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**16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

## Prayer points

### Pastoral:

*In Hospital:*

Rehabilitation: making good progress

*At home:* Edith, Madeleine, Gloria, Chris, Ruth, Wilf A.

*Friends and Family:*

Chris R. Barbara J.

Pray for the Church Finances, the Church Leadership Team, and the need for volunteers.

Roads around FBC: Wood Ave. Capel: Lancaster Ave.

**Local:** Pray for the those who are concerned regarding their welfare support.

**National:** Continue to pray for the work on the Bill on Assisted dying and that an unbiased approach will be taken. Pray for all staff affected by changes to NHS England

**International:** Pray for the cease fire between Russia and the Ukraine, that it will be fair. Pray for the persecuted Christians in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Bangladesh and China. Pray for the on going conflict in the DRC, violence and persecution in Syria And Tearfund's Thailand-Myanmar Cross Border Programme. Pray for Lebanon as they struggle with their own problems and the refugees from Syria. Pray for people in Africa and Asia who are suffering with poor nutrition.

### BMS Prayer News

Pray: Partnerships with the Baptist Convention of Sierra Leone and the New Harvest Development Office, training more leaders. Pray for Rev Titus and Rev Steven in their roles as Church and Mobilisation coordinators. Pray that this programme will help people find abundant life in Christ. Pray for God's blessing for churches in Sierra Leone. Pray that the churches and all Christians will be salt and light to the country.

### Home

What makes a home is it beautiful furnishings in gracious rooms? Everything spick and span, just so? Or is it a place where you are Safe Comforted? Welcome? The poet Robert Frost defined Home as "the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in." As a church, we are blessed with two useful buildings. They are great, great resource for the kingdom of God, much more than a clubhouse for those who meet here Sunday by Sunday. I hope we see them as like family homes where we gather to meet with God and with each other. They're also places where we can extend a real and practical welcome to all sorts of people. Much of what is done is not "religious" as such. However, health is improved, music is made, connections and friendships are built. People are fed, warmed and warmly welcomed. Children are nurtured and educated. Of such things The kingdom is built. Above all we love to welcome Home those who are seeking God. We long to introduce people to the Lord Jesus and the wholeness and life that he brings. Welcome not just to our house but to our family. I think it is Welcome that makes a home.

### Open Doors World Watch: Westminster Hall debate

Christian Persecution and Freedom of Religion or Belief  
**8 April at 9.30am**

Encourage our MP to attend and hears the stories of persecuted Christians and to ensure the UK remains committed to defending the rights of those facing persecution because of their religion or belief and gender.

### Partners in Mission days

This is a day organised by the South East Baptist Association. We are hoping to get a group up to this training event at Tonbridge Baptist Church on Saturday 22nd March, 10am-3.30pm. If you are interested in going, please speak to Katy or Emma.  
<http://seba-baptist.org.uk/partnersinmission>

### 24/7 Prayer for Ukraine

[https://signup.24-](https://signup.24-prayer.com/signup/73085c?utm_source=ukraineprayerroom&utm_medium=zoomqd&mc_cid=17e3edd)

[7prayer.com/signup/73085c?utm\\_source=ukraineprayerroom&utm\\_medium=zoomqd&mc\\_cid=17e3edd](https://signup.24-prayer.com/signup/73085c?utm_source=ukraineprayerroom&utm_medium=zoomqd&mc_cid=17e3edd)

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Date	Event	Time
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Crafternoon	3-6pm
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk and Talk	2-5pm
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Share to wear	7-9pm
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Singing and Sausages	7-9pm
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Bulbs and Bites	5-7pm
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Crafternoon	3-6pm

### The Folkestone Maternity Clothes Library

Fridays Term Time at Harbour Church.

10:00- 11:30 Play Café Toddler Group

13:00- 14:30 Harbour Bumps and Babes

All are welcome to borrow Maternity clothes or donate Maternity clothes that are surplus to requirement.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/19pZS8rXfw/>

### QR Code and Card Payments

For one off donations and hall bookings; scan this QR code to make a direct gift.



## Notices

### March

**22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday:** Partners in Mission

**29<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Easter Crafternoon

### May

**16<sup>th</sup> Friday:** Gwalia Singers – St Peter & St Paul Charlton Church

## Regular Church Events

Tuesday: House Groups

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  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – All Age Service  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Communion

## Notices

**Ladies' Socials:** See notice

## 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

**Prayers at Noon:** Come to the church and pray together at 12 noon, or pray for the church where you are. Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Psalm 58

## Contact Information

### Pastoral matters:

#### Pastor:

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### News Letter: David Smithard

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