

"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, Rupa and family.

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: Green Lane.; Capel:

Helena Road

Local: pray for all those that have been displaced from their homes by the fire at the Grand Burstin

National: Pray for the Government and the difficult decisions that frequently have to be made.

International: For Christians in the Cameroon who face violence from Boko Haram; for world leaders at the UN this week; remember health workers in DRC treating people with Ebola; people of Bihar, India, affected by flooding; for peace in the Middle East and access to Health Care; peace in Ukraine and that the conflict will not escalate to other countries; that across Europe dignity will be afforded to refugees and other marginalised groups.

"Great Expectations"

We are preparing for Harvest Festival. (4th October). We decorate and celebrate another year of God providing for us.

The Bible often uses farming as a source of images to describe what God is doing in the world. In particular there is a promise of a great Harvest at the end of the age when right and wrong are sorted out and everything is brought to fruition.

A farmer plants as an act of hope, the expectation that there will be a crop at the end of all his work. We are also called to hope in our motto for 2026. "May the God of hope will you will 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

We do our work for the Lord like a farmer planting seed in the hope that God will make it grow.

This Sunday is our AGM and Saturday our discernment day. We have the chance to look back and also to look forward in hope of what God may do with us. We are an ordinary little church with ordinary people. We may not do great things - but we have a great God and therefore we can have great expectations.

BMS Prayer Points

Pray for peace and stability in Chad; for G2 and the proposed orthotics and prosthetics dept; for Claire Bedford as she moves into the next phase of her life; for Carine who was admitted with a stroke and is making a slow recovery; for 2 year old Ousman who was admitted with a coma 37 days ago and is recovering for Lucia and Kalbassou who have busy roles in G2; Give thanks for the upgrade of the radiology department.

Diary

September

27th Sunday: AGM and Church Meeting FBC
29-30th Every Day Matters Conference

October

4th Sunday: Harvest Festival + Girl Guide's parade

10-18th National Week of Prayer

18th Sunday: Health Care Sunday

31st Saturday: Prayer Walk

All Age Harvest Festival

4th October

The Rainbow Centre has been requested to help support residents moved to temporary accommodation following the fire at the Grand Burstin Hotel. Toiletries (including shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste and shampoo) are particularly requested. If you are able to help please consider adding these items to your harvest offering.

Listening to the music of the soul

Saturday 14 November 2026; 6:30pm-8pm
Cathedral Lodge, Canterbury, CT1 2EH

Join the Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford, for the second annual Michael Ramsey Lecture, exploring how music and the arts can help us engage with the complexities of life and faith.

Booking is essential and spaces are limited.

Prayer Walk: 31st October

Capel Street to Hill Road,
Commence 9-9:30 (tbc) with prayer breakfast at Capel,. Then walk downhill, pausing at viewpoints to pray over Capel and Folkestone, finishing with coffee and prayer at FBC, Hill Road.

Not able to walk? Come and breakfast coffee or

National Week of Prayer: 10-18th October

"Return to me," declares the Lord Almighty, "and I will return to you." ~ Zechariah 1:3

<https://www.nationalweekofprayer.uk/>

Ladies Social Events All occur on Saturdays

7th November 3pm - 5pm Relax, Refresh, Recharge
December 3pm - 6pm Christmas Crafts

Taizé lunchtime prayer

Every Monday during choir term time
12:30pm-1pm
The Crypt, Canterbury Cathedral

The worship of Taizé is based on simple repetitive chants, the reading of scripture and silence.
Everyone is welcome.

Free to attend; but donations gratefully accepted.

Regular Church Events

Tuesday: House Groups

Thursday: Pray Pause 11:30
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 1st October 128

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