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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. Tom B's sister has recovered.

Pray for the Church Finances and the Church Leadership Team.

Roads around FBC: Holly Close. Capel: Highview Park.

Local: Pray for families and children during half term.

National: Pray for the vulnerable, old and disabled as they ponder the forthcoming debate on assisted suicide.

International: Remember those affected by the floods in Spain and the families of the 158 who have died. Pray for the children or persecuted Christians around the world.

For All the Saints

Another hymn we used to sing at school if you are, like me, "of a certain age!"

The 1st of November is remembered in some traditions as All Saints Day. It begins a season of remembrance. For many, it calls to mind saints who have gone before us and now as the hymn put it "from their labours rest."

Baptists tend to prefer the notion that we are all saints, "holy people" which is the original meaning of the word.

We are holy because we have put our trust in Jesus and he makes us holy, that is, people who belong to God.

Nevertheless, there are heroes that we look to, people who have gone before us and left a light for us to follow. Some of them are well known but many of them are not and probably had no idea about the impact they made in the world for Jesus sake. I think of my earliest Sunday school teachers who told me about Jesus and taught me to pray. I think of my girls brigade captain Val who forgave my sometimes difficult teenage behaviour. I think of youth workers and church members who wrote to me when I was at uni and prayed for me and I think Churches put up with my wobbly early attempts at preaching... I could go on.

So for all the Saints militant or triumphant I give thanks and pray that we will also pass on the light to people who come behind us. With the Holy Spirit's help our loving acts and words may have outcomes we can't imagine.

Winter Shelter Dedication Service

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

Annual Leave

Chris and Katy are on Leave
11th-18th November 2024

Notices

November

9th Saturday: Day of Prayer and Reflection

11-18th Ministers' Annual Leave

22nd Friday: Quiz Night for Pilgrims Hospice

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

BMS Prayer News

Pray for the persecuted Church across the world particularly in north Africa. Pray for BMS and partner organisations' workers who are willing to risk their lives to spread the word and for the protection of those who come to Christ from an Islamic background. Pray that Governments in these countries will permit freedom of worship and the opening of Church buildings,

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ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS AND DEACONS

The next **Church Meeting** will be held on **Sunday 24th 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: This position is currently unoccupied.

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

Deacons (three-year appointments):

Hill Road: There will be three vacancies at Hill Road. Glynis Coombes comes to the end of her first term of office but is not available for re-election, Patronella Sakuringwa comes to the end of her second term of office and therefore is not eligible for re-election, the third position is currently unoccupied.

Capel: There will be two vacancies, currently unoccupied, at Capel.

Nomination forms are available from Glynis Coombes. Each nomination must be supported by two Church Members and will require the consent of the person nominated. Completed nominations must be returned to Glynis by Sunday 3rd November at the latest, please.

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

Communications

Weekly news sheets and sermons are now available on our website.

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Quiz Night

22nd November (7:30-9:30pm)
in aid of Pilgrims Hospice
Quiz Master: Kevin Hodge

Reading the Bible- This week: Jude

Pray to the Lord of the Harvest

Day of Prayer and Reflection
A call to prayer for all church members and friends of Folkestone Baptist Church.
9th November at Hill Road.
10am - 4.30pm.

The day will be divided into one hour slots. Please aim to be there for some or all of the time. The prayer room will also be open for quiet prayer and reflection.

Prayers at Noon: Come to the church and pray together at 12 noon, or pray for the church where you are. Wednesday 6th November - Psalm 40

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