

“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



Folkestone Baptist Church  
LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, MAKE DISCIPLES

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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

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:** Dover Road; Capel: Hurst Lane.

**Local:** Pray for families with members affected by meningitis

**National:** Praise God that the Scottish Parliament rejected the Assisted Suicide Bill. Weep for all those children that may lose their life with the changes to abortion regulations.

**International:** Pray or the conflicts across the world (Africa; Asia; Middle East; South America; USA) and that leaders will see common sense; that the conflict in Palestine will not spread; pray for all those displaced and families where children and parents have been killed; for the safety of Christians from persecution in many countries across the world; for those fleeing persecution that they will find a place of safety at the end of a perilous journey.

## Notices

**Saturdays: Ladies Socials – see notice**

### March

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:** School Prayers. Harbour Church  
6pm

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

### April

**2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>:** Easter Weekend

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

This weekend we come to the end (for the moment) of our time spent with the prophet Elijah. We've travelled with Elijah through highs and lows. Elijah experienced God's care for him, personally, and saw miraculous answers to prayer. Yet James, in the New Testament, comments "Elijah was a man just like us..." James 5:17

We see how human Elijah was in 1 Kings 19 when exhausted, anxious and burnt out, Elijah wants to give up on being a prophet. Yet God has not given up on Elijah.

It is human to feel low and to struggle sometimes. God does not reject Elijah. He gently puts him back together and sends him out with a fresh assignment. Perhaps you are feeling weary or any of these negative emotions? "Elijah was a man just like us..." Elijah's god is our God - the same "Yesterday, Today and Forever".

Jesus invites us to "come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace." From Matt 11, as translated by Bible Scholar Eugene Peterson in 'The Message'.

Time spent with Jesus helps to put us back together.

Minister's annual leave.

Katy is on holiday from 23rd March until 30th March. Pastoral calls in the meantime to Emma or members of the leadership team.

## BMS Prayer News

Pray God's peace on Bangladesh, for a free, just and stable future; that Spirit-filled churches will change their communities; for peter Lynch and Pastors Joayela, Sawaeng and Miang in Thailand; for five churches to be planted in Tangail, Joypurhat, Bagherat and Sylhet and baptisms to follow; for Louise Lynch and colleagues Joy and Shilpi in their children and young peoples work; pray for the resilience and good health of Peter and Louise; for the outpouring of God's blessing on the work of the Church amongst poor and marginalized people.

## World Water Day 22<sup>nd</sup> March

2.1 billion people still do not have drinking water at their homes, and in seven out of ten households without water on the premises, women are primarily responsible for water collection.

[You can read more about our WASH work around the world here.](#)

### 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.

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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>

**Made in God's image What can (and cannot) AI tell us about ourselves.**

With Rodica Mocan

<https://foconline.org/webinar/made-god%E2%80%99s-image-what-ai-can-and-can%E2%80%99t-tell-us-about-ourselves>

## Ladies Social Events All occur on Saturdays

28th March 5pm - 7pm Easter Crafts

9th May 5pm - 7pm 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  
Men's Group: 11am Chat and Bible study. Clifton Hotel

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 you 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 26<sup>th</sup> March Psalm 110

24-7 Prayer for the Middle East

[You can sign up here](#)

## Contact Information

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Weekly news sheets and sermons available on the website.

**Full fibre broadband at Hill Road**

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