

"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, Sue B.

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 in the many areas of FBC ministry.

Roads around FBC: Beatty Road. Capel: Sea View Close.

Local: Pray for local Hospitals as they struggle to provide care with dignity to local people.

National: Calm following the murder of Jews in Manchester. Pray for their families and safety of other members of the Jewish faith in the UK.

International: Pray peace in Gaza and that any peace deal will benefit all sides and not disenfranchise any groups; Christians that continue to be attacked across the world particularly in many African countries; for people affected by the earthquake in the Philippines following the earthquake. The floods in Bangladesh and India, gang violence in Haiti, and political unrest in Latin America.

Winter Shelter Dedication Service

Saturday, 29 November at 6 pm
St. Eanswythe's Church, Folkestone.

Followed by Refreshments

Project-Based Thinking: Managing Tasks and Communication to Execute Your Strategy

<https://foconline.org/users/andrea-aresca>

Thursday, 9 October
18.00 - 19.00 London Time

Harvest

This Sunday we celebrate Harvest Festival. It is one of my favourite times of the year. In the Autumn we see the flourishing of all that has been worked for during the year. Fruit ripens, potatoes are dug up, hedgerows are bright with berries and the leaves put on vivid colours.

It is a good moment to pause and give thanks. As the seasons turn we are reminded of the faithfulness of God. He never stops working for our good. We see that in the beauty of creation but also in the gospel story.

God created human beings to love him and each other, and to care for his world. But it has all gone wrong. Yet God never gives up, he continues to work for good in the world. He sent his son to repair and rebuild our relationship with Him.

"As long as the Earth endures" he promised Noah there would be "seedtime and harvest" (Genesis 8:22) God never gives up, never abandons us.

Want to know more from the South East Baptist Association

Videos and updates

<https://www.youtube.com/@southeasternbaptistassociation>

Christmas Shopping (Already)

Consider the Leprosy Mission

<https://www.theleprosymissionshop.com>

BMS Prayer News

Pray for free and fair elections in Bangladesh and a peaceful transition of power; that women in Bangladesh will experience freedom and healing via trauma and empowerment workshops run by the Bangladesh Baptist Church Sangha; trainees at BBSC mission training centre who are planting new churches and that groups of new believers will be established; wisdom for Louise and Peter Lynch, BMS workers, supporting BBSC; for John Karmakar, BBSC General Secretary to have wisdom and protection during these unsettled times; for the faculty at the Christian College of Theology, Bangladesh, pray for Pastor Jyoti as she returns from study overseas; pray that newly trained mission workers will have the resources they need to start and be sustained in their work.

What does the Bible say about Mental Health?

Come and Find out
Sunday 5th October 6pm
SKCC Church Hall

Latest News from Paul and Sarah Brown

Thank you for your support for BMS World Mission and your partner mission workers.

To access their prayer letter, click here!

Hard copies are available from the Large table in the Concourse

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Eden.co.uk

Raise money for Compassion, and Home for Good

https://www.eden.co.uk/christian-christmas-cards/?site_id=229644&utm_medium=email&utm_source=action&utm_campaign=229644&utm_user=Q2Jsi4noUb

Equipped to Preach

An 8 session training course to equip you to effectively preach God's word
Contact andy@seba-baptist.org.uk asap

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Saturday 15th November
Witney, Oxfordshire

Hosted by Open Doors.

Information can be found at
www.opendoorsuk.org

Notices

October

9th Thursday: Lunches recommence
15-16th Wednesday & Thursday CRE, Sandown Park

19th Sunday: Healthcare Sunday
<https://www.cmf.org.uk/health-and-care-sunday/>

November

1st Saturday: Bulbs and Bites
29th Saturday: Winter Shelter Dedication

December

25th Thursday: Christmas Day

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 1st November Psalm 87

Thursday Lunches

Due to volunteer absences Thursday lunches are taking a break until 9th October.

Evangelism Podcasts from London City Mission

<https://www.lcm.org.uk/resources/podcasts/>
<https://lausanne.org/occasional-paper/digital->

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Full fibre broadband at Hill Road

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