

“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; 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: Montgomery Way. ; Capel: Varne Ridge Holiday Park

Local: pray for local churches ministering to the hurt and vulnerable.

National: Pray for the senior doctors, senior nurses and other staff stepping up to fill the gaps left by Resident (Junior) Doctors

International: Pray for persecuted Christians across the world; pray for the safety of women and girls in many countries; for peace and reduction of tensions in Cuba, Yemen, Gaza, West Bank, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine; for the protection of health care staff treating Ebola patients in DRC and Uganda; pray for the safety from criminal gangs of Christian workers in Mexico; for those affected by the earthquake in the Philippines; for the people of Haiti where the country is controlled by gangs; for Manipur and the continued persecution of Christians; for the work of charities in Myanmar; for displaced peoples across the world.

Notices

Saturdays: Ladies Socials – see notice

June

July

5th Sunday: Church Anniversary

7th Tuesday: Licensing of Priest in Charge – St Peter's Church

26th Sunday: Church Meeting

Where do you get your news from? I'm a radio 4 listener. Many people get theirs through social media these days. Others have tried to switch off from news altogether. Partly it's that the news is relentlessly terrible. Perhaps even worse than bad news is unreliable news. How do you know that what you're reading, hearing or seeing is true? There is considerable evidence that wicked people are manipulating and exploiting people, whipping up anger and division and spreading rumours. As the proverb puts it 'a lie goes around the world while the truth is still putting its boots on'.

Jesus came announcing "good news", that in him God was intervening to save the world. Not everyone was pleased to hear his good news. On occasions, it provoked a riot! After all "good news for the poor" may mean bad news for the rich and the privileged. Yet he carried on being good news. He healed the sick and gave sight to the blind, he gave dignity and a voice to women, foreigners and outcasts. He broke down barriers in the ancient world and he continues to do so today.

Jesus died so that we could be forgiven and he rose again so that we could know Resurrection Life that begins now and goes on forever. He has sent his spirit on his disciples and equips us to be good news and tell the good news in a world that needs it so badly.

Change of Date

The next Church meeting will be at 13:00 on July 26th

We are 276!

'Disciples of All Nations'

This year to celebrate the wonderfully diverse congregation we have today. Members of the congregation will be taking part in the service.

5th July

Followed by a bring and share lunch: bring along food that reminds you of home and wear your national costume.

BMS Prayer News

Pray for mission workers to be sent to Mongolia to work with local churches to reach university students; that a team of Christians would partner with Baska, BMS supported worker; for Ardi and Patrick, mission coordinators as they follow up Baptist missional leaders; that Baptists in Malaysia will continue to lead the next generation to Christ; that God will grant wisdom to those attending Malaysia Baptist Convention's mission sending workshops.

Courageous Communities conference

Friday 19 June

10am-6pm

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge

In the Diocese of Canterbury we will be hosting a Courageous Communities conference to reflect the Refugee Week 2026 theme of 'Courage'.

Whether you're seeking ways to live out the Gospel in today's world or to engage deeply in refugee inclusion and racial justice, you are warmly invited.

[Register your free place on the conference](#)

The Licensing of Priest in Charge 7th July 2026

Right Reverend Martin Warner, currently Bishop of Chichester, has been appointed as Priest in Charge of St Peter's, Folkestone in the Elham deanery, for two years.

Rainbow Supporting Housing Project

Staff wanted

Housing Manager

Housing Officers

Application packs can be obtained by:

- Downloading it from their website
- Emailing recruitment@rainbow-centre.org
- Telephoning 01303 850733

No CVs. Closing date: 7th July 12:00 (Midday)

The Inspiring God

Steffen Jenkins

<https://foclonline.org/short-talk/how-inspired-scripture-gives-us-jesus-inspiring-god>

God and AI

John Lennox

<https://www.christian.org.uk/news/top-podcast-talks-god-and-ai-with-john-lennox/?e120626>

Ladies Social Events All occur on Saturdays

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 18th June Psalm 119:73-96

Mildmay Hospital. A Christian Based Hospital in London looking after HIV people and a lot more. Go to mildmay.nhs.uk

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