

“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:*

Rehabilitation: making good progress

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

#### *Friends and Family:*

Barbara J. Doreen W (now in Hawkinge House).

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:** Green Lane; Capel: North Downs Way.

**Local:** Pray for those without a permanent bed in Folkestone.

**National:** Give thanks for the work of Peers to improve proposed Laws

**International:** Pray General Elections in Nepal in March; unrest in DRC and the consequent refugee movement to Burundi; those affected by floods in Columbia; the work of 500K in India; converts from Islam in Afghanistan and safety from relatives; the on going violence against Christians by Islamic militants in Nigeria and other West African countries; pray that tensions do not increase in the middle east and between USA and Cuba; those suffering following the Typhoon in Madagascar and the work at Bethany Hospital

## Notices

**Saturdays: Ladies Socials – see notice February**

### March

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:** All Age Service and discussion

**7<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Prayer Walk

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:** Church Meeting

**28<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Easter Crafts – Ladies Social

### April

**25<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Partners in Mission Crawley BC.  
Book on SEBA website

## Let the children come...

We have the privilege of working with children, young people and their families at Hill Road and through Messy Church at Capel. Children are important because they bring life, the hope of a rising generation, of the message of Jesus handed on into the future.

Children matter because children matter. They bring us their own new perspectives, playfulness and energy. They can teach us to laugh at ourselves and trust God more simply. Children matter, in a world that makes them vulnerable, exploits or victimises them. In a world where their mental health is challenged by factors we elders never had to content with such as social media. Above all, young people matter to Jesus. He said “let the children come to me” Matthew 19:14.

We are beginning to think and pray about how God is calling us to develop our work with children, young people and their families. As a church we will seek to discern together what God is saying to us and to pray to follow his lead.

## Prayer walk: 7<sup>th</sup> March

Prayer meetings don't have to be static! We will meet at Capel chapel at 10am, and divide into three teams. Capel, Hill Road and base team. Base team will remain in the chapel and pray using a map. The other two teams will walk prayerfully in twos and threes around the area before returning to base for coffee and report back and pray together.

## BMS Prayer News

Pray for the Board of Justice Livelihoods Health (JLH) Uganda as it reflects over the last 6 months; praise God for the work with framers; supporting girls and women with sanitary products; for Benon Kayanja and his family and their home group/ house church; for strategic connections and relationships with individuals and organisations to support JLH; for economic and political stability within Uganda; safety and godly protection as Benon travels in his mission.

**When truth needs a bodyguard: Steve McMillan**

Read

[https://www.seenandunseen.com/when-truth-needs-bodyguard?utm\\_source=os&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.seenandunseen.com/when-truth-needs-bodyguard?utm_source=os&utm_medium=email)

### **'One Body, Many Parts': Independence or Interdependence?**

*Disability Awareness Sunday 2026*

'One Body, Many Parts' (1 Corinthians 12) is the theme of this year's Disability Awareness Sunday on 27th September 2026. Young autistic Christian author, Triona Brading, is encouraging all churches to 'save the date'

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### **Tea and Coffee**

We all enjoy our refreshments after the service> Luisa, our centre manager and host, has kindly agreed to set up a rota of helpers for Sunday morning coffee. Please if you are a coffee or tea helper or would like to become one would make yourself known to Luisa.

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### **South East Baptist Association**

Prayer and Fasting Day  
26<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
9-4:30

**contact: Hazel at [prayer@freshstreams.net](mailto:prayer@freshstreams.net)**

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

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### **Equipping Everyday Disciples: Teaching & Sharing the Bible One-on One**

With Rico Tice

<https://foclonline.org/talk/equipping-everyday-disciples-teaching-sharing-bible-one-one>

### **Ladies Social Events All occur on Saturdays**

28th March 5pm - 7pm Easter Crafts  
9th May 2pm - 4pm Share to Wear  
4th July 2pm - 5pm Walk and Talk  
19th September 7pm - 9pm Singing and Sausages  
7th November 3pm - 5pm Relax, Refresh, Recharge  
December 3pm - 6pm Christmas Crafts

### **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  
Prayer breakfast 9:30 Last Saturday of the month. 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 5<sup>th</sup> March Psalm 107

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