"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, 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: Ingoldsby Road **Capel:** Hurst Lane.

Local: pray families and the struggles with the cost of living.

National: Pray for those that gave their lives in conflict and the veterans still with us.

International: Pray for those affected by the Ebola Virus; for the cessation of violence across France; the resilience of persecuted Christians; give thanks for the recovery of the Pope; that the church can find its voice and rise up across Europe; for women (and men) who are victims of abuse and sexual violence; for Callum Miller and his work for the unborn; for peace in all conflict zones; for the work of Samaritans purse; victims of slavery, both in the East and West now and in the pat; safety of people in Japan, Taiwan, China and Philippines as typhoons head their way.

Diary

November
7th Saturday: An evening with Colonel Stewart
7th Saturday: Ladies' Social
8th Sunday: Last date for Shoe Box.
10th Tuesday: Celia Stanton Thanksgiving Service
22nd Sunday: Church meeting and election of Officers and Deacons
29th Sunday: Advent Sunday

December
6th Sunday: All age Nativity (talk to Katy Ruddle)
15th Tuesday: Community Carols
17th Thursday: Christmas Lunch
25th Friday: Christmas Day

Be prepared.

You may well have heard of the Government's "Be prepared" campaign, encouraging all of us to make preparations for bad weather and interruptions to services. Perhaps you've started to store water and a few tins? My sister refers to this jokingly as the "Armageddon Cupboard". This is the final battle battle between food and evil referred to in the book of Revelation. It all sounds a little alarming. Of course as any Boy Scout would tell you it's good to 'be prepared' for any eventuality. Unexpected events are just that, unexpected. It also feels like the world is increasingly unstable, so it makes sense to take sensible precautions.

We know that God cares for us, but Christians are not immune from the troubles of the world. The Bible speaks of trials and tribulations. This Sunday we shall be remembering those who have died in wars. But we shall also be remembering the marvellous promise that nothing whatsoever can separate us from the love of God.

It may also be time to prepare ourselves spiritually for difficult times. One way to do that is to memorise scripture. Let it go deep down within you. What we absorb deep within us is what tends to come out when we are under pressure. There is also comfort to be found now as Jesus tells us "Le not your hearts be troubled.

John Berger: in the company of the past

https://www.seenandunseen.com/john-berger-company-past

On average, 12 Christians are killed every day in sub-Saharan Africa because of their faith.
Support Open Doors call to action
https://www.opendoorsuk.org/

Since the passing of the abortion act
11,256,470 unborn babies have lost their lives to abortion across the United Kingdom

Ladies Social Events

All occur on Saturdays
7th November 3pm - 5pm Relax, Refresh Recharge
12th December 3pm - 6pm Christmas Crafts

ELECTION of CHURCH OFFICERS and DEACONS

The next **Church Meeting** will be held on **Sunday 22nd November** after the morning service. This will include the annual election of Church Officers and Deacons.

Nominations are requested for the following:
Church Officers (annual appointments):
Church Administrator: This position is currently unoccupied.

Church Treasurer: Boaz Nyika is current Treasurer and is eligible for re-election

Pastor at Capel: Pam Barr is the current Pastor and is eligible for re-election.

Deacons (three-year appointments):
Hill Road: Four vacancies.
Capel: Two vacancies.

Nomination forms are available from Emma Brunton. Each nomination must be supported by two Church Members and will require the consent of the person nominated. Completed nominations must be returned to Emma by Sunday 15th November at the latest, please.

BMS Prayer Points

Pray for communities in Ireland seeking to support refugees from the Middle East; for Issa Elbechara as he trains churches across Europe to share their faith with Muslims; particularly for the work in Dublin; for Hassan who has recently turned to Christ and the hardships that has wrought; for Kevork, another convert, who has undertaken training with the Quest academy and for his future ministry; for Issa's resilience in his work well-being and support: financially, relationally and spiritually; for Saturday outreach in Dublin and the faithfulness of the local Arabic church.

Thanksgiving Service for Celia Stanton

We give thanks for the life and faith of Celia Stanton, a long-time former member of Folkestone Baptist Church who will be fondly remembered by many in our church family. Celia served our community with warmth and dedication, and many of us hold cherished memories of her generous hospitality — particularly her post-service Sunday lunches that brought so many together.

A Thanksgiving Service to celebrate Celia's life will be held at **Harbour Church on Tuesday 10th November at 2:30pm**. Following the service, all are warmly invited to stay for refreshments.

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 13th November Psalm 134

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