

"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



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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; Janet A and her 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: Wear Bay Road; Capel: N. Downes way.

Local: Pray local charity workers in Folkestone

National: Remember the families of soldiers killed in Afghanistan; safety for people from the bad weather; health workers as they struggle to cope with the number of hospital admissions.

International: Pray: For peace, protection and wisdom for people amid violence and uncertainty in Iran and comfort for bereaved families; persecuted Christians in Somalia; those recently kidnaped from churches in Nigeria; children will have access to education; churches in Rwanda as they try to meet new regulations; those still suffering the after effects of natural disasters or conflict.

Notices

January

25th Sunday: Church meeting 12:00 pm

31st Saturday: Nick Barratt – New Romney Ladies' Night 7-9pm

February

1st Sunday: Prayer Breakfast and All Age service

5th Tuesday: Lay Preaching course

March

1st Sunday: All Age Service

April

25th Saturday: Partners in Mission Crawley BC.

Prophet no loss

This week we are beginning a teaching series on stories from the life of the prophet Elijah. I don't know what you think of when you think of a prophet? Perhaps a wild bearded character shouting out old fashioned warnings and predictions? (Although some of them were women).

Someone rather removed from our modern way of life? In some ways Elijah fits the stereotype. You might remember stories of amazing miracles done by Elijah in God's name.

Yet in spite of that, Elijah comes across as remarkably human. He has his triumphs as well as his struggles. He sees great answers to prayer but he also suffers from exhaustion and burnout. I believe he has much to teach us, across the years, about prayer, speaking truth to power, courage and the faithfulness of God. I look forward to exploring this with you.

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

Thank God for the vital aid being provided by local Baptists churches in DRC; pray for Ludmila, Finance Manager of the Ukrainian Baptist Union and her colleague Tanya; Give thanks for Alan and Megan Barker and their training work in Nepal and South Asia; lift Marsh Schipio of the Baptist Forum for Aid and Development supporting partners when major disasters strike; Molina Karmakar, head of BMS's Bangladeshi partner SHED Board and the work of SHED; Doni Wijaya as Co-ordinator of Asia Pacific Baptist Aid; the work of Nirasha Jayetileke.

Understanding the Global Youth Culture and Its Spiritual Crisis

<https://foclonline.org/talk/understanding-global-youth-culture-and-its-spiritual-crisis>

Prayer Breakfast: Capel

Last Sunday of the month.

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

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3.5-5 days a week / Remote / Salaried, Support raising or bivocational role / £50,000-£55,000 FTE / Opportunities for travel to India and the USA

Submit your CV to and further details from ed@the500k.org
Closing date: **04/02/2026**

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

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 29th January Psalm 102

Sunday March 1st

All age Service, church parade and a chance for children, young people and parents to discuss the possibility of recruiting a youth and families worker.

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