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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 Fellowship and the Leadership Team in the discernment of the ongoing vision and how best to use members of the fellowship. The need for volunteers.

Roads around FBC: Keyes Place. Capel: Cauldham Lane.

**Local:** Pray for healthcare workers in GP surgeries and minor injury centres.

**National:** Continue to pray urgently for the Bill on Assisted and that MPs will vote No (The local MP intends to vote for). The next debate is 13<sup>th</sup> June. Pray that the amendment to the Crime and Policing Bill seeking abortion up to term gets defeated.

**International:** Pray for those who remain displaced following the violence in Manipur; for support and protection of those who convert from the Islamic faith; the cessation of violence across the world; pray for safety from Islamic militias in Cameroon, Niger, Burkina Faso and Nigeria; the West Africa Regional Christian Medical Conference in Liberia; the continuance of Hope FM in Sudan; the ongoing work of 500K and their missionary partners; that elections were peaceful in the Philippines.

### BMS Prayer News

Pray: For the Ukrainian Baptist Union and the many churches it supports; for the training in disaster relief held in south Asia in the last six months; relief via Thimar in Lebanon supporting Syrian refugees; rebuilding of the local church in Bardai, Chad, washed away in floods; for peoples in Bangladesh, Afghanistan, north east India and Nepal suffering natural disasters.

## Ascension Day

As I write, it is Ascension Day. We remember that after his resurrection Jesus rose into heaven to the throne of God. As he left his disciples he gave them a job to do - to be his witnesses starting where they were and out "to the ends of the earth". Which is what they did, and it is why we ourselves became believers, why the church of Jesus Christ exists today. St Paul described this event in Ephesians 4:7-13 picturing it a bit like a Roman general's triumphant victory parade - the victor giving out gifts to his followers. These gifts are not medals but spiritual gifts, abilities that will help to build the church, to carry on the task of witnessing to the power of Jesus to change lives.

The task continues, Jesus continues to equip his people for works of service. We thank God for the gifts he has given our church, the musicians and teachers, cooks and leaders, and many more. We pray particularly at this time as we are seeking the Lord about the ways he may want to strengthen our team. We are prayerfully considering whether we should be seeking individuals to fill paid roles in order to fulfil our mission. However, we should also be seeking within ourselves the gifts he has given so that we can perform 'works of service' he has prepared for us.

The work continues, the Great Commission of Jesus to make disciples here in Folkestone and Capel, and to the ends of the earth.

### Oasis in the Desert - Ladywell Retreat Centre Away-Day Led by Linda Chamberlain

*Saturday 20 September 2025 10 am–4 pm*  
*Ladywell Retreat Centre, Godalming, GU7 1ST*  
Cost £28 per person (include lunch & refreshments) – Contact Sally Pollard by the 22<sup>nd</sup> August to reserve a place  
[pollard3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pollard3@hotmail.co.uk), tel: 01483 428646.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 @ 6:00pm

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**Pastoral Care in Challenging Times -Sat 14 June 2025, 9.30am-1pm : Andy Peck.**

**South Eastern Baptist Association : Events**

**Messy Vintage:** Due to holiday there will not be a Messy Vintage on Thursday 29 May; next MV is Thursday 12 June 2.30pm at Capel Baptist Church, all welcome.

**And**

**Messy Church:** 2nd Saturday of the month at 3pm, at St Randigund's Church, Capel. Families with young children welcome. Craft, bible story and tea.

**Revd Joth Hunt**

**SEBA Regional Minister & Team Leader: To review his recent reflection go to**

South Eastern Baptist Association: News from the Team

If you are interested in challenging subjects such as apologetics or faith and science, visit this web site. [The Forum of Christian Leaders online](#)

## Notices

**June**

**14<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Folkestone Symphony Holy Trinity 7:30

**14<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Pastoral Care in Challenging Times

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Whitsun Celebration, Harbour Church

**July**

**5<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Walk and Talk

**September**

**20<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Singing and Sausages

**November**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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  
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 4<sup>th</sup> June - Psalm 70

## Contact Information

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