way purports to be a Christian film, the way the unexpected gap in the weather comes to the allied forces' rescue prompts me to think of what the Bible says about how even the weather is under God's control and can be used by Him for good purposes.

It is noteworthy that in the church service prior to the original D-day date we see the military leaders singing Francis of Assisi's hymn, 'All Creatures of our God and King', that speaks of God's sovereignty over the weather *'Thou rushing wind that are so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him, O praise Him...'*

Not only that, we hear Stagg, in a poignant moment of reflection philosophising about the weather's origins and that it is not an exact science. *"Look at a drop of water. Where did it come from? How long has it been travelling?....We are surrounded by a magnificent, unfolding mystery, and most people just look at the sky and wonder if they need an umbrella."*

If we turn to the Bible, it answers Stagg's question with many references to how God controls the weather. For example in Psalm 107:29-30 we read *" He (God) stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. They were glad when it grew calm, and He guided them to their desired haven."*, while in the New Testament we see Jesus calming the storm on the lake, Matt.8:23-27.



We have a gracious God who treats us as we don't deserve. We give thanks for the skill the meteorologists show in predicting the weather but we also acknowledge it is God who gives them that acumen and, like Queen Elizabeth I, who believed God intervened to send a storm to prevent the Spanish Armada invading England in 1588, thank God also for His intervention in the weather that enabled the Allies to land safely.

John Demetriou

Vacancies



Two Spring Harvest jobs are currently being advertised - one is for an Event Administrator (part-time, based in Uckfield) , the other is for an Assistant Holiday Park Manager at Le Pas Opton (Spring Harvest Holidays, based in France. If you would like to know, the office can supply you with details. Closing dates are 7th and 4th October respectively.

FLOWER MINISTRY



30 Aug

Donated by John Simmonds in
memory of Ruth



13 Sept

Donated by Pam Setter



20 Sept

Donated by Shirley Whittle in
memory of Les

*Thank you so much to the church
family for the beautiful flowers
that arrived this morning. JP*



6 Sept

Donated by Janet & Tony
Mottram