

“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 ; Katy's mother

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: Dallas Brett Crescent;
Capel: Albany Road.

Local: Pray for rough sleepers in Folkestone;
pray for the ministry of local churches

National: Pray for Jewish citizens as attacks are increasing. Pray for respect during local elections.

International: Pray for a reduction in the conflict and turbulence being generated across the world; pray that God's presence will be felt by those who have lost loved ones in present conflicts; for Christians in Mali, Somalia, Eritea who face persecution; those in Jamaica and Cuba still suffering after Hurricane Melissa; for the Mozambique Peace and Reconciliation Movement seeking to heal wounds following post election violence; pray for the work on Integritas and oth organisations working with prisoners,

Notices

Saturdays: Ladies Socials – see notice

April

26th Sunday: Joth Hunt coming after the morning service

May

9th May Saturday: Christian Aid and Ladies' Social

10-16th: Christian Aid week

10th Sunday: Cakes after the service (to buy)

24th Sunday: Claire Bedford visiting Hill Road

Partnership

There is a proverb “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

We live in a fast-paced society. Everyone is trying to get somewhere fast, but we also live in a society of lonely and dissatisfied people. Maybe we need to slow down sometimes to allow others to catch up! In the beginning of Genesis God said “It is not good for the man to be alone.” (Genesis 2:18) and so he created the woman. Human beings are designed for meaningful connections.

The call to follow Jesus likewise, is the call to come into a relationship with God and other people. To be a follower of Jesus is to be part of a team, a band of disciples. This is because we need each other and because God's mission is always bigger than just us and our immediate concerns.

In the same way, our church is just one little community as part of the great worldwide movement of Jesus' followers.

More locally we are part of the South East Baptist Association (SEBA for short). After the service on Sunday morning, Joth Hunt from SEBA is coming to give a presentation about ‘Partners in Mission’ which is the Association scheme to help churches in their local mission. It's good to be in partnership, to support each other in our work and growth.

Understanding the World through the Christian worldview

[Cracking the Code: Understanding Our World Through the Christian Worldview | The Forum of Christian Leaders online](#)

BMS Prayer News

Praise God for BMS workers Andrea and Ian as they work with others to take the gospel to areas where evangelism is dangerous; pray that websites are kept secure and online persecution is overcome; pray for those who suffer personal and societal costs for their belief; pray for partnerships between churches and believers and mistrust will be overcome; pray that new leaders can be identified and trained; pray that the persecuted church can be resilient and remember that God is their rock; that the church will grow despite adversity and that political pressures will not harm the workers. Thank God that He is stronger than any politician.

Christian Aid Week: 10–16 May 2026



This year, we are supporting families in Nairobi, Kenya, who are struggling with food poverty. Your donations help partners like Beacon of Hope provide vital urban farming tools and training to those in need.

Ladies Wear to Share: Join us for a preloved fashion sale with refreshments on **Saturday 9 May from 3pm to 6pm.**

Cake after Morning Service: Enjoy a treat with your tea and coffee on **Sunday 10 May.** Donations are welcome, and please let Sheila know if you are able to bake a cake.

Sponsor a Hymn: Our "Sponsor a Hymn in May" returns! Speak to Emma or take a form to choose a favourite hymn and share why it is special to you

Claire Bedford Prayer Letter

For all the latest news, prayer and praise points

There are some hard copies on the mission table in the foyer

Finance Officer | Parish Nursing Ministries UK (PNMUK)

PNMUK are seeking a skilled and motivated Finance Officer to play a key role in ensuring the financial health and compliance of PNMUK. This is a varied and rewarding position, supporting day-to-day financial operations such as payroll, accounts, budgeting, and reporting, as well as contributing to funding applications and strategic planning.

admin@parishnursing.org.uk

Ladies Social Events All occur on Saturdays

9th May 3pm - 6pm Share to Wear for Christian Aid
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: 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 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 30th April Psalm 115

Leprosy Mission

Sale 60% of some items

www.theleprosymissionshop.com

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Weekly news sheets and sermons available on the website.

Full fibre broadband at Hill Road

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