

"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; Yvonne Longley's family

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: Ivy Way; Capel; Lancaster Ave.

Local: Pray local charity workers in Folkestone

National: Continue to pray for the Assisted Suicide Bill, that it will be defeated. Pray for those women who have recently decided to abort their unborn children, that the Lord will give them peace.

International: Pray for missionaries working for 500K in south India; for the suffering due to the drought in Pakistan; safety of civilians and NGO staff in Lebanon as military activity increases; stability in Venezuela; peaceful elections in Bangladesh; families suffering in Ukraine following attacks on their infrastructure; those children still in captivity in Nigeria; safety in Manipur; the work of the Leprosy Mission; a reduction in violence physical and political in the USA

Notices

January

21st Wednesday: Praise and Prayer. Life Church. 7:15pm

25th Sunday: Church meeting 12:00 pm

31st Saturday: Nick Barratt – New Romney

February

1st Sunday: Prayer Breakfast and All Age service

5th Tuesday: Lay Preaching course

April

25th Saturday: Partners in Mission Crawley BC.

Overflowing hope

This week we are launch our new motto for 2026 with smart new motto cards available at Hill Road on Sunday.

"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" Romans 15:13 We begin this year with hope, in spite of the state of the world, the state of the weather or even the state of our health and the cost of living. Our hope is not based on unrealistic optimism, a vague "I'm sure it will be okay." There are things in this world which will never be okay. But our hope is based on God and his promises.

We have hope that even as societies change maybe Churches grow smaller and older that the gospel of Jesus still has the power to change lives in this world and the next. We have hope because we know that "our work is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58) this year we know that as we place our trust in God, our hope will overflow out into our world that needs it so much.

I look forward to seeing what God will do with us during the course of this year. There is much to hope for.

Prayer Breakfast

1st February 2026

8:30 Light Breakfast

9:00 Prayer and Praise joining with BMS World Mission and Baptists around the world.

10:30 am morning worship, all age service

BMS Prayer News

Pray for Kalbassou Doubassou (BMS World Mission Worker, G2 Hospital Chad); for ongoing protection and good health; for th new disciples attending the house church; safety of all workers at G2 Hospital, especially during their commute; for teamwork especially the senior management teams; that the Lord will provide another surgeon to help meet the increasing demand; development of the new Prosthetics & Orthotics Department to met the needs of children and adults

What rising supernatural fascination says about our search for meaning

https://www.seenandunseen.com/my-father-was-exorcist-and-cosmic-struggle-feels-strangely-modern?utm_source=os&utm_medium=email

Prayer Breakfast: Capel

Last Sunday of the month.

Revival and the uncertainty in the World and other prayers as led by the Holy Spirit.

500K

We are having **3 days of prayer and fasting** from **Saturday to Monday (17th to 19th January)**. Specifically praying for missionary leaders in South India.

We will meet for an hour of prayer on zoom at **4pm UK time, 11am EST on Sat 17th** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82621502953>

Volunteers Required

Sunday Collection counting team

Sunday Coffee/Tea Rota

To Join the music group - speak to Emma

Giving a talk in Church

Nick Barratt

Saturday 31st 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

Folkestone Praise and Prayer

Churches Together Folkestone

21st 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: 2nd Saturday of the month – Messy Church 3:00-4:30 Capel
Prayer breakfast 9:30 Last Saturday of the month. Capel.

Sunday: Church Service 10:30 am
1st Sunday – All Age Service
3rd 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 22nd January Psalm 101

Yvonne Longley

Yvonne suffered a stroke and died before Christmas. Funeral: 19th January 10:30 Hawkinge Cemetery.

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