

"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). 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: Crete Way Close; Capel: Old Dover Road.

Local: Give thanks for those serving the Lord in our communities

National: for the work of London City Mission; unity amongst churches across the UK; for families struggling with poverty.

International: Pray: For Burkina Faso and the work Tearfund are undertaking; that Christians across the world will be peacemakers; pray for safety in Ukraine as the bombardments have continued; for safety of Christians in DRC, Nigeria, Somalia and Yemen; for cessation of violence against displaced people in Myanmar particularly the Karin people; the work of the London Mission across the affected regions.

Notices

January

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

February

1st Sunday: Prayer Breakfast and All Age service

5th Tuesday: Lay Preaching course

11th Wednesday: Leadership Team meeting

March

1st Sunday: All Age Service

22nd Sunday: Church Meeting

April

25th Saturday: Partners in Mission Crawley BC.

Tomorrow is the anniversary of my ordination. Twenty seven years ago since I was officially 'revved up!' It has been a long journey to get there - or so it seemed at the time. It was then still relatively unusual for a woman to become a Baptist Minister. Although we got there rather sooner than the Anglicans in 1994. In fact it is 100 years this week since Violet Hedger was ordained to the Baptist Ministry, on 3rd February 1926. The Baptist Union has named a major initiative in her honour "Project Violet" which seeks to overcome the remaining obstacles to women in ministry: the so-called 'Stained Glass Ceiling'.

Yesterday Dame Sarah Mullaly was recognised as the first woman Archbishop of Canterbury. Times certainly change. We congratulate and pray for her and our siblings in the Church of England. The theme I chose for my ordination service was the faithfulness of God. That is one thing that does not change. He never gives up on us or abandons us. That is still my testimony. He is the God who continues to call men and women to serve him and follow him.

"Great is Thy faithfulness".

How an unlikely little movement outlasted the ancient gods

Intrigued? Read more

https://www.seenandunseen.com/how-unlikely-little-movement-outlasted-ancient-gods?utm_source=os&utm_medium=email

BMS Prayer News

Give thanks for Andrea and Mark Hotchkin and their time they have had with churches between November and February; for their work at the hospital in Bardaï, Chad; for family time before their return to Chad; for the health; for safe travel back to Chad; and smooth reintegration to medical teams; continued wisdom, energy and strength as they continue to serve God.

Discipling Women: Where have we gone wrong?

Michelle Clifford

<https://foclonline.org/talk/discipling-women-where-have-we-gone-wrong-and-how-can-we-get-it-right>

CMF Events and Networks Coordinator

Our Events and Networks Coordinator will work across all the **CMF** departments to coordinate our annual cycle of events and conferences. They will develop event proposals and build good relationships with staff and stakeholders to ensure the smooth running of events and networks. **Applications close on 22 February.**
https://www.cmf.org.uk/vacancy/events-and-networks-coordinator/?mc_cid=1493164c10&mc_eid=15a01d8331

Volunteers Required

Sunday Collection counting team

Sunday Coffee/Tea Rota

To Join the music group - speak to Emma

South East Baptist Association

Prayer and Fasting Day
26th March 2026
9-4:30

contact: Hazel at prayer@freshstreams.net

<https://freshstreams.net/events/prayer-fasting-march>

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

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 5th February Psalm 103

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.

Contact Information

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Weekly news sheets and sermons are now available
on our website.

Full fibre broadband at Hill Road

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