



# Ferring Baptist Church

**Fellowship News - September 2024**

## **Church Motto**

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

Philippians 4:8



## *Welcome from Reverend Robin Brenchley*



Hello and welcome to September!

What a lovely summer we have had, and as I write I find myself looking back to a hugely successful holiday club, which seems to be echoing in the numbers attending on a Friday evening, even though it is still the 'summer holidays'.

We will be continuing our current series on the Lord's Prayer for a few weeks yet, and then... Well, I'll let you know nearer the time.

At the moment the church sanctuary is still 'wearing' scaffolding as the work continues on the north wall, but even now we can give thanks that the problems so far uncovered, appear to be relatively easily fixed. Thanks are due to Barry for overseeing the work on behalf of the church.

Additionally, the heating and hot water systems for the church are due to be renewed. Barry and Lawrence have been hard at work on this and this is due to commence sometime in either September or October.

All this work will come at a cost and there will be opportunities for those that wish to, to make offerings towards this during the next few weeks.

Thank you all for your continued prayers, and may God continue to bless you, Robin

**Church Activities 1 to 30 September - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:**

<b>Sunday 1 September</b> 10:30	<b>Morning Worship and Holy Communion*</b> <b>Including Thank Offering</b> Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
<b>Tuesday 3</b> 14:30	<b>Afternoon Home Group</b> Ferring Baptist Church	Leader: Deanna Clark
19:15 start	<b>Evening Home Group</b> 7 Glen Gardens	Leader: Marion Brenchley Host: Lyn Jenkins
<b>Wednesday 4</b> 14:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
<b>Friday 6</b> 17:30 -19:00	Youth Group	Lyn Jenkins, Karen Parsons
<b>Sunday 8</b> 10:30 am Afterwards	<b>Morning Worship*</b> Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
<b>Tuesday 10</b> 14:30	Conversational Bible Study -starting to look at Philippians	Philip Tout
<b>Wednesday 11</b> 14:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
<b>Friday 13</b> 17:30	Youth Group	Lyn Jenkins, Karen Parsons
<b>Saturday 14</b> 09:30 – 11:30	<b>Deacons Meeting</b>	<b>Leadership Team</b>
<b>Sunday 15</b> 10:30 Afterwards	<b>Morning Worship *</b> Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
18:30	<b>Evening Holy Communion</b>	Rev Robin Brenchley
<b>Tuesday 17</b> 14:30	<b>Afternoon Home Group</b> Ferring Baptist Church	Leader: Deanna Clark
19:15 start	<b>Evening Home Group</b> 7 Glen Gardens	Leader: Marion Brenchley Host: Lyn Jenkins
<b>Wednesday 18</b> 14:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
<b>Friday 20</b>  12:45	<b>Lunch with Judy and Peter Cook</b> <b>Followed by an update from Judy on her work in</b> <b>Thailand and Hope Home.</b>	Please put your name down on the list in the Church entrance if you will be joining us. It will be a bring and share lunch.
17:30 – 19:00	Youth Group	Lyn Jenkins, Karen Parsons

<b>Saturday 21</b> 9.00	<b>Men's Breakfast at the Henty Arms</b>	Gordon Rickwood
<b>Sunday 22</b> 10:30 Afterwards	<b>Morning Worship*</b> Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
<b>Tuesday 24</b> 14:30	Conversational Bible Study - Philippians	Philip Tout
<b>Wednesday 25</b> 14:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
<b>Thursday 26</b> 14:00	Dabblers	Pauline Parkinson and Julie Appleton
<b>Friday 27</b> 17:30 pm	Youth Group	Lyn Jenkins, Karen Parsons
<b>Sunday 29</b> 10:30 Afterwards	<b>Morning Worship*</b> Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley

*\*Young persons' activities are available - please ask for details on arrival. All leaders are DBS cleared in accordance with our Safeguarding Policy*

### **Notices:**

We are continuing to collect donations for the Worthing Soup Kitchen. Demand is still high. The collection point is in the entrance. Thank you for all your kind and generous donations.

### **Thought for this month:**

I value all things only by the price that they will gain in eternity. John Wesley

### **Thank you:**

I would like to thank all of you in the Church that have supported Viv and me over the past months.

We had only been here a short time but felt so much at home here.

Viv and I had been together for over 70 years, so it is strange without her.

However, it is good being with family on a Sunday at FBC. God Bless and Thank You. Tony Hayes.

Rev Philip Cook thanked everyone for the warm fellowship last weekend and ongoing prayer would be appreciated for his wife Julia who is known to some of you.

Sylvia and Brian Mepham would like to thank the whole Church family for their supportive prayer and concern over the past few weeks during Brian's illness possibly caused by a Covid variant causing loss of voice, a constant cough and throat infection. The chest x-ray has come back negative and he now has an appointment with an ENT specialist on 5 September. Your continued prayer is greatly valued.

***Church Family News:***

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**A very happy birthday to Elsie Cook who will be 99 years young on 5 September.**

**Love and blessings from everyone at Ferring Baptist Church Fellowship.**

***BMS September Birthdays:***

**A very happy birthday to:**

**Pat Wigley (4)**

**Pam Ellis (6)**

**Love and blessings from everyone at Ferring Baptist Church Fellowship.**

***Many Congratulations to Val and Ron Boot:***



**Val and Ron are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 5 September.**

**Love and blessings from everyone at Ferring Baptist Church Fellowship**

***O Lord we Give Thanks:***

**For the last five years with Robin and Marion to lead us. We are truly blessed.**



**And we also give thanks for:**

- We thank you for the healing of H Kitchen and that he is now back home;
- We thank you also for the healing of John Wigley;
- For our brothers and sisters at St Andrew's Church and the work that they do in the community;
- For everyone who stood in while Robin and Marion were on holiday;
- For everyone who made our 2024 Holiday Club such a success;
- We give thanks that the builders have been able to start work on the Church Roof;
- We thank you that we have been able to purchase new audio speakers in the Church Hall and the Church Office;
- For our Youth Club which is attracting more young people and providing a safe area for our Young People to have fun, learn about Jesus and enabling their families to get to know our Church;
- For our volunteers who are coming forward to help with the increasing numbers of children;

***Baptist Union Prayer Diary - September 2024***

1 September is the beginning of the Season of Creation, a time when the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home: Eternal God, the whole world is full of your glory. We bear forth the anguish of Creation in the time of the climate crisis to you. In your grace, grant us the opportunity to do good, as your created co - creators.

Prayer taken from the Season of Creation Celebration Guide [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org)

## ***Prayer Pointers:***

- We pray for all those in need in our world especially those caught up in war, conflict, living in captivity, persecution and those living in poverty. We pray for an end to these situations and may those affected come to know you, your love, peace and grace;
- We pray for the Princess of Wales and King Charles they have further treatment to restore their health;
- We pray for our government as they start a busy Autumn programme of work:
- We pray for the builders as they investigate and resolve the issue with the Church roof:
- We pray that everything will go smoothly with the installation of the new boiler, radiators and water heater;
- We thank you for our growing congregation and we pray that you will cast your protection around all Church members and attendees;
- Loving Saviour we bring to you our whole Church family asking for your peace, your grace, your healing and encouragement;
- We especially pray for comfort and healing for:
  - Mary Brenchley that she settles into her new home and is comfortable
  - Norma Drew
  - Chris and Wendy Fogg
  - Trevor Jones
  - Jurg Klemenz
  - Tony Hayes
  - Lucia and Colin Knaggs
  - Sally Gilbert
  - Pat May (Pauline's sister)
  - Sylvia and Brian Mephram
  - Karen Parsons and her mum Betty
  - Janet Stuart (Simon's mum)
  - Kelly and Simon Stuart
  - Cliff and Maureen Warden
  - Our lovely cleaner Chris who is recovering from hip surgery, we also pray for Julie who will be carrying on their work on her own while Chris recovers
- We pray for Richard and Michelle Jones that they will soon be living in Cornwall and starting their new Season together. We also pray for Michelle as she starts her new role.
- We ask you to be with all BMS Missionaries,
- We pray for Judy Cook who is now on Home assignment
- We pray for the continuing safety for Jaco and Corrina Loenen (with Pioneer and MAF) in Australia
- We pray that our Church will be successful in our assistance to Worthing Soup Kitchen food parcels/community pantry
- We pray for all the children in the village and known more widely who are starting a new School year
- We pray for the Friday Evening Youth Group that our numbers continue, that we provide a safe area for them to have a fun time together and that they start to know you, continue to ask questions about you and that we provide the answers that they are searching for.

## ***Judy Cook – Visit to Ferring Baptist Church***



Judy has been serving in Thailand with BMS World Mission since 1999 in several contexts and with different groups of people. With her nursing skills, she started work in a community health project for people affected by HIV. She also helped at Agape Home for children and parents living with Aids.

In 2007, Judy set up and remains nurse manager of Hope Home in Chiang Mai for special needs children and young adults. Alongside this role, she supports the Social Development Services Unit, a team of social welfare workers in the Church of Christ in Thailand.

Judy attends a Thai church. She loves all types of needlecraft, reading, crosswords and walking.

### **Hope Home**

Hope Home is registered as a social welfare home under the Baan Sabaay Foundation. They are committed to small, family based care and support for children with special needs in Northern Thailand. The Home believes that all children, including those with disabilities are an integral part of the community and that all benefit from the full inclusion of people with disabilities in the community. Therefore, they work to empower children to full participation in every environment. The staff aim to demonstrate the love of God through their Christian witness and care of children with special needs in order to promote the maximum development for each child with the aim that each child is accepted into a permanent family setting.

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#### **Note from Karen (Editor):**

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