



Ferring Baptist Church

Fellowship News – 15 to 22 September 2024

2 Corinthians 9:10 - "Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."



Church Activities 15 to 22 September - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 15 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Worship * Harvest Service Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
18:30	Evening Holy Communion	Rev Robin Brenchley
Tuesday 17 14:30	Afternoon Home Group Ferring Baptist Church	Leader: Deanna Clark
19:15 start	Evening Home Group Ferring Baptist Church	Leader: Marion Brenchley
Wednesday 18 14:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 19 19:15	Church meeting	Church members
Friday 20 12:45	Lunch with Judy and Peter Cook Followed by an update from Judy on her work in Thailand and Hope Home.	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
Saturday 21 9.00	Men's Breakfast at the Henty Arms	Gordon Rickwood
Sunday 22 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Worship* Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
Tuesday 24 14:30	Conversational Bible Study - Philippians	Philip Tout
Wednesday 25 14:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 26 14:00	Dabblers	Pauline Parkinson and Julie Appleton
Friday 27 17:30 pm	Youth Group	Lyn Jenkins, Karen Parsons
Sunday 29 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Worship* 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*

Sunday Young Explorers

Following the successful Young People's BBQ, Holiday Club and Youth Club, we have families who have said that they would like to come to some Sunday services. The plan is that on the 3rd Sunday of the month (starting on 20th October), we will be having services suitable for families and these will include a Sunday Young Explorer's group where the young will explore the Christian faith in the Church Hall. The Holiday Club team will be involved but we are keen to also have other people join us.

We are also reviewing what is provided to young people on Sundays more generally. This will replace the current rota system. The teaching will be fun and more consistent with a theme spread over one or more weeks.

If you feel that God is calling you to help with this Ministry then please speak/contact Karen Parsons.

Judy Cook – Visit to Ferring Baptist Church – 20 September 2024

For many years, Judy Cook has been the person who Ferring Baptist Church has supported. Judy has been serving in Thailand with BMS World Mission since 1999 in several contexts and with different groups of people.

Judy is joining us for lunch on 20 September and will give an update on her work. Please put your name down on the list up on the Church noticeboard if you would like to join us for lunch.

Thoughts for this week:

1. "With every deed you are sowing a seed, though you may not see it." Ella Wheeler Wilcox
2. "What we plant in the soil of contemplation, we shall reap in the harvest of action." Mesiter Eckhart

The Alpha Course:

Our next Alpha course will start on Thursday October 3 with dinner served at 6.30pm. Alpha is primarily for those who want to investigate the Christian faith, and those wanting to brush up on the basics. Prayer is vital, so please pray for all aspects of the course

We will need a team of cooks and washer uppers, and for tips on what sort of food to provide, and what to avoid, please speak to Phil Gilbert.

It's important that any guests register so we know how many to cater for.

The vast majority of people come because they are invited, so please get praying and inviting!

A4 Posters are available if you know of any business/premises locally that would be happy to display one.

Many thanks.

Phil Gilbert

Thank you:

“Thank you”, for making our Diamond Wedding Anniversary very special with your cards, prayers, bouquet of flowers, and for the lovely cake that Lyn made. The weather was not all that kind on the day, but for those who braved it....”thank you” for sharing it with us. Every blessing. Val & Ron.

A huge thank you to Barry and Lawrence for their work on overseeing the work to resolve the Church roofing issues. Lovely to not have the scaffolding and also know that the audio visual equipment is safe from the impact of heavy rainfall.

Thank you Simon, for overseeing the work on updating the camera and speakers in the back hall and vestry. It will make Services more enjoyable for those sitting at the back and will be a great help for the Youth work in the Church.

Baptist Union Prayer Diary – 15 September 2024

Please pray for wisdom for the members of the Core Leadership Team and the BUGB Trustee Board who meet together this week to reflect on the strategic direction of our Union, and to further the work of the key priorities and projects for Baptists Together.

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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 thank you that the Princess of Wales has now started her journey of healing and recovery and we ask you to be by her side in her journey ahead;
- We pray for King Charles as he continues his treatment and ask that he is restored to full health;
- We pray for our government as they start a busy Autumn programme of work;
- 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
 - William Cobby (a member of our Youth Group)

- Norma Drew
 - Chris and Wendy Fogg
 - Trevor Jones
 - 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
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- 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.



Harvest Service – 15 September 2024

This year, the food donations will go to the Worthing Soup Kitchen to be used for those in need in our neighbouring areas.

Here is a photo of the food pantry:



Demand is very high now and suggested items are:

- Root vegetables;
- Jams and spreads etc for sandwiches;
- Tins of Ham, Tuna, Spam etc;
- Tinned Meals such as Spaghetti Bolognese, Meatballs, Pies;
- Jars of Sauce;
- Pasta;
- Rice;
- Tea;

- Coffee;
- Sugar;
- Squash;
- Long Life Milk;
- Cereals;
- Biscuits;
- Snacks;
- Boxes of washing powder (they divide the box up);
- Toiletries.

Many thanks for your help with this.

Creator God:

Creator God,
We thank you today
for the splendour and beauty of creation;
for the ordered succession of seasons;
for your love which made the world.
We thank you for the good and fertile earth;
for the fruits of the earth in their seasons;
for the life that sustains our life;
for the food that we daily enjoy.
We thank you for those whose labour supplies our physical needs;
for those who harvest our crops, those who transport them,
those who process them, those who sell them.
Loving God,
we thank you for the gift of yourself
in Jesus, our Saviour and Lord;
for his living, dying, and rising again
in your loving redemption of the world.
Life-giving God,
we thank you for your Holy Spirit, the giver of life;
for the Church, a foretaste of your new creation,
and for our privilege in being part of it.
Redeeming God,
we thank you for your mighty acts
in creating and saving your world.
We offer ourselves to you in gratitude,
that we may serve you
and our fellow men and women
joyfully and faithfully throughout our lives;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Harvest Blessing:

**May the blessing of the God who cycles the seasons and swells the grain
Go with us.**

**May the blessing of the Son who harvests and kneads and breaks the bread
Go with us.**

**May the blessing of the Spirit who challenges us to a just sharing of earth's harvest
Go with us**

Now and into the week ahead.

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Note from Karen (Editor):

Editing the Fellowship News is a privilege and one which to truly reflect our fellowship will benefit from your contributions and dates for the diary etc so please send to Karen1.parsons@uwclub.net by Wednesday each week.