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Stir Up Sunday

This Sunday is known as 'stir up Sunday'. It is traditionally the time when people would make their Christmas puddings and get the whole family to help with the stirring. The tradition comes from a prayer for the day (known as a 'collect') in the Church of England. This prayer is used on this Sunday, just before Advent.

"Stir yp we beseech thee O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people, that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded." (Anglican Book of Common Prayer 1549)

This stir up Sunday happens to coincide with our AGM and Church Meeting to elect deacons and officers. Those who are called to lead are not meant to do all the work of the church but to enable the whole church to do God's work. Let's take this opportunity to pray for our leaders. Those new, continuing and retiring, and ask that the Holy Spirit will stir us all up to do his work here in Folkestone.

After all, it takes the whole family to stir the pudding.

Your friend and pastor

Katy

Prayer points

Pastoral:

In Hospital:

At home: Edith, Gloria, Madeleine, Ruth.

Continuing recovery: Carole.

Friends and Family:

Paul's Aunt Pat Paul's passed away on Tuesday (19th). She is now with our Lord and Saviour who she knew and loved.

Tom B's mother is unwell. Tom B's sister has recovered.

Pray for the Church Finances and the Church Leadership Team.

Roads around FBC: Page Place. Capel: Old Dover Road.

Local: Pray for those with no fixed address as the weather turns very cold.

National: Pray for MPs and particularly the local MP as they debate the Assisted dying Bill and those attending the World Watch launch

International: Pray the on going conflict areas across the world including Mozambique, DRC, Sudan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Yemen, Palestine, Lebanon.

Kent Community Health Trust.

Fancy being a Governor

contact the Governor Support Team on 07468 700220

or kcht.governors@nhs.net.

RIP: Anne Tolputt

It is with sadness that we report the death of our much loved and respected member, Anne Tolputt, on Monday night (18th November 2024).

We are also grateful to the Lord that she is free from suffering and at peace with him.

Anne's funeral will be at 11.30am on Friday 20th December, at Hill Road. Followed by cremation at Hawkinge

Regular Church Events

Tuesday: House Groups: Check times
Relaxation & Christian
Meditation @2.00pm for coffee,
3pm start

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

Sunday: Church Service 10:30 am
1st Sunday – All Age Service
3rd Sunday - Communion

BMS Prayer News

Pray for work of BMS and its workers as they support women and children who suffer violence. Pray that legal aid support will provide refuge for victims in Uganda and Mozambique. Pray that local churches will promote the safeguarding of children and women. Pray for the work by the Baptist Church Trust Association in providing literacy classes for marginalized women in India.

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For one off donations and hall bookings; scan this QR code with your phone to make a direct gift.



Taizé Lunchtime Prayer: Cathedral Crypt

When? Mondays (11 November-16 December), 12:30-13:00

Free but donations accepted

All are welcome to come and experience this way of praying, as we connect with God and one another through sound and silence.

www.canterbury-cathedral.org/taize

Reading the Bible- This week: Joel

Action against Domestic abuse

25th November – 10th December

Further information available on the NHS Kent and Medway Website

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

A prayer for the World Watch List launch

Heavenly Father, I thank You for the MPs who have said they'll attend the World Watch List launch. Be at work in their hearts now and in the days and weeks leading up to the event, so that they will be moved by the Christians they meet and the stories they hear. I pray for those who have yet to respond, or who are yet to be invited – please prompt them to attend. And we pray that Your Spirit will hover over the event and bring glory to Your name. Amen.

Notices

November

24th Sunday: Election of Deacons and Officers. Church Meeting

25th Monday: The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

December

20th Funeral: Anne Tolputt

Waiting on God

When? Tuesday 3 December, 10am-4pm

Where? The Living Well, Vicarage Lane, Nonington, Dover, CT15 4JT

An Advent Day with retreat leader and author Chris Chapman, entitled 'Waiting on God', will be held at The Living Well, our Diocesan Centre for healing and Wholeness.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided and there is a suggested donation of £28 for the day, which can be booked via Eventbrite or by contacting [the administrator](#)

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Weekly news sheets and sermons are now available on our website.

Full fibre broadband at Hill Road

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

Prayers at Noon: Come to the church and pray together at 12 noon, or pray for the church where you are. Wednesday 27th November - Psalm 43