

“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: Ivy Way; Capel: Albany Way.

Local: Pray for families with members in the Armed Forces.

National: Pray for the Government as they make decisions in the interest of the country despite external pressure.

International: Pray Christians in Iran and Lebanon at this time caught up in a conflict they do not want; for peace in the Middle East. Palestine, Myanmar and Ukraine; protection of those affected by severe weather in Brazil and Madagascar; believers in Pakistan; families affected by Islamic violence in DRC, Nigeria Cameroon and elsewhere; for British people and military personnel caught up in the Middle East conflict; the conflict in Sudan

Notices

Saturdays: Ladies Socials – see notice February

March

8th Sunday: International Women's Day

22nd Sunday: Church Meeting

28th Saturday: Easter Crafts – Ladies Social

April

2nd-5th: Easter Weekend

25th Saturday: Partners in Mission Crawley BC. Book on SEBA website

A prayer for the Middle East

Dear Lord who walked the earth
On land disputed then as now
We pray for the lands we hear mentioned in the Bible
skies that heard angels sing
torn apart by missile and drone.
Smoke rises, cities are desolate,
mothers howl in grief for their children.
Lord, we do not know how to pray
but Lord, have mercy.
Your hands and feet were torn apart
by Roman nails
Mother Mary wept for you,
blood and tears flowed for the sins of the world.
Lord have mercy on the world you so loved.

Easter at FBC

Maundy Thursday: 2nd April, 7pm. The Lord's Supper

Good Friday: 3rd April. Churches Together

10.30am: Town Centre service outside the Town Hall/Cinema (just down from the usual place due to building work)

11.30am: Crosses walk to Sugarloaf Hill, followed by Prayer and Worship

Capel.

Good Friday: 3pm Service. Capel Baptist Church, Capel Street.

Easter Sunday: 5th April. Easter Sunday worship at Hill Road and Capel Street.

BMS Prayer News

Give thanks for the gift of His life-giving Spirit at work today (Isaiah 32); pray that UK Baptists will engage with the biblical mandate of creation stewardship; give thanks for the BMS Eco Challenge Fund providing funds in Chile and Uganda; for the work of the Oasis Training Hub in Ghana; the Christian College of Theology in Bangladesh; the support of BMS to partners supplying theological training and creation stewardship in Lebanon, Bangladesh, Netherlands; pray that believers will protect God's earth until Christ comes again.

Iran: how even those who pray for peace can welcome war

Steve Dew-Jones

Read

https://www.seenandunseen.com/iran-how-even-those-who-pray-peace-can-welcome-war?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

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.

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>

Can I trust the Bible? Defending the Bible's reliability:

An interview with Darrell Bock

<https://foclonline.org/interview/can-i-trust-bible-defending-bible%E2%80%99s-reliability>

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: 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 12th March Psalm 108

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