



Prayer points

Pastoral:

In Hospital:

Rehabilitation: making good progress

At home: Edith, Madeleine, Gloria, Chris, Ruth, Wilf A, Pauline S. Di & Harold H. Bunney P. Sue B.

Friends and Family:

Barbara J. Doreen W (now in Hawkinge House).

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: Dallas Brett Cres; Capel: Victoria Road.

Local: Local health services and their staff at this time of increased pressures.

National: pray for honesty in politics; continue to pray for their Lordships as they scrutinize the Assisted Suicide Bill.

International: Pray: For an end to Female Genital Mutilation; peaceful elections in Thailand and that the military and others will accept the result; the people of Ukraine as Russian attacks have damaged power infrastructure as temperatures drop to -20°C; for Christians in Iran; the people of Greenland; survivors of the recent bombing in Pakistan and killings in Nigeria; that violence will stop in Gaza.

Amidst the slew of dreadful news this week you may have missed one remarkable story. Teenager Austin Appleby of Australia swam for hours to get help for his mother and siblings when they were swept out to sea. Austin's feat has been described as "superhuman".

Austin himself said "I don't think it was me who did it. It was God the whole time." He kept himself going by praying, singing Christian songs and thinking about his friends and his loved ones. He also promised the Lord that he would get baptised.

Amazingly, Austin reached land and was able to get help before passing out with exhaustion. Rescuers were just in time to find his mother, brother and sister.

The story had a happy ending.

Human beings have incredible resources. God has made us 'fearfully and wonderfully'. (Psalm 139:14). The Winter Olympics start this week. I'm sure there will be incredible and beautiful feats of strength, skill and endurance.

Yet undoubtedly his faith in God was one of the factors that enabled a young lad to keep on swimming until he found help. Courage, determination and love are all part of this story. There are many tales of the worst in human nature - but there is hope that we can know something better.

The New Covenant Implications for Ministry Today

With Peter Mead

<https://foclonline.org/talk/new-covenant-implications-ministry-today>

Notices

Saturdays: Ladies Socials – see notice

February

11th Wednesday: Leadership Team meeting

March

1st Sunday: All Age Service

22nd Sunday: Church Meeting

April

25th Saturday: Partners in Mission Crawley BC.

BMS Prayer News

Pray for Nepal as the country prepares for elections; thank God for BMS ministries in Chad (public health, malaria and trauma); increased donor support for JLH (BMS partner) in Uganda; church and mobilization programmes (CCM) training facilitators to support local churches to find practical solutions to local problems; for BMS staff in the Hope for the World team (Wahome, Nicola, Sarah, Gladys); training of CCM facilitators in Sierra Leone.

How an unlikely little movement outlasted the ancient gods

With: Benjamin Schliesser

<https://www.seenandunseen.com/how-unlikely-little-movement-outlasted-ancient-gods>

NHS App

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Volunteers Required

Sunday Collection counting team

Sunday Coffee/Tea Rota

To Join the music group - speak to Emma

South East Baptist Association

Prayer and Fasting Day
26th March 2026
9-4:30

contact: Hazel at prayer@freshstreams.net

<https://freshstreams.net/events/prayer-fasting-march>

Ladies Social Events All occur on Saturdays

28th March 5pm - 7pm Easter Crafts

9th May 2pm - 4pm Share to Wear

4th July 2pm - 5pm Walk and Talk

19th September 7pm - 9pm Singing and Sausages

7th November 3pm - 5pm Relax, Refresh, Recharge

December 3pm - 6pm Christmas Crafts

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

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

Saturday: 2nd Saturday of the month – Messy Church 3:00-4:30 Capel
Prayer breakfast 9:30 Last Saturday of the month. Capel.

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

Ladies' Socials: See notices

Prayer Box

If 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 11:30am, or pray for the church where you are. Thursday 12th February Psalm 104

Sunday March 1st

All age Service, church parade and a chance for children, young people and parents to discuss the possibility of recruiting a youth and families worker.

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