



## 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. Pauline S. Cloudie and Tracy

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:** Crete Way Cl. ; Capel: Capel Street.

**Local:** Pray health care workers in all health settings

**National:** Pray for those for whom Christmas is a time of loneliness and fear. Pray for a strong just Government that will protect all people (including the sick and dying).

**International:** Pray protection of Christians in Myanmar, India, North Korea, Nigeria, Nicaragua, Pakistan and many other countries; that Christ's presence will become known to bring peace to the situation in the Caribbean, Yemen, Palestine, Lebanon amongst others; for Tearfund, Barnabas Aid, Leprosy Mission and Open doors who witness for Christ; the work of Medicine Education International providing training to medical students and doctors; for the work of the Smiles Foundation and that God will be with the team as they succession plan. Pray for the vulnerable, poor, widows and refugees across the world.

## A time to reflect

The first Sunday after Christmas, hangs in mid air. It is also the last Sunday of the current year, and in the Catholic year it is known as the Feast of the holy Family. A time of reflection after the business of Christmas. A time to reflect on what the true meaning of the last few days and take in the enormity of what we have celebrated! God has come down to dwell with us. He has laid aside his deity and supreme powers to live as a man, the man-God. Fully human, yet fully God.

Jesus is not 'new', He has been present since before time, He is fully God. All things were created through Him and He is the first born of the new creation. He has come to earth to reconcile humans to God, to be our Saviour sibling His life, death and resurrection ensure that we, who believe, will ultimately be in the presence of God, will live with Him for ever in the new Jerusalem. What a prospect, what reassurance. What a gift to us, and all we have to do is say thank you and yes please. No hidden tricks, no caveats, no tasks to complete, and no uncertainty. God's selfless behaviour ensures that God, humans and the whole of creation will live in harmony for evermore.

## Notices

### December

26<sup>th</sup> Friday to 1<sup>st</sup> January: Pastor's leave

January

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: Walk of Kings

## BMS Prayer News

Give thanks for God's continued provision for BMS World Mission and pray for ongoing guidance; Pray that BMS will always seek to put God at the centre; Praise for the expansion of the Global Church and for the work of the Holy Spirit in creating believers; Pray that BMS will continue to build new partnerships and strengthen old. Give thanks for the clear vision and mission that God has given BMS for the future and pray that BMS will empower Christians to share God's love and peace; Give thanks for the Global workforce to deliver a Global Mission; Pray for wisdom and guidance of BMS trustees and all workers at BMS head office.

## Walk of Kings 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026.

Start anywhere, Finish at St Mary and St Eanswythe's Church at Noon.

See Churches together website

The fifth **Advent candle** represents birth of Jesus the **Christ**. Light, hope and new beginnings

The candle is white.

The green wreath symbolises the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

## Christmas Message from Joth Hunt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8G76ROqej5A>

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### Volunteers Required

Sunday Collection counting team

Sunday Coffee/Tea Rota

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### Christian Medical Fellowship Head of Global Ministries vacancy

[https://www.cmf.org.uk/vacancy/head-global-ministries/?mc\\_cid=d8036c617a&mc\\_eid=15a01d8331](https://www.cmf.org.uk/vacancy/head-global-ministries/?mc_cid=d8036c617a&mc_eid=15a01d8331)

### Luke 2:28-32 (New International Version)

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

## 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 (3:00pm) alternate weeks in Capel

Friday: Craft Club: 2-4pm 1st Friday of the month

Saturday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month – Messy Church 3:00-4:30 Capel

Sunday: Church Service 10:30 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – All Age Service  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Communion

**Ladies' Socials:** See notices

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> December Psalm 99

### The night the soul might feel its worth again

Read here:

<https://www.seenandunseen.com/night-soul-might-feel-its-worth-again>

## Contact Information

### Pastoral matters:

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