

"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. David S. Nellie.

Friends and Family:

Barbara J;

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 Ave; Capel: Old Dover Road

Local: pray for families with low incomes during the summer break.

National: Pray that the new Government Leadership Team will govern with Wisdom and Justice.

International: For those suffering from the recent earthquakes in Venezuela and Colombia and for the Churches and NGOs supporting them; those affected by floods in Bangladesh and Philippines; families affected by shootings at schools in Thailand, USA, Canada and the Philippines; peace in Gaza, Lebanon, Iran and the wider Middle East, Yemen; reduction of violence in South America; safety from Islamic raids in DRC, Nigeria and other African countries.

Global Week of Prayer

6-13th September 2026

Tuesday 8th SKCC 9:45-10:45; Cheriton Pentecostal Church 6pm

Wednesday 9th Harbour Church 12:30; Life Church 7pm

Thursday 10th Hill Road (FBC) 11:30-12:00

Friday 11th Rainbow Centre 13:00

BMS Prayer Points

Pray for the church in Lebanon that it may be a source of hope; for theological training equipping workers; for staff involved in training and students attended the courses; for Wissam Nasrallah in his leadership role in the Theological College.

Psalms 16 vs 11

You make known to me the path of life

You will fill me with joy in your presence

With eternal pleasures at your right hand

Have you ever felt lost? I love to go for countryside walks and one day I was following a clearly signposted path which stopped by a gate, with the sign pointing into a field. When I opened the gate and went through, the path had disappeared completely. I wasn't sure what to do but, feeling completely lost, picked my way along the edge, following the fence until I came to a stile on the other side. I climbed over, and, as I looked back, I could see a clear path going diagonally across the field from the gate on the other side. I had simply not seen it when I was down in the field, among the crop and thought I had got lost. Yet all the time the path was there.

Our lives can be like that at times. We seem to be following a clearly laid out path and feel sure we know where we are going – we will be noticed for a promotion at work, there will be only a few more years of frugality and the mortgage will be paid off, and our new baby will grow to be a well-rounded and loving person who brings joy to the family. And then the path disappears, we are made redundant, our mortgage payments increase to the point that we get into debt, and our new baby grows into a child who is the source of much difficulty and heartbreak.

It can be easy to think that God has abandoned us in a field of troubles from which there seems no way out. Yet God has a plan for all our lives. There are setbacks and detours and moments of wondering whether we will ever see the path God has for our lives again, moments when we feel God has led us into a place only to abandon us in it without any guidance, and with no way out.

But he does have a clear path for your life, even if you can't see it. If you have pledged to follow him, he will guide you and keep you. He wants to grow you into the person He wants you to become, for His glory and the glory of His Kingdom. The going can be tough but keep going – He's got you.

Thank you for all your prayers as I continue to recover following my cycling accident. David

Day of Prayer against Assisted Suicide – 10th September (Christian Institute)

1. Pray for COMPASSION: Pray for a revival of compassion in our society, that we would prioritise caring for sick people over seeking to help them end their lives.

2. Pray for COURAGE: Give thanks for those politicians already opposing the Bill and pray for more to find the courage to speak out.

3. Pray for CLARITY: Pray that politicians and journalists would understand the bitter reality of what this Bill would mean for the vulnerable and for the nature of the relationship between doctors and patients.

4. Pray for CONCERN: Many professionals have spoken out against the sheer unworkability of the proposals. Pray their voices will be heeded by the politicians who will be voting on Friday 11 September.

5. Pray for COOPERATION: Give thanks for the wide range of people and organisations, Christian and non-Christian, working hard to prevent the Bill becoming law. Pray for the effectiveness of their work with parliamentarians, in the media, and at a local level.

Youth and Families Worker

Pray for those that will be interviewing candidates, that they will have wisdom and discernment to appoint the right person.

Summer Teaching Series "Children of the Bible"

A series suitable for all ages. Come and learn from and about children who loved God.

Pastor's Annual Leave
17th August- 1st September 2026

For Pastoral issues contact Emma on 07956449658 or any member of the leadership Team

Ladies Social Events All occur on Saturdays

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 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 23rd August Psalm 123

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