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Prayer points

Pastoral:

In Hospital:

Rehabilitation: making good progress

At home: Edith, Madeleine, Gloria, Chris, Ruth, Wilf A.

Friends and Family:

Chris R. Barbara J. Cloudie.

Pray for the Church Finances, the Church Leadership Team, and the need for volunteers.

Roads around FBC: Hollands Ave. Capel: N. Downs Way.

Local: Pray for the candidates standing in the local elections (May 1st). Families going away for Easter.

National: Continue to pray for the work on the Bill on Assisted dying and that an unbiased approach will be taken. Pray for those concerned about their jobs as a result of imposed tariffs. Pray for the family of the man shot in Milton Keynes.

International: Pray for those affected by the earthquake in Myanmar. Pray that the local church will be Jesus' hands and feet. Pray for those affected by Islamic State attacks in Cameroon. Pray that there will be no hostilities in the South China Sea. Pray that the political unrest in South Korea will not turn violent and that North Korea will not try to agitate. Pray for medical fellowships in West Africa.

BMS Prayer News

Pray: A revival amongst believers in Cambodia, that the Holy Spirit will give people that deep desire to be addicted to God. Give thanks for Pastor J. and his family and their training ministry. Praise God for the funds to support one person in theological training and pray that the right person will come forward. Pray for the hostel ministry in Phnom Penh. And the work of Sister Kimi. Pray for God's protection for Pastor Bros, Chea Kosall and Sokea. Pray for the training of 150 emerging leaders.

~~~~~ Feeling small

Do you ever feel small? Sometimes someone may say something that makes you feel 'put down'. It's not a pleasant experience. I was struck in my Bible Reading yesterday how God addresses his people - the children of Jacob (also known as Israel).

"Fear not, you worm Jacob,
You men of Israel

I am the One who helps you, declares the LORD." (Isaiah 41:14)

It seems a bit harsh to call someone a worm! But I don't think that's quite what is intended. The prophet is speaking to people who were already feeling small, weak and vulnerable to remind them that they were not alone, that even in defeat and exile God was there to help them. In comparison with God, we are the small and vulnerable, like worms. It does us no harm to remember that. However, we are also worms who are loved and therefore we have significance and meaning.

This week we will be considering Jesus' saying "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth". Matthew 5:5

It looks as if the strong, loud and violent are in control of the earth at the moment but before God we are all just worms - so maybe its the people who know and recognise that who will eventually be part of the Kingdom of God. The small and the humble have God on their side.

Yours in worminess!

Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday (17th April 7pm)

Evening communion service when we remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

Good Friday Services (18th April)

Capel at 3pm, as well as town centre celebrations with Churches Together in the morning.

Easter Sunday (20th April)

10:30 am: Capel and Hill Road 10.30am!

Volunteers Required

Web site Content Editor; Monitor Web site content and liaise with the Leadership Team and Matt Coombs @sinful Design. Speak to Paul or Emma

Coffee Rota: Cover is required for the 5th Sunday in the Month and help to cover holidays and illness. Speak to Lyndon

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Christian Aid Week

11-17th May
2025

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christ>

QR Code

Donations and hall bookings; scan this QR code to make a direct gift.



The Folkestone Maternity Clothes Library

Fridays Term Time at Harbour Church.
10:00- 11:30 Play Café Toddler Group
13:00- 14:30 Harbour Bumps and Babes

All are welcome to borrow Maternity or donate Maternity clothes

<https://www.facebook.com/share/19pZS8rXfw/>

Neurodiversity in the Church

St. Luke's Lighthouse Church, Hawkinge
27th April 6-8pm
Contact monicastr28@gmail.com

Special Church Meeting -

12:30 13th April (note change)

To Discuss the Way Forward for Folkestone Baptist Church
All members to attend

Notices

April

8th Tuesday: Westminster Hall Debate
13th Sunday: Special Church Meeting
18th Friday: Service Town Centre (am) Capel 3pm
20th Sunday: Easter Sunday
27th Sunday: Neurodiversity. St Luke's Hawkinge

May

11th May Sunday: Christian Aid week commences
16th Friday: Gwalia Singers – St Peter & St Paul Charlton Church
17th Saturday: Walk and Talk

July

5th Saturday: Share to Wear

September

20th Saturday: Singing and Sausages

November

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

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

Notices

Ladies' Socials: See notice

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 12 noon, or pray for the church where you are. Wednesday 9th April - Psalm 62

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Full fibre broadband at Hill Road

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