

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight" Proverbs 3:5-6



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## Prayer points

### Pastoral:

#### *In Hospital:*

Rehabilitation: making good progress

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

#### *Friends and Family:*

Chris R. Barbara J. Cloudie. Doreen W.

Pray for the Church Finances, the Fellowship and the Leadership Team in the discernment of the ongoing vision and how best to use members of the fellowship. The need for volunteers.

Roads around FBC: Wood Avenue. Capel: George Close.

**Local:** Pray for children working towards their GCSEs and other exams.

**National:** Pray for mothers affected by maternity unit errors across the land. Pray for those travelling at the weekend and for safety in the hot weather.

**International:** Pray for peace on all the conflict zones across the world. Pray for displaced people in Cameroon; for all who seek to serve refugees in Christ's name; that India's proud traditions of tolerance and freedom will continue and strengthen; for the families of those killed in the attack on a Church in Syria; those affected by floods and drought in Zimbabwe; Christian converts in Pakistan and safety from persecution; the work of ICMDA in encouraging and mentoring Christian doctors worldwide.

### BMS Prayer News

Pray: Praise God for work of BMS across the world; Those being recruited from the Majority World being sent out within their own countries and Muslim majority countries; for the sending churches across the world; staff in the office in the UK; for innovation in working practices; Anu Kethoser, BMS director of intercultural learning and collaboration; for all those in the mission field.

## Never Happy

The weather has been mixed this week, very hot for some, pleasant for others, and yet others would seek warmer climes still. No matter what the weather is, some one will not be satisfied. Too hot, too cold, too windy, too wet, we always want the opposite to what we have at the time. People today are frequently not satisfied, always seeking the next new toy/ ornament/ car etc. Yet the joy and happiness lasts seconds before that emptiness returns.

It is impossible to find fulfillment, remove dissatisfaction by our own means. There are plenty of people that will tell that winning the lottery has not brought them happiness; many famous people are deeply troubled and unhappy.

The writer in Ecclesiastes (2:11) "*Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind*" and in Ecclesiastes 5:10, "*Whoever loves money (or objects) never has money (objects) enough*"

We need to learn to be happy with what we have and no matter our circumstances (Phil 4:11-12) and remember it is only God that provide for you and meet all your needs.

**THANK YOU:** The final total amount raised for Christian Aid Week this year was £1139.73, plus additional Gift Aid. Thank you again to everyone who supported this week through the different fundraising events and/or contributing through the envelopes.

For over 80 years, supporters like you have been part of a movement built on hope - a hope that speaks out against injustice and stands firm against poverty. This Christian Aid



Week, you kept that hope alive.  
Sheila Salmon (Christian Aid Rep)

## Free tickets for CRE 2025

Enjoy a day of discovery and meet CCLI and 150 other exhibitors at Sandown Park, Esher, 15-16 October. Save up to £8 per person

<https://ccli.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=509209ff0b10a1c5b351d1a86&id=5cf7e3d774&e=6da3acf385>

Katy is on annual leave until the 30th June.  
Contact: Emma, Pam or members of the  
leadership team for Pastoral matters.

### CHURCH MEETING

The next Meeting will be on 27th July,  
not 20th as previously listed

### Technology for the Marginalised

Technology is rarely designed with widows,  
orphans, immigrants, the poor, oppressed, or  
the disenfranchised in mind.

<https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/event/technology-for-the-marginalised/>

### Facts about Refugees

As the debate rages about refugees it is important to  
know some facts.

108.4 million people have been forced to leave  
their homes worldwide:

- 62.5 million have fled to somewhere else in their  
own country
- 35.3 million have left their country as refugees
- 5.4 million are seeking asylum and argue they  
can never return home.

Of the 35 million who have left their homeland,  
more than half have come from just three  
countries: Syria, (6.5m), Ukraine (5.7m),  
Afghanistan (5.7m). The devastation caused by  
war and by autocratic governments is  
extraordinary.

76% of the world's displaced people are hosted in  
low- and middle-income countries.

Top refugee-hosting countries - and rarely praised  
by the global community for this - are Türkiye, Iran,  
Colombia, Germany (a high-income country) and  
Pakistan. Among Lebanon's small population, one  
in seven is a refugee.

### Free to a Good Home

five partially used and three new cartridges Cannon  
570 Series cartridges

Contact Gareth H. if interested

### Notices

#### July

**5<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Walk and Talk; St Martin's Church  
Fashion show

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Church meeting after service

#### September

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

#### November

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

### 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

Saturday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month – Messy  
Church, Capel

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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Psalm 74

### Tea and Coffee after the Service

Help to set up coffee/tea on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July,  
and to serve on the 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Volunteers please

### Contact Information

#### Pastoral matters:

#### Pastor:

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#### Room hire/use:

**FBC:** Administrator: 07808 728670

**Capel:** Pam Barr 01303 489006

#### News Letter: David Smithard

Email by Thursday please. [galafrei@icloud.com](mailto:galafrei@icloud.com)

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on our website.

#### Full fibre broadband at Hill Road

Wifi: 'WorshipWifi'; password: 'alphaandomega'.