



A Passion for Jesus - A Love for Others

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# A Passion for Jesus - A Love for Others

**Sunday 12th May 2024**

**Today's Speaker: John Hughes**

**Leading Worship: Tom & Rosemary Batts**

**Be Prepared - Acts 1:1-14**

**Please join us for refreshments downstairs after the service**

### GIVING

Last Sunday Andy reminded us that all that we have comes from God so when we give financially, we are only giving back to Him what He has given us in the first place. Giving is part of our worship, praise and thanks. When you give money to the Church you are investing in the Kingdom of God. What better investment to make?!

We want to be good stewards of what God gives us and so we have made every effort to cut costs and to limit expenses but some of those are inevitably large. The building must be maintained and heated; our minister and employees must be paid; there are many administrative costs. The Church gives ten percent of all offerings to local, national and overseas missions. Last year (2023) expenditure increased more than income. This year we need the balance to be in surplus, not deficit. We are therefore appealing to all who read this Notice Sheet to consider whether they can help us financially to stay out of debt. The Charity sector in general is struggling financially. WAVES have recently had to close.

When did you last review your giving to the church? When you get a salary or pension increase do you increase your giving accordingly? The best way to give is by Standing Order which you can set up by requesting a form or going online. In the church building there are three collection points for cash or cheque offerings plus a Sum Up machine for card donations. If you are a taxpayer, remember to complete a Gift Aid form so that we can claim an extra 25% from the government on all your gifts.

We rely on God but we also acknowledge that God uses people. We thank you for any contribution you can make. Small amounts all add up and can be used in economy of God's kingdom.

*2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NIV) "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."*

Sheila White

With thanks to Andy Machin

### Church Diary

**Sunday 12th May**

Prayer Changes Things @ 4pm - Etherton Hall

**Tuesday 14th May**

Oasis Choir @ 1.30pm followed by Oasis @ 2.15pm  
Own Praise and Songs of Praise 2.15pm - Etherton Hall  
Leadership Meeting @ 7.30pm - Prayer Room

**Thursday 16th May**

Held @ 9:45am - Lounge

**Friday 17th May**

Scallywags @ 9.30am - Hall  
Youth Groups @ 5pm-9pm

**Saturday 18th May**

Prayer at Splash Point @ 11am

**Sunday 19th May**

Prayer for Israel by Zoom @2pm

**Our duty Leadership Team member today is **Andy Lowe****

**Family Focus:** Alan & Jenny Saunders, Lin Scott, Maurine Smith, Em Stewart, Michael Stewart, Coral & Holly Streader, Ray & Ann Tann, Chris & Gabby Tofts, Amy Tucker, Graham & Alyson Tucker, Peter & Sue Tulett.

A huge thank you to all those who donated toiletries and monetary gifts on my recent request of toiletries. It has been greatly appreciated. Any spare toiletries can be left in the storehouse box at the automatic door entrance. Thankyou Angela Ayres

SBC Members have been sent by email the draft Minutes of the AGM held last month together with the Treasurer's PowerPoint Presentation and the Members' Changes 2023. These are also on the Members' area of the SBC website.

The Children's Report March 2024 has recently been sent to Members and can be found on the Members' area of the website.

If you require a printed copy of either of these please request one from the office

Prayer for the Persecuted Church  
Wednesday 15th May 2pm  
for venue contact Anne Parker




**'Immeasurably More'** a special event for women at Ashburnham Place June 4th-7th led by Rosie Morgan and Sally-Ann Fatkin  
Join us in a special time of teaching, reflection and worship in the beauty and splendour of Ashburnham Place. For details contact [sallyann@crystalclearaudio.co.uk](mailto:sallyann@crystalclearaudio.co.uk)  
M 07799818590

## Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem Psalm 122:6



Join us for our Zoom Prayer meeting for Israel  
3rd Sunday of each month at 2.00 pm.  
For more information contact Sheila White on 07738 181269

 This year's Christian Aid service will be held at St. Peter's Church on Sunday 12th May at 6 PM. Theme of the service this year is 'Extraordinary Love' through prayer, scripture and hymns. We will explore together God's love for us and our call to love our neighbour. We will hear too about Aline Nibogora from Makamba Province in Burundi, and how she has persevered against the odds, persisting in faith, hope and love. All are welcome to join this service.

Care 'n' Share  
Lightweight wheelchair available, ideal to carry in a car. Contact Patricia 01323 891158

 **Christian Aid Week**  
12th - 18th May 2024  
**LUNCH 25th May 2024 at St. Luke's Church, Walmer Road 12 noon to 1.30pm**  
Tickets £8 available from Laurie Holland

**Prayer at Splash Point**  
**Saturday May 18th 11am**  
We will gather again to pray for our town and surrounding areas from the vantage point of Splash Point. It was so encouraging when we did this in March and a privilege to pray with others whilst being able to see the places we were praying for and proclaim God's blessing. There will be 2 groups to choose from, either praying from the Shoal jetty area, which is easily accessible, or from the flat concrete section just a bit further up the path towards Seaford Head.



**EXHIBITION**  
**'New Vision'**  
**Emmanuel Church**  
**Upperton Road, Eastbourne BN21 1LQ**  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
Open Tuesday to Sunday: 11.00am to 4.00pm  
Admission Free

**The Collection**  
The Methodist Modern Art Collection is one of Britain's most important collections of modern religious art, comprising more than fifty paintings, prints, drawings, relief and mosaics. The artists include famous names from the British art world of the last 100 years.

**The Exhibition**  
Following the recent opening of its new church building in Upperton Road, Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne is proud to be hosting an exhibition 'New Vision' featuring 35 pieces from this amazing collection of paintings.  
The exhibition is curated by local artist, Pat Latham and includes a programme of workshops, talks, and reflections. Admission is also free to these events too and further details will be available soon.  
For more information about the exhibition see the Emmanuel Church website <https://emmanueleastbourne.org.uk/exhibition/>

**Methodist Modern Art Collection**

  
**Church Flowers**  
**Judy Primett**