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Prayer points

Pastoral:

In Hospital:

At home: Edith, Gloria, Madeleine, Ruth.

Continuing recovery: Carole.

Friends and Family:

Paul's Aunt Pat and Anne T. remain unwell. Tom B's mother is unwell.

Pray for the Church Finances and the Church Leadership Team.

Roads around FBC: Swiss Way. Capel: Seaview Close.

Local: Pray that Christians in Folkestone will work together to shine a light of hope through the town.

National: Pray that the senseless killing of young and old people alike will stop

International: Pray: people every where who are suffering due the weather, lack of food and water, being displaced, religious persecution, armed conflict. Pray for peaceful elections and acceptance of results across the world.

Notices

October

9th Wednesday: Rainbow Centre Open Day

20th Sunday: Health Care Sunday

November

23rd Saturday: Ladies Christmas Craft
Winter Shelter Dedication

24th Sunday: Election of Deacons and Officers. Church Meeting

Regular Church Events

Tuesday: House Groups: Check times
Relaxation & Christian
Meditation @2.00pm for coffee,
3pm start

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

Sunday: Church Service 10:30 am
1st Sunday – All Age Service
3rd Sunday - Communion

Writing letters has rather fallen out of fashion. When I was a child I was made to sit down and write thank you letters. I have to admit I found it a rather tedious exercise. I'm sure however my badly spelled missives brought pleasure to my loving grandparents, aunts and uncles. Anyway, they carried on sending birthday and Christmas presents.

Harvest Festival is first and foremost an occasion for thanksgiving to God for his good creation and generous provision to all his people.

"He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." Matthew 5:45. God's generosity fortunately does not depend on how good we are - or even how grateful.

These days Harvest is one of my favourite services. There is a joy in saying thank you and counting blessings, not troubles. It has helped me get through some of the darkest days in my life, to remember things I can be grateful for. There is something therapeutic about saying thank you. It reduces our self-importance and cuts our worries down to size. Thankfulness reminds us that we have So once again we say "Come, Ye thankful people, come."

Winter Shelter Dedication Service

Saturday 23rd November 2024; 6pm
St John's Church. St John's Church Road,
Folkestone
Refreshments in the Church Hall after the Service

Manse Telephone Number back online. See Contacts Box

Church meeting: 24th November
Election of Deacons and Officers- See Glynis for
Nomination Papers and Details

BMS Prayer News

Pray for the safety of Christians caught up in the Israel-Palestine conflicts. Pray for all those that have lost family members. Pray for brave leaders on both sides having the courage to negotiate peace. Pray that the Prince of Peace will guide those working for peace and staff working to heal bodies and communities. Pray that your (God's) people can be beacons shining hope through a troubled Land

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For one off donations and hall bookings; scan this QR code with your phone to make a direct gift, or see Chris.



LADIES' NIGHTS @ FBC

Sat 23rd Nov 4-7 pm Christmas arts and crafts and afternoon tea, all welcome.

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

Congratulations to Rod and Doreen Wood on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary. Our thought and prayers go with you both.

Reading the Bible-
This week: Amos

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Alpha Course

Chris has had a request from one person to run an Alpha Course at Hill Road on a Saturday morning. It would start with a late breakfast (croissants & donuts) at 9.30am and be finished by 12 noon. Let Chris know if you are interested. It would only take a couple more to be viable.

Missed a Sunday Service?

Sermon and NewsLetter available on the Home Page of the Church Website

Prayers at Noon: Come to the church and pray together at 12 noon, or pray for the church where you are. Wednesday 9th October - Psalm 36

CHAD UPDATE WITH CLAIRE BEDFORD – BMS
Sunday October 13th 5pm
Come and join us for a bring and share meal and update on the work at the Guinebor II hospital in Chad. BMS mission worker will be returning to visit us and talk about what is happening at the hospital. We have been supporting Claire and the work at the hospital as a church for a few years and Claire has been to see us before. Please come along to hear about what's happening and catch up with Claire.

We will begin with a small bring and share meal. Can people consider bringing quiche, salad, crisps, cheese, fruit and bread/crackers and butter/spread and also cakes.

Please let Katy or Belinda know if you are bringing something so a list can be compiled. This will prevent us with ending up with 15 chocolate cakes and nothing else (though that would be nice problem to have!)

Ministries Administrator

Are you able to support the work of CMF in a part-time capacity? Do you enjoy making people feel welcomed? Can you work across multiple ministries? If so, this role could be for you!

- **Part time (3 days per week), Permanent**
- **£16,226.41-£18,660.37, depending on experience.**

Further details can be found:

<https://www.cmf.org.uk/vacancy/ministries-administrator/>

Interviews will take place on Wednesday, 23 October.

Full fibre broadband at Hill Road

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

Who to contact...

Pastoral matters:

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