

"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. David S. Nellie.

Friends and Family:

Barbara J;

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: Hill Road.; **Capel:** Old Dover Road

Local: pray for students leaving home for the first time to attend University and those returning.

National: Pray that politicians will have wisdom when they look at changes to the marriage laws. For the Royal family at this time.

International: For Christians and the on going violence they experience from Islamists of all hues in DRC, Nigeria and West Africa. Give thanks for the rescue of the British woman kidnaped in Malawi, continue to pray for the couple held in Iran; for those affected by the car bomb in Pakistan; those affected by the Ceuta migration situation and the response of the Spanish Government;.

Diary

September

26th Saturday: Prayer Breakfast Capel

26th Saturday: Discernment Day

27th Sunday: AGM and Church Meeting FBC

29-30th Every Day Matters Conference

October

4th Sunday: Harvest Festival + Girl Guide's parade

10-18th National Week of Prayer

18th Sunday: Health Care Sunday

31st Saturday: Prayer Walk

Preparing for the Harvest

We are now in the run up to Harvest Festival (4th October). It is always a popular service. Everyone seems to enjoy the opportunity to give thanks for another year of God's provision. Even though much of our food comes from the supermarkets we realise that it originates from farms and growers. It is ultimately the result of a great deal of hard work.

We are starting a mini series this week called "Preparing for Harvest". The Bible often uses pictures from the farming world to talk about the spiritual life. In growing, gardening, the life of faith preparation is key if we want to see fruit from our mission, fruit in our lives, we need to prepare our hearts in prayer, to seek the Lord.

As part of our preparation we are holding a day of prayer and discernment. We hope that as many of you as possible are planning to be with us on the 26th September.

And as the farmer prepares the ground and plants the crop, it is God who sends the rain and makes it grow. All our work will always have to be working together with God it is to produce anything.

BMS Prayer Points

Pray for Iran, specifically the Quest Academy, a BMS partner training Farsi speaking students; for th Iranian people suffering oppression from bombing and their own government; for the 200 students on training programmes; Mehrdad, who is based in Germany and leads Quest's Iranian work; Markos who leads the online Iranian church, praise God for the 80 baptisms over the last 2 years; Neda who leads a church group in Germany; Mehrdad, Hassan, Dariush who train and mentor Iranian students across Europe; give thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit and the growth of the Iranian church.

Discernment Day with Joth Hunt.

Saturday 26th September. 11am-3.30pm

Bring a packed lunch.

Please make a point of being there as we pray and seek the Lord together for the future of the Church's work.

Global Week of Prayer

If you want to be involved in ongoing global prayer
– some websites that may be of help

Home - 24-7 Prayer International

The 24/7 Prayer Network — 24/7 Prayer, Without
Ceasing

<http://www.cptryon.org/caritas/index2.html>

Welcome - Operation World

Prayer Walk: 31st October

Capel Street to Hill Road,

Commence 9-9:30 (tbc) with prayer breakfast at
Capel,. Then walk downhill, pausing at
viewpoints to pray over Capel and Folkestone,
finishing with coffee and prayer at FBC, Hill
Road.

Not able to walk? Come and breakfast coffee or

All Age Harvest Festival

4th October

All welcome

Ladies Social Events

All occur on Saturdays

7th November 3pm - 5pm Relax, Refresh,
Recharge

December 3pm - 6pm Christmas Crafts

In praise of nuance

Life is complicated. Read more with Graham Tomlin

<https://www.seenandunseen.com/praise-nuance>

EveryLife

Watch the video of their work in Uganda

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIC_UN

Regular Church Events

Tuesday: House Groups

Thursday: Pray Pause 11:30
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 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 24th September 127

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