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Prayer points

Pastoral:

In Hospital:

Rehabilitation: making good progress

At home: Edith, Madeleine, Gloria, Chris, Ruth, Wilf A, Pauline S. Di & Harold H.

Friends and Family:

Chris R. Barbara J. Cloudie.

Pray for the Church Finances, the Church Leadership Team, Church Meeting in May. The need for volunteers.

Roads around FBC: Dover Road. Capel: Helena Road.

Local: Pray that the local MP will oppose the TIA Bill.

National: Continue to pray for the work on the Bill on Assisted dying and that an unbiased approach will be taken. Pray for council workers who feel under threat of losing their jobs following the local elections.

International: Pray for the safety of 16.2 million Christians displaced in Sub Saharan Africa; Christians abused in Vietnam; the million displaced in Lebanon; tensions between India and Pakistan. Pray for Tearfund's self help groups in West Africa. Pray for the safety of the president in Burkina Faso. Pray for families torn apart during the massive deportations from the USA. Pray for the vulnerable as many countries look to move people around world rather than deal with the problem of refugees with compassion.

BMS Prayer News

Pray: For BMS World Mission worker Ben Francis leading outreach in Kolkata training church planters; Sumeet Nath leading the Baptist Trust Association in Delhi, for wisdom as he manages properties across India; new leadership of the Bengal Baptist Union, and that of North India; the stop TB programme; collaboration between south Asian partners; educators going to the Karen people in Thailand; Gill Francis time and energy as administrator.

Lilly of the valley

A friend gave me a posy of Lilly of the valley yesterday. They're on the table in front of me now. Pretty simple white flowers, quiet, not showy like roses or chrysanthemums, but oh, the scent!

How do you describe a smell? You can't, perfume manufacturers don't even try. They just try to capture a mood, lifestyle or aspiration in their adverts. I heard recently of virtual reality developers trying to find ways to include smell in their programs. Maybe the advent of "smelly vision" is close after all.

Smells do strange things. They evoke memories, alert us to danger, allure or disgust us, yet you can't pin them down. St Paul tells the Corinthians that Christians "smell" like Jesus. "We are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:15) He goes on to say that not everyone will react well to that smell. Nevertheless, the smell of Jesus clings to us and we carry it everywhere. Because we have God's Holy Spirit in us there is something about us a little indefinable, like a smell that reminds people of Jesus. What is this smell? It is the scent of love, joy, peace... sometimes called the fruit of the spirit. You can't see them but you can see the effect they have.

May we carry that scent far and wide, so that people will encounter something of Jesus when they meet us.

Today (Sunday 11th) is the start of Christian Aid Week where we have a chance to help bring hope to people like Aurelia in Guatemala. Envelopes will be available at this week's morning service for you to make a donation to Christian Aid's work and can be put in the offering over the next couple of weeks. Please see the other notices showing various ways you can support the charity's vital work turning the tide against hunger and building a more just and sustainable world.



FBC Ladies Event in Aid of Christian Aid

SHARE to WEAR: Pre-Loved Fashion Sale

Saturday 17th May 2-5pm @ FBC, Hill Road

Refreshments Provided

Ladies please come!

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SPONSOR A HYMN IN MAY for Christian Aid
Complete a form with your request or just speak to Emma

**Whitsun Celebration
with Cheriton Pentecostal Church and CTF**

With Gbenka Akinfewa to lead the music
Joshua Boateng to provide the Word

Harbour Church
Sunday June 8th 2025 @ 6:00pm

CAKE SALE for Christian Aid
11th May 2025
with tea and coffee before the church meeting

To learn more about Christian Aid, support their work during this special week in prayer and reflection, take a **Daily Devotional Booklet** available in the Concourse,

Notices

May

11th May Sunday: Christian Aid week commences, cake sale with tea/coffee

11th May: Sunday: Church Meeting with Joth Hunt (Regional Minister) (after the service)

16th Friday: Gwalia Singers – St Peter & St Paul Charlton Church

17th Saturday: Share to Wear, coffee and cake. 2-5pm. Donations to Christian Aid.

June

14th Saturday: Folkestone Symphony Holy Trinity 7:30

July

5th Saturday: Walk and Talk

September

20th Saturday: Singing and Sausages

November

1st Saturday: Bulbs and Bites

Taizé lunchtime prayer

When? Mondays, during choir term time (between 28 April - 7 July), 12:30-13:00

Where? Canterbury Cathedral Crypt

Cost? Free, but donations are kindly accepted

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
1st Sunday – All Age Service
3rd Sunday - Communion

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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 14th May - Psalm 67

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

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