

"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. 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: Hollands Avenue.
Capel: Lancaster Avenue.

Local: Pray for safety on the roads and in the sea this Bank Holiday

National: Pray for those who have lost their jobs in the steel industry; those affected by the abuse from a priest in Yorkshire.

International: Pray for Christians in Mozambique and for peace and political stability; for the release of 7 Pastors from prison in Eritrea; for secret believers in Afghanistan; for Global Health Partnerships and the recent initiative in Scotland; for Christians in China and the new regulations affecting visiting Christians; medical students National Conference in Nigeria- that all will be blessed and kept safe; peace in areas of conflict Cambodia/ Thailand; Ukraine/ Russia; Israel/ Palestine and Lebanon; Yemen; Sudan; Burkina Faso; Uganda; Nigeria; Haiti and many others.

Thought for the week

Last week I took a couple of days off to visit Bletchley Park with a group of friends. There is something fascinating about the stories now being told of the people who worked tirelessly gathering translating and interpreting the intelligence that eventually shortened the Second World War. These people never talked even to their dearest and nearest and kept their secrets for decades. It was in places including Bletchley Park that saw the beginning of the computer science that is now transforming the world we live in. Most of us carry in our pockets computers more powerful than the "boffins" of Bletchley could dream of. What hasn't changed however is the human heart. Sadly, once again war rages in Europe with all the great sorrow and pain that entails. We live in a world that is both wonderful and terrible and in the secret places of our hearts there are seeds of both wonder and terror. Who can solve this enigma?

The message of the Bible is that there is one who knows all secrets. He sees the best and worst of us. That is an awesome thought and somewhat daunting. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely." (Psalm 139 verse four) He is also the one who has adopted me as his child, who loves me completely. An ancient prayer puts it well.

Almighty God

To whom all hearts are open

All desires known

And from whom no secrets are hidden

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit

That we may love you completely

And rightly magnify your holy name

(The collect for purity, this version Alternative Service Book 1980)

BMS Prayer News

Pray: for staff of the International Baptist Theological Study Centre, Amsterdam for creativity, motivation, vision and strength; for the online learning network, financial and personnel support; for opportunities for people from the Global South (Majority World) to be involved; for Baptist churches in North East India, for that God would raise a great missional movement, and that BMS can assist; Dave and Michele Mahon and there work on ILC in Peru; for a truly intercultural mission across the Globe

Free Webinars on contemporary problems:
<https://foconline.org/webinars>

Ride and Stride Saturday 13th September
See Gareth House for further details

Church Services in August

24th August: Lost and Found
31st August: Here Comes the King

Read Graham Tomlin's Letter to Kemi Badenhook
: <https://www.seenandunseen.com/dear-kemi-about-lost-faith>

Global Week of Prayer from the 1st-7th September.

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/10037838082976993>

Churches together in Folkestone to the 24/7 online prayer room where we will commit ourselves to pray during the whole week and finish the week by coming together on Sunday 7th September for an evening of prayer and praise at Harbour church at 6pm.

To sign up go to <https://pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/f765d1> choose the day and time slot and fill your name in to show that you're committing to pray for that particular time. If you are free to take more than one time slot! Feel free to be greedy in prayer! We're inviting you to join us for what we believe will be a significant week as we partner with 24/7 prayer to see a Global wave of prayer for our world. **Will you join us?**

Do you enjoy your Coffee and Tea?

The Sunday Rota needs some new volunteers to serve your coffee and tea after the service.

There will be occasions when setting up is also required.

If you can help, please speak to a member of the Leadership Team.

GodPod

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<https://www.seenandunseen.com/godpod-seen-unseen>

Notices

August

25th Monday: Church Ramble

September

1st Monday 7th Sunday: Global Week of Prayer

13th Saturday: Ride and Stride

20th Saturday: Singing and Sausages

October

5th Sunday: CTF Well Life SKCC Church Hall

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 2:30-4:30 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 27th August Psalm 82

25th August Bank Holiday Church Ramble

We will start and finish our ramble in historic Sandwich, taking in part of the River Stour as we go, concluding with a pub lunch. Please speak to Paul or Helen if you are interested, as lunch will need to be pre-booked!

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