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## EASTER SUNDAY

### Prayer points

#### Pastoral:

*In Hospital:*

Rehabilitation: making good progress

*At home:* Edith, Madeleine, Gloria, Chris, Ruth, Wilf A, Pauline S. Di & Harold H.

*Friends and Family:*

Chris R. Barbara J. Cloudie.

Pray for the Church Finances, the Church Leadership Team, Church Meeting and the need for volunteers.

Roads around FBC: George Gurr Cres.  
Capel: Victoria Road.

**Local:** Pray for a continual Christian witness within Folkestone.

**National:** Continue to pray for the work on the Bill on Assisted dying and that an unbiased approach will be taken. Give praise that the Supreme Court has defined women as those born as a women!

**International:** Pray protection of families suffering attacks by suspected Fulani militants in Plateau State, Nigeria, with thousands more displaced; the peoples of South Sudan and the on going conflict. Those in Myanmar affected by the earthquake and the people in Nepal suffering after the landslide. For Hope across the world.

### BMS Prayer News

Pray: Those followers of Christ celebrating His resurrection today; for His healing power to flow through Lebanon; Thimar, a BMS partner as it is a light in a dark tunnel; for Churches running educational projects for Syrian refugees and displaced Lebanese; the theological students training with Thimar in Arabic speaking countries. Pray for the leadership of Thimar, especially Nabil Costa its CEO.

### Easter is our reason

Jesus' friend, Peter, tells us to be "always prepared to give a reason for the hope we have". (1 Peter 3:15) The festival we celebrate this weekend is that Reason. Because Jesus is alive we have hope, even when it seems that all hope is lost.

Jesus' disciples walked through it all with him. In particular the women disciples who were with him at the cross and at the tomb. They experienced the despair of being a loved one die. It was also the death of all their hopes. But because Jesus rose from the grave they were changed forever. Death held no fear for them - they knew it was a defeated enemy. They took that hope around the world and passed it on to generations unborn.

If Jesus is alive then we have a hope that is brighter even than the glories of a Spring day. We live in uncertain and even dark times. We encounter sorrows and trials for ourselves and our loved ones but we have this hope. Jesus of Nazareth has gone down to the grave for us and is raised from the dead. We can know that the sacrifice is complete. "It is finished!" We can sing at the tops of our voices "Death has lost its sting!" This hope is our comfort, our strength and steadiness in trials. It is also our challenge. If Jesus is alive everything will change. The Kingdom will come, and indeed is coming in us. This hope is the good news we share with a world that is close to despair.

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

In **Guatemala**, gruelling heatwaves, savage storms and unpredictable seasons are threatening the lives and livelihoods of indigenous communities. Scour the Notices for some opportunities to help protect communities like this against hunger and poverty.



### Volunteers Required

**Web site Content Editor;** Monitor Web site content and liaise with the Leadership Team and Matt Coombs @sinful Design. Speak to Paul or Emma

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**This year marks a significant milestone for Christian Aid as they celebrate 80 years of bringing hope and help to those in need. As we approach Christian Aid Week (May 11th-17th), we turn our attention to Guatemala, a country facing immense challenges including poverty and the effects of climate change. To support their vital work, a number of fundraising activities will be held over the next couple of months (Keep your eyes open), rather than one main Church event. We hope you will be able to contribute in some way.**

**Sheila Salmon (Christian Aid Rep)**



**Easter Sunday Lunch  
Donations to Christian Aid**

## Notices

### April

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Easter Sunday Service and Lunch

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Neurodiversity. St Luke's Hawkinge

### May

**11<sup>th</sup> May Sunday:** Christian Aid week commences

**11<sup>th</sup> May: Sunday:** Church Meeting with Joth Hunt (Regional Minister) (after the service)

**16<sup>th</sup> Friday:** Gwalia Singers – St Peter & St Paul Charlton Church

**17<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Clothes swap, coffee and cake. 2-5pm. Donations to Christian Aid.

### July

**5<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Walk and Talk

### September

**20<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Singing and Sausages

### November

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday:** Bulbs and Bites

## Alpha Course.

Starting 30th April. Details to follow

Required Volunteers

Prayer team to commit to pray for the course, To make tea/coffee and welcome guests and of course guests!

If you are interested speak to Katy or Emma.

## Regular Church Events

Tuesday: House Groups

Wednesday: Prayer Pause 12pm

Thursday: Community Lunch 12pm  
Music Practice: 7:45pm  
House Group (10:30 am) and Messy Vintage (2:30pm) alternate weeks in Capel

Sunday: Church Service 10:30 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – All Age Service  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Communion

## Notices

**Ladies' Socials:** See notice

## Prayer Box

If you would like prayer for someone or something; please leave a request in the prayer box (near the Dover Road entrance). All requests will be dealt with in confidence

**Prayers at Noon:** Come to the church and pray together at 12 noon, or pray for the church where you are. Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Psalm 64

## Contact Information

### Pastoral matters:

#### Pastor:

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### Room hire/use:

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### News Letter:

 David Smithard

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### Full fibre broadband at Hill Road

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