

"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:* Sue B.

Rehabilitation: making good progress

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

*Friends and Family:*

Barbara J. Doreen W (now in Hawkinge House). Pauline S. Cloudie and Tracy

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 in the many areas of FBC ministry.

**Roads around FBC:** Plimsoll Ave; Capel; Satmar Lane.

**Local:** Pray for safety of local people during the bad weather and safety of RNLB staff.

**National:** Pray that the Lord's will be permitted ample time to effectively scrutinize the Assisted Suicide Bill; Pray for families of children with special educational needs at this time.

**International:** Pray those harmed by the civil unrest in Minnesota; peace in Venezuela following the recent incursion by the USA and peace in the whole region; peace and rest from conflict in South Sudan; protection against the climate crises in Pacific Asia; that God's love will bring healing to communities in the West Africa region who have been affected by conflict and insecurity; Safety for Taiwan; the end of conflict in Ukraine, Yemen, DRC, Cambodia, Palestine, Lebanon and Syria; protection of Christians in Nigeria, Syria and N. Korea and many other countries.

## Notices

### January

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Time of Prayer 12:00

**21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday:** Praise and Prayer. Life Church. 7:15pm

**31<sup>st</sup> Saturday:** Nick Barratt – New Romney

### February

**5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday:** Lay Preaching course

## Taking down the decorations

Once again, decorations at the manse are taken down. The tree is back in its box and the delicate glass ornaments wrapped in tissue. The manger is tidied away, each little piece put away with care to wait till Advent comes round again. Who knows how things will stand with us by then? As we get back to what we call "normal" life, perhaps it is easy to forget to tidy Christ away with Christmas.

If Jesus is "the reason for the season" surely he is the reason for all seasons. He can travel with us through the adventures this year may bring. He will if we ask him. Whatever we may have to face, we can find the courage and help we need because he has promised "I will be with you always". I wish you a very happy and peaceful New Year and look forward to travelling alongside you as we all follow Jesus together in 2026.

## SEBA Leaders' and Ministers' Conference

We are delighted to announce details of our Leaders' and Ministers' Conference 2026.

*NB. Bookings close on 23 January 2026.*

**11am Tuesday 24 February to 2pm Thursday 26 February 2026**

*Navigating Change: Faithfully steering into tomorrow*

## BMS Prayer News

Praise God for new believers in Cambodia following the gospel campaign supported by BMS; comfort and protection those being persecuted in North Africa; planting of new churches in India; praise God for female evangelists in Thailand and pray that BMS will support the training of more; for the African Oasis Training Hub; thank God for the UK Baptist churches who support BMS through prayer and funding; for God's strength for BMS workers and partners who are working in the least evangelized places to bring help and hope through the proclamation of the gospel.

**“It’s not the end of the world!” Why the future isn’t as bleak as we’re told: Read what Roger Standing has to say.**

<https://www.seenandunseen.com/its-not-end-world-why-future-isnt-bleak-were-told>

## Lay Preaching Course

Pembury Baptist Church

5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 7pm -9:15pm

**Contact:** [Andy Twilley](mailto:andy@seba-baptist.org.uk) [andy@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:andy@seba-baptist.org.uk)

Are you willing to Pray of London City Missionary this year?

[Lcm.org.uk/missionaries](http://Lcm.org.uk/missionaries)

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## Volunteers Required

Sunday Collection counting team

Sunday Coffee/Tea Rota

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To Join the music group - speak to Emma

## Giving a talk in Church

Nick Barratt

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January

10:30 am to 3:00pm

The Centre, North Street New Romney TN28 8DW

Hot and cold drinks provided. Bring your own packed lunch.

To Register: email - [nick2work@talktalk.net](mailto:nick2work@talktalk.net)

## Folkestone Praise and Prayer

Churches Together Folkestone

21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

Joining with Praise the Battle to lift our nation up with praise and prayer.

7:15pm Life Church

## 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

Friday: Craft Club: 2-4pm 1st Friday of the month

Saturday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month – Messy Church 3:00-4:30 Capel

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

**Ladies’ Socials:** See notices

## Prayer Box

If 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 11:30am, or pray for the church where you are. Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January Psalm 100

## MIDDAY PRAYERS

now at 11:30 am

Thursdays Room 1 FBC

## Contact Information

**Pastoral matters:**

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**Room hire/use:**

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**Capel:** Pam Barr 07444 325426

**News Letter:** David Smithard

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Wifi: ‘WorshipWifi’; password: ‘alphaandomega’.