

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” Romans 15:13



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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 P. 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:** Brabner Close; Capel: Lancaster Avenue.

**Local:** Pray for the witness of churches over the Easter period

**National:** Pray for those affected by abuse of any kind; tolerance between those of different faiths and none.

**International:** Pray for those suffering the effects of flood sin Mozambique; for the poor affected by the rise in fuel costs; those suffering with poverty across the world; pray for justice; for the government in Afghanistan as it enacts a harsher regulations against freedom; for those still suffering the effects of the earthquake one year ago in Myanmar; for the work of Open doors, Tearfund, Barnabas Aid and many others in places of need; for the end of conflict across the world and truth to prevail.

Minister's annual leave.  
Katy is away until 30th March. Pastoral calls in the meantime to Emma or members of the leadership team.

## Notices

**Saturdays: Ladies Socials – see notice**

### April

**2nd-5<sup>th</sup>:** Easter Weekend

**25<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Partners in Mission Crawley BC.  
Book on SEBA website

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, a time, when we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. A time of celebration, when He was fêted by a large crowd laying their cloaks and palm branches on the ground before Him, recognising Him as the Son of David, King of Kings and coming in the name of the Lord welcoming in to the city. He was riding on a young donkey. The donkey is often portrayed as a lowly beast a beast of burden. In Judges are told of Jair who had 30 sons riding 30 donkeys and Abdon had forty sons and thirty grandsons and they rode 70 donkeys.

Riding on the donkey was symbolic on two fronts. It was the fulfilment of prophecy (Zechariah 9:9), and was also an understated 'action parable', the donkey a beast of burden that often suffered for others echoed Jesus mission from God to come not as a mighty pompous warrior but as a 'suffering servant' willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice of laying down His life for others (John 15:13).

Jesus was a King, the Messiah, the expected one of Israel. Many were looking for their Messiah to arrive on a warhorse, a sign of authority and aggression. But He entered the city on a donkey; a common work animal used by the common people and only by kings when they came in peace. Jesus had come in peace bringing salvation through humility and sacrifice.

Although He came in peace, Jesus was a threat to the world order, a threat to the status quo. He was greater than them all, yet chose to remove all His trappings of power to come as a humble servant, to reconcile us to God. He was aware that the crowd would change and that He would be crucified a week later yet He still went forward to complete His Father's plan.

Let us take this time to reflect at this time of Joy knowing that a greater celebration and victory is to come all because Jesus was willing to sacrifice Himself for us. "Hosanna to the King of Kings, the Son of David!"

## BMS Prayer News

Pray for energy and safety of staff working in the Social Development Services Unit, Thailand; for the change of leadership when the CO Rev Tewin Somcht retires in April; stamina for Judy Cook and colleagues providing admin support to the SDSU; for the protection of children and young people in Hope Home; give thanks for the rehabilitation team that assessed and provided plans for all the residents; for the women who take on mothering roles for children that are not their own; for the role of Rev Jaruan Wutti and Santisuk Church in their support for Hope Home.

## Recovering Biblical Christianity: The evangelical antidote to Rome

With Leonardo Chirico

<https://foclonline.org/short-talk/recovering-biblical-christianity-evangelical-antidote-rome>

### Easter at FBC

**Maundy Thursday:** 2nd April, 7pm. The Lord's Supper

**Good Friday:** 3rd April. Churches Together

10.30am: Town Centre service outside the Town Hall/Cinema (just down from the usual place due to building work)

11.30am: Crosses walk to Sugarloaf Hill, followed by Prayer and Worship

### Capel.

**Good Friday:** 3pm Service. Capel Baptist Church, Capel Street.

**Easter Sunday:** 5th April. Easter Sunday worship at Hill Road and Capel Street.

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### To build another world, try living in a community

With Tom Rippon

[https://www.seenandunseen.com/build-another-world-try-living-community?utm\\_source=os&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.seenandunseen.com/build-another-world-try-living-community?utm_source=os&utm_medium=email)

### Ladies Social Events All occur on Saturdays

9th May 5pm - 7pm 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  
Men's Group: 11am Chat and Bible study. Clifton Hotel

Saturday: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
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 11:30am, or pray for the church where you are. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Psalm 111

24-7 Prayer for the Middle East

[You can sign up here](#)

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