

“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 ; Katy's mother

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: Plimsoll Avenue; Capel: Hurst Lane.

Local: Pray for families struggling caring for loved ones with dementia.

National: Give thanks that many Assisted suicide bills have been defeated. Pray that they will not reappear soon.

International: Pray for the families of the remaining Chibok girls, it is 12 years since they were abducted; for Christians in Myanmar who face persecution from the Government and radical Buddhists; for Tearfunds' work in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe; for access to water in India as temperatures rise; for peace across the world and that tyrants will release money for healthcare and not war; Pray that the Pope will continue to speak out.

Notices

Saturdays: Ladies Socials – see notice

April

25th Saturday: Partners in Mission Crawley BC. Book on SEBA website

26th Sunday: Joth Hunt coming after the morning service

May

9th May Saturday: Christian Aid and Ladies' Social

10-16th: Christian Aid week

24th Sunday: Claire Bedford visiting Hill Road

As the sun shines in, we start to notice dusty corners. It's time to do a bit of spring cleaning. Well done to all those who turned out for the work morning at Hill Road on Saturday.

This week I tackled the dust and cobwebs in my study, ready for use. It's good to get the windows open and some air through the places that have become a little stale.

We are living in the period between Easter and Pentecost. The disciples of Jesus were absorbing the wonderful truth that Jesus was alive, yet they were also waiting for something else. The breath of the Holy Spirit was about to blow through them and spread the good news about Jesus to the whole world.

From a handful of people then, millions upon millions have found the joy of being followers of Jesus. The wind of the Spirit is still blowing through the world, tearing away the cobwebs of despair and sin.

Because Jesus is alive we have hope. Ever as we see the world growing darker, we know that our God is alive. The light will dawn. Time for spring cleaning, new beginnings, the Breath to come sweeping through.

Beauty, Art and the Bible

Andrew Fellows

<https://foclonline.org/talk/beauty-art-and-bible-christian-aesthetic-genesis-1-3>

BMS Prayer News

Thank the Lord for those who have left gifts and legacies to BMS recently; praise God for the Churches and individuals that encourage and support BMS mission; pray that the applications for grants will be granted by the Trustees of the relevant Trusts and that they can see God's hand in the work of BMS; thank God for the volunteer speakers who give time and energy to raise the profile of BMS; pray for new supporters from the younger generations; give thanks for the regular givers in time, prayer and money; thank God for the sacrificial giving of many.

Christian Aid Week: 10–16 May 2026



This year, we stand with families in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the harsh reality of urban poverty. In crowded informal settlements, many survive on less than a dollar a day, making basic food and school fees a constant struggle. By supporting Christian Aid Week, you help partners provide "urban farming" training. This empowers mothers to grow fresh vegetables in small spaces, providing vital nutrition and a sustainable income. **Change is possible.** Look out for our upcoming fundraising activities as we help our global neighbours turn hunger into hope.

Claire Bedford Prayer Letter

For all the latest news, prayer and praise points

There are some hard copies on the mission table in the foyer

New School

Come and hear more
6:00 pm Sunday 14th June 2026
Life Church

Steve Beegoo Head of Education for Christian Concern

Be better, be Punk

Noel Alexander

<https://www.seenandunseen.com/be-better-be-punk>

Ladies Social Events All occur on Saturdays

9th May 3pm - 6pm Share to Wear for Christian Aid
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: 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 23rd April Psalm 114

24-7 Prayer for the Middle East
[You can sign up here](#)

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