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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: Tyson Road. Capel: Alexandra Road.

Local: Pray for local services supporting those addicted to drugs and alcohol

National: Pray that Government policy and practice will express some of God's heart for those who are displaced from their homes and homelands.

International: Pray: for the peoples of Ukraine, Yemen, Gaza, Lebanon and Israel, Sudan, Ethiopia suffering the outfall from conflict.

Notices

October

12th-20th: National Week of prayer

19th Saturday: 12 hour prayer vigil

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

Harvest

We celebrated Harvest last Sunday as a "big thank you". It was wonderful to see many visitors including families of the Girl Guiding groups that we support, Little acorns and of course all our usual crowd! It was also great that we could enjoy an excellent buffet lunch together afterwards prepared by the catering team.

The Bible uses harvest as an image for a number of things including the harvest of people who are ready to respond to the good news of Jesus. Jesus had been having a life-changing conversation with a Samaritan (foreign) woman. His disciples returned and wondered what he was doing. "Look at the fields," he said, "for they are ripe for harvest..." John 4:35. He meant there are people around who are receptive to the message that leads to eternal life.

We are living in a mission field. Census returns show a higher than average number of people in East Folkestone who said they had 'no religion'. Nevertheless, there are people who want to say thank you - to someone, to give and bless others and to share in our community. There are people who are open to the good news.

Jesus told his disciples to pray for workers for the harvest (Matt 9:37). Sometimes it feels like we are few to do all the work that is needed in this mission field - yet it is encouraging to see what we can do when we work together. The harvest field is the Lord's and he will bring in His harvest.

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

Full fibre broadband at Hill Road

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

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

BMS Prayer News

Pray for the Baptist World Alliance as they represent Baptists on the United Nations Human Rights Council and advocate for religious freedom. Pray for BMS and French Baptist church plants reaching out to Afghan, Iranian, Ukrainian and Maghrebian refugees; All4Aid as they care for asylum seekers on Lesbos, Greece.

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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.



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.

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.

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.

Harvest offering will remain open for another week. It is for BMS World Mission work in Bangladesh, for church planting and development work. Envelopes are available from the stewards.

NHS
Kent and Medway

Stay protected

Make sure you have your flu and Covid-19 vaccines

getvaccinatednow.co.uk

Prayer Vigil (Open Doors 8 to 8)
St Andrew by the Wardrobe, Queen Victoria Street EC4V 5DE
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prayer-vigil-tickets-1009102070457>

Reading the Bible-
This week:
Jeremiah

Alpha Course

Let Chris know if you are interested. It would only take a couple more to be viable.

The Church in Modern Babylon

The first webinar: Thursday 17th October (8pm-9.30pm) 'Being Human: Loving Others at the Beginning and End of Life'

Zoom details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83949557062?pwd=mHTu5181eU2RhyAVwVGQ2E0A4p5aa.1>

Webinar ID: 839 4955 7062

Passcode: 771287

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Email by Thursday please.

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Prayers at Noon: Come to the church and pray together at 12 noon, or pray for the church where you are. Wednesday 16th October - Psalm 37