

"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:

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: Park View. Capel: Clarence Road.

Local: Pray for those finishing school and now waiting for exam results.

National: Pray for peace of mind for those on PiP payments.

International: Pray for the work of Everylife International in Kenya and Uganda; that the cease fire offer in Palestine is fair to both sides and not just third parties; the safety of believers in Vietnam; people affected by floods in northern Thailand; thanks and praise for the growing church movement in Latin America and Caribbean. Pray for the ongoing struggles in DRC and South Sudan (and many other countries); pray for the Evangelical witness across Europe and claim Europe for God.

BMS Prayer News

Pray: thank God for the relationship between BMS and the Baptist Unions and Simon Baker in the chair; for the Baptist World Alliance Global Congress in Brisbane, Australia; Kang-San Tan, BMS' General Director; thank you for former missionaries and their reunion in July; Alan Donalson, General Secretary of the European Baptist Federation; the new ways of serving together for all mission movements across the world.

Fears for Tears

Much has been made this week of the Chancellor of the Exchequer appearing in the House of Commons in tears. It was apparently a private distress but seen in public. As she explained it "When I have a bad day it's on the telly." Unfortunately, because of her position it gave rise to speculation and even affected that mysterious force 'the markets'.

Personally I have never thought of tears as a bad thing. Perhaps it is because ministry often brings me into contact with the grieving. It seems to me that when you are sad, weeping is the most natural thing you can do. We might think that the era of the British stiff upper lip has come to an end, but we still see weeping as a sign of weakness. Jesus himself wept. He grieved openly for the death of a friend. Those short words in John's gospel, "Jesus wept" are strangely encouraging to me. Jesus - the strongest person the world has known - was able to weep. He was "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53). In ancient times, tears were regarded as precious and thought to have healing properties. Ancient people collected them in tiny bottles. "Put my tears in your bottle: are they not in your book." (Psalm 56:8) God takes note of all our tears and sorrows. He understands and responds with compassion until one day there will be no more sorrows, no more tears. Meanwhile, perhaps we should not fear tears.

Tea and Coffee after the Service

Help to set up coffee/tea on the 13th July, and to serve on the 13th July.

Volunteers please

NHS Plan

The Government have published their 10 year plan for the NHS.

A lot sounds like plans we have tried before
It can be found on the Government website.

C. S. Lewis's imagination was triggered by his awakening to beauty in his world. In time, he recognised that God was behind beauty and was wooing His creatures to Himself through it. Consequently, in his own literary art, Lewis sought to employ the imagination to awaken and point his readers to God. Find out more here: [C.S. Lewis, Beauty, and the Imagination](#)

Pastor Mick (Fleming)

Read an interview with Pastor Mick, a drug dealer turned Anglican Minister

<https://www.seenandunseen.com/book-those-who-didnt-live-happily-ever-after>

and the BBC article
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/stories-55273677>

CHURCH MEETING

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

Shepway Food Bank, currently based in Hythe, are required to find new premises from which to operate, comprised of the following location requirements:

- **Discreet and Secure**
- **Floor space 250 square metres (Minimum)**
- **Easy ground level access**
- **Parking for distribution vehicles to load and unload**
- **Parking for volunteer vehicles**
- **Accessible Bus Route for volunteers**
- **Toilets and wash facilities**
- **Electricity**

This is an important and valuable service to our community and an integral part of the Rainbow Centre's operation.

If you know of any property that may fit the bill and be of interest, please contact:

Wendy Lehnert

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Website: shepway.foodbank.org.uk

Notices

July

27th Sunday: Church meeting after service

September

20th Saturday: Singing and Sausages

October

15-16th Wednesday and Thursday CRE, Sandown Park

November

1st Saturday: Bulbs and Bites

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 9th July - Psalm 75

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