



Prayer points

Pastoral:

In Hospital:

Rehabilitation: making good progress

At home: Edith, Madeleine, Gloria, Chris, Ruth, Pauline S. Di & Harold H. Bunny P. Sue B. Nellie, Rupa and family.

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: Calgary Cres; **Capel:** Capel Court Park.

Local: pray for vulnerable adults and those that are homeless as temperatures drop.

National: Pray for refugees as anti-migrant sentiment flares.

International: Pray for Ukraine as more missiles hit civilian targets; pray for reduction of tensions across the middle east; peace in Sudan and Ethiopia/Eritrea; recovery of the Pope following his recent lung surgery; families affected by the collapse of a school in Pakistan, those affected in Nepal by floods and the toxic haze in Indonesia; for the Orthodox Church in Russia, that it will teach the true Christ; for the DRC that the Ebola outbreak will cease; for religious tolerance in Kyrgyzstan; pray for peace in Gaza and Lebanon and safety for women and children.

Diary

October

19-26th Pastor is on leave.

31st **Saturday:** Prayer Walk

November

7th **Saturday:** An evening with Colonel Stewart - Godmersham

7th **Saturday:** Ladies' Social

22nd **Sunday:** Church meeting and election of Officers and Deacons

December

6th **Sunday:** All age Nativity

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Be Joyful Always

Paul wrote to the young church at Thessalonica to "be joyful always". (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

It may seem an odd instruction. Can you consciously choose to be joyful? Autumn is drawing in, the news is dreadful, we all have our trials and troubles. What does it even mean to be joyful?

Firstly, joy is not a mood, a response to circumstances. When I was a child we used to sing in Sunday School: "Joy is a flag flown high from the castle of my heart To show the King is in residence there."

Paul described joy as one of the fruit of the Spirit. Joy is produced because we have a relationship with Jesus. It doesn't mean we never feel low or sad, but it grows from the knowledge that God loves us and that love never lets us go.

It also grows from hope. The early Christians were very close to the experience of the resurrection of Jesus. The new that he had overcome death and therefore nothing else could defeat him. We know that Jesus will reign, his Kingdom is coming, death, evil and darkness are defeated. We are loved, we have hope. These are reasons to be joyful.

BMS Prayer Points

Pray for the top Team at BMS as they consider the environmental impact of their work and travel; for tree planting by Justice Livelihoods Health, that the trees will restore the land in Uganda; for BMS ethical fashion guide; for the Creation Care course being hosted by International Baptist Theological Study Centre; for collaboration across BMS programmes in respect of creation care; For Laura Lee Lovering, as she takes the message out across the UK;

Operation Christmas Child

Provide a shoe box full of gifts for a child in need across the world. Can be done physically or on line.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

Bring to FBC on 8th November



hat. gloves. scarf. coat. flu jab.

You protect yourself from the cold, so protect yourself from flu too by getting your #JabDone.

Pastor's annual leave

Katy will be on leave from 19th to 26th October 2026.

Prayer Walk: 31st October

Capel Street to Hill Road,

Commence 9:30 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 both!

Election of Officers and Deacons

22nd November 2026

Nomination papers will be available from 1st November 2026

Please give this your prayerful consideration.

Ladies Social Events

All occur on Saturdays

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

12th December 3pm - 6pm Christmas Crafts

Claire Bedford's Prayer Letter

Download or take a copy from the desk

<https://bmsworldmission.org/newsletter-download/2108?bbeml=tp-EGkooP1gnE->

All age Nativity: 6th December

Cast wanted. It has been suggested that we have a nativity play. If you or your children would be interested in taking part, please talk to Katy.

Paul and Sarah Brown

Recording of BMS Prayer and Share (7th October 2026) with Paul and Sarah Brown is now available

Available from BMS Website

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 23rd October Psalm 131

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