

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight" Proverbs 3:5-6



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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. Bunny.

Friends and Family:

Chris R. Barbara J. Cloudie. Doreen W.

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: Dover Road. Capel: Albany Road.

Local: Pray for the coast guards and other emergency services this weekend.

National: Pray for mothers affected by maternity unit errors across the land. Pray for those travelling at the weekend and for safety in the hot weather.

International: Pray the situation across the Middle East and that the USA does not escalate matters. Pray for countries in East Africa that there will be political calm; for Haiti and the on going conflict; for peace in Ukraine and that Europe can remain united in its support; pray for Kenya as it tackles domestic violence, alcohol abuse and hopelessness; Hospice Africa following the death of its founder, Anne Merriman.

BMS Prayer News

Pray: Thank God for the successful recruitment of professionals from the Global Church. Pray for the on going recruitment process; those serving in person and remotely to support local partners across the world; the recruitment of a physiotherapist, oncologist, general surgeon and radiology technicians to serve at Guinebor II; for the office staff supporting those in the field; for overseas volunteers

"When anxiety was great within me,
Your consolation brought me joy." Psalm 94

We live in anxious times. War is talked all over the world. Missiles fly between Israel and Iran. Even the summer weather we are enjoying may be a result of climate change. Everyone is looking for consolation. Some, perhaps all of us, seek it in distraction. Distractions can be helpful. I find it very useful in managing chronic pain, to find other things to focus on.

The trouble is that many of our current distractions actually reduce our ability to focus. I find myself doing three things at once and not really able to focus on any of them! I have recently been trying to make a practice of reading an old fashioned book, it relaxes me partly because it completely absorbs me. I can't be distracted from my distraction! In Psalm 27 the writer, David, fears being attacked and besieged. Yet he finds confidence in God. He longs to be in the temple worshipping God, focusing on him completely.

As followers of Jesus we have become part of the new temple that Jesus is building; "Living stones". We can "gaze on his beauty" anywhere. Most of us battle distraction in prayer, yet if we give it time the distracted anxious thoughts will settle - or turn in to prayers themselves. As we spend time with him things take on their proper proportions and his consolations bring us joy.

CHURCH MEETING

The next Meeting will be on 27th July,
not 20th as previously listed

RAINBOW CENTRE

Fashion Show and Afternoon Tea
Saturday 5th July 3:00-5:00 pm

St Martin's Church, Horn Street. Cheriton.
All funds to the Rainbow Centre

Free tickets for CRE 2025

Enjoy a day of discovery and meet CCLI and 150 other exhibitors at Sandown Park, Esher, 15-16 October. Save up to £8 per person

<https://ccli.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=509209ff0b10a1c5b351d1a86&id=5cf7e3d774&e=6da3acf385>

An Interview with Prof John Lennox
<https://foclonline.org/interview/elf-interview-professor-john-lennox>

Katy is on annual leave from 22nd to 30th June.
Contact: Emma, Pam or members of the leadership team for Pastoral matters.

Retirement News

Pastor Chris Ruddle has now officially retired

He is happy to be contacted on
07818728621

If he is feeling unwell he may not answer

The Fight of Your Life

John Stevens
Christian Focus

John Stevens has been the National director of the Fellowship of independent Evangelical Churches since 2010. He also teaches at several Bible Schools and Theological Colleges.

He has written this very interesting and engaging small book exploring and explaining Temptation based predominantly on Romans. What it is and what it is not. In short temptation is not sin, sin occurs when the temptation becomes an action. We are tempted because we live in a fallen world and are continually being bombarded with the encouragement and opportunity to sin. If we remain faithful to God and fight to keep Temptation at bay we will avoid sinning and feeling dirty and a failure. We are all tempted, but we do not all succumb.

Notices

June

28th Sunday: Whitsun Celebration, Harbour Church

July

5th Saturday: Walk and Talk

27th Sunday: Church meeting after service

September

20th Saturday: Singing and Sausages

November

1st Saturday: Bulbs and Bites

Tea and Coffee after the Service

Fifth Sunday

29th June is a 5th Sunday.

Volunteers required to set up and serve

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

Saturday: 2nd Saturday of the month – Messy Church, Capel

Sunday: Church Service 10:30 am
1st Sunday – All Age Service
3rd Sunday - Communion

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 25th June - Psalm 73

Preacher this week: Russell Braund.

Graham Thompson sends his greetings to everyone who remembers him.

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Full fibre broadband at Hill Road

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