

"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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Peace on Earth

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: Browning Place. Capel: George Close.

Local: Pray for the team working towards the Winter Shelter in Folkestone. The family of a couple imprisoned in Iran.

National: Pray for the new archbishop. That she will lead the Anglican Communion with wisdom and stay true to the word of God.

International: Pray that the peace deal in Gaza and ill deliver a just peace for all parties; pray for Christians facing the effect of the anti conversion law in Rajasthan; churches in sub-Saharan Africa facing attacks from Islamist groups; Christians that continue to be attacked across the world particularly in many African countries; Christians meeting in secret in Mauritania and charities serving vulnerable women; Tearfund working with women from Ukraine suffering domestic violence.

At last it seems there is a glimmer of hope for peace in Israel and Gaza. The world holds its breath to see if the ceasefire will hold.

There is of course a great deal more to peace than an end to the firing but it is at least a start. There is dancing in the streets at the hope that captives will be set free, that the bombs will stop falling and much needed food aid will flow to Gaza. We add our prayers for a lasting peace and a just resolution to those of the whole world. The scriptures tell of a time when "He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will bear their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning books. Nations will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more." (Isaiah 2:4)

Clearly that time is not yet, but it is a time which is coming. It is the time Jesus called the Kingdom of God. How the world longs for that time to come. In the meantime the Apostle Paul writes "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

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 that local churches across the world will be places of welcome to displaced peoples; Arab Baptist Theological Seminary and Bethlehem Bible College who train ministry leaders and are a blessing to their communities; for the work of Middle East Concern in their support of marginalized persecuted Christians; the work that All4Aid does in supporting women in the refugee camp on the Island of Lesbos; for the work of the Migration Commission of the European Baptist Federation will encourage European churches to support and welcome migrants; for asylum seekers where ever they are from and what ever stage of the complex and dangerous journey they are in.

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

Church Meeting
Sunday 12th October
12pm after the morning service

The Winter Shelter will run from December 1 to February 28 this year. Volunteers are needed to cook, deliver meals to the hotel, and serve meals, mix with guests and wash up. Training available. If you are interested please contact andrew.bragg@rainbow-centre.org for more details. Speak to Belinda about what is involved if you are unsure at this stage whether this is for you or not and want to find out more before applying

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

15-16th Wednesday & Thursday CRE, Sandown Park

15th Wednesday: Global Handwashing Day

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 3:00-4:30 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 15th October Psalm 88

Leadership Qualities

<https://foclonline.org/talk/leading-integrity-and-vulnerability>

Evangelism Podcasts from London City Mission

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

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