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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. Sondella. 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: Dallas Brett Cres. Capel: Capel Street.

**Local:** Pray for families as they go away on holiday and those who remain at home that they all find enjoyment

**National:** Pray for staff at Spurgeon's College following its closure this week..

**International:** Pray for Nicaraguan Christians following persecution from the National Government; regular threats to the life of Christians in many areas of the world; thanks and joy for all those coming to the Lord in places such as North Korea; for reconciliation. A quiet revolution in relationships between Jewish and Arab Christians in Israel and Gaza.

### BMS Prayer News

Pray: Roger and Ingrid Hamlet and their children as they settle in Chad, for their ongoing language studies in Arabic and French and relationships with local staff and colleagues; improved facilities at G2 hospital; Lucia Bastos as she works on the Finance process; Ousman and Dia and their new learnt ability with ultrasound; wisdom and unity for Governing Boards; education around childbirth in local villages; Claire Bedford's faithful service.

## Stormy weather

The weather forecast is promising storms again. It's certainly a bit muggy. Life can feel a bit stormy too. Bad news comes at us like a storm out of a summer sky. As it happens, both my Bible reading this morning and the thought for the day on Radio 4 were about a day when Jesus and his disciples were caught in a sudden storm as they crossed Lake Galilee in a small boat. As the boat pitches and rolls Jesus is sleeping. He is completely calm and still amid the fear and noise. When He is awakened He doesn't join in the general panic and shouting but instead His stillness and calm is transferred to the weather! "Peace be still." The human Jesus needed his sleep as we all do. However God neither "slumbers nor sleeps" (Ps121:4) As our risen Lord we know that he is always watching over us. However, He is never rushed or worried, always calm. "The still point of the turning world" (TS Eliot, "Burnt Norton") when we call out to Him, He speaks peace to us too.

For me, the anchor, the steady point, is "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever". Hebrews 13:8. If you want to see 'Red Erratic' it's close to the lighthouse on the Harbour Arm. It is of course dependent on the tide and the weather!

### Messy Vintage

Next Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> August  
Speak to Pam Barr or Belinda Walker  
for more details.

The heart of the gospel, is not a set of beliefs alone, but is the unfolding story of God's redeeming love for all creation. Victor Nakah reflects, using the Seoul Statement, on how the gospel forms our identity, shapes our worship, calling us into a life of mission and justice.

Be renewed in your love for the gospel and your calling to live it out in every context of life and mission.

[Watch the video](#)

[Dive deeper into the Seoul Statement](#)

### Invitations to the Church Anniversary

The leadership team are wishing to compile a list of guests to send postal invitations to for the anniversary celebration. If you are in touch with any previous ministers, workers or people who have served the Church in the past and think they would like to receive an invitation please give the details to Patsy who is compiling the list.

### Summer Sundays at Folkestone Baptist Church

#### Animal Tales



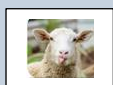
3<sup>rd</sup> August: Don't be a Donkey



10<sup>th</sup> August: Whale of a Cruise

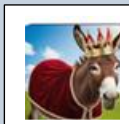


17<sup>th</sup> August: Who ordered a Takeaway



24<sup>th</sup> August: Lost and Found

31<sup>st</sup> August: Here comes the King



Lest We Forget the Loss of Life in Far Away Places:

[Nigerians plead for an end to rampant murder | Seen & Unseen](#)

### Struggling with God, Mental Health and Christian Spirituality

by Christopher C. H. Cook, Isabelle Hamley and John Swinton SPCK

Dr Ruth Bancewicz says "This is a fantastic introduction for anyone in a church context who is trying to get to grips with our mental health pandemic. It includes practical advice and good theology from some experienced contributors."

### Notices

#### August

7<sup>th</sup> Thursday: Messy Church, Capel

#### September

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

#### October

15-16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday and Thursday CRE, Sandown Park

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Healthcare Sunday

#### November

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: Bulbs and Bites

Elief in an Age of Crisis: Chine McDonald, Francis Spufford and Lamorna Ash discuss

[Re-Enchanting... Live at Bradford Literature Festival | Seen & Unseen](#)

### 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month – Messy Church 2:30-4:30 Capel

Sunday: Church Service 10:30 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – All Age Service  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> August Psalm 79

### Contact Information

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Weekly news sheets and sermons are now available on our website.

#### Full fibre broadband at Hill Road

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

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