"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, Pauline S. Di & Harold H. Bunny P. Sue B. 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: Ivy Way; **Capel:** Victoria Road.

Local: pray for those living in Care Homes or who have carers at home.

National: Pray for families struggling to pay their bills. For the work of the Christian Institute

International: Pray for those affected by the train crash in Spain; that there will be peace in Serbia, Brazil and Israel after the elections; meaningful discussions for peace in Ukraine; peace also in Iran, Palestine, Yemen, Middle East, South Sudan; reduction in internal violence and conflict across Africa (particularly Nigeria) and Latin America; pray for the safety of health workers treating patients with the Ebola virus; give thanks for the NGOs helping provide healthcare and food to many resource poor nations.

Celebrating the Ordinary

This Sunday is All Saints Day. Baptists are traditionally not big on saints. You will rarely see a Baptist church named after a saint, or a famous person. In scripture, a saint or holy person is simply a follower of Jesus. In that sense we are all saints - holy because we belong to God not because we have done anything particularly "saintly" or heroic. Most of us are just normal people, a mixture of weaknesses and strengths trying to live out our faith in our ordinary lives.

It is good to look up to heroes, people who do extraordinary things. Some people when faced with extraordinary circumstances find the strength and courage to really make a difference. Yet the world is also full of ordinary heroes who made a difference, plodding on one step at a time, mostly unnoticed. Behind the men that walked on the moon, it turns out there was a team of mostly black women mathematicians who did the calculations that actually got them there!

The chances are that you are surrounded by everyday heroes. They are ordinary followers of Jesus who kept on showing up, showing kindness, sharing their faith. Sunday School teachers, cleaners and tea makers, the welcome team and the leadership team….
"They were all of them saints of God
And I mean,
God helping to be one too."
(I sing a song of the saints of God by Lesbia Scott)

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Diary

November
7th Saturday: An evening with Colonel Stewart - Godmersham
7th Saturday: Ladies' Social
8th Sunday: Last date for Shoe Box.
22nd Sunday: Church meeting and election of Officers and Deacons
29th Sunday: Advent Sunday

December
6th Sunday: All age Nativity (talk to Katy Ruddle)
15th Tuesday: Community Carols
17th Thursday: Christmas Lunch
25th Friday: Christmas Day

Operation Christmas Child

Provide a shoe box full of gifts for a child in need across the world. Can be done physically or on line. **Bring to FBC on 8th November**
https://wwwsamaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child

Ladies Social Events

All occur on Saturdays
7th November 3pm - 5pm Relax, Refresh Recharge
12th December 3pm - 6pm Christmas Crafts

ELECTION of CHURCH OFFICERS and DEACONS

The next **Church Meeting** will be held on **Sunday 22nd November** after the morning service. This will include the annual election of Church Officers and Deacons.

Nominations are requested for the following:
Church Officers (annual appointments):
Church Administrator: This position is currently unoccupied.

Church Treasurer: Boaz Nyika is current Treasurer and is eligible for re-election

Pastor at Capel: Pam Barr is the current Pastor and is eligible for re-election.

Deacons (three-year appointments):
Hill Road: Four vacancies.
Capel: Two vacancies.

Nomination forms are available from Emma Brunton. Each nomination must be supported by two Church Members and will require the consent of the person nominated. Completed nominations must be returned to Emma by Sunday 15th November at the latest, please.

BMS Prayer Points

Pray for the disaster relief work; for vulnerable children and women who are 14x more likely to die; For the many (110 million) displaced peoples (War, famine, natural disasters); families suffering due to the lose of loved ones; economic disaster to the countries and farmers particularly; Thank God for the disaster risk-reduction training that BMS provides for those who need it most. May communities respond early and reduce the impact of disasters; For his provision through relief ministry, and pray that He will bless all who support this work.

Thanksgiving Service for Celia Stanton

We give thanks for the life and faith of Celia Stanton, a long-time former member of Folkestone Baptist Church who will be fondly remembered by many in our church family. Celia served our community with warmth and dedication, and many of us hold cherished memories of her generous hospitality — particularly her post-service Sunday lunches that brought so many together.

A Thanksgiving Service to celebrate Celia's life will be held at **Harbour Church on Tuesday 10th November at 2:30pm**. Following the service, all are warmly invited to stay for refreshments.

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 5th November Psalm 133

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