



Ferring Baptist Church

Fellowship News – 22 to 30 September 2024

**For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—
all things were created through him and for him.**

Colossians 1:16 ESV



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TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Season of Creation 2024 – 1 September to 4 October 2024

¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that^[a] the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Romans 8:19-25 NIV

**Let God hear the voice
of beloved Creation
of people of trees,**

of birds beasts and fish

Let life breathe out praise

from the heights to the depths

to God the Creator, Sustainer and Friend

“God Saw That It Was Good” Films

“God Saw That It Was Good” weaves stunning visual imagery with a narrative entwining science and faith, taking people deeper in the wonder, mystery and meaning of the world. Looking in fresh ways at our rich, full, and yet fragile world. One that gives us life and in which our lives are woven perhaps more that we know. Even entwined with the playfulness and being of God.

Available to download/watch from here:

[About | God Saw That It Was Good - Entwining science and faith \(gstiwg.co.uk\)](http://gstiwg.co.uk)

Parable of the Tree:

Jesus taught about God through the lens of the natural world, writes Dave Gregory - and I learnt much by studying a small willow tree this summer.

Story is available here:

[The Baptist Union of Great Britain : The Parable of the Tree – a story for the Season of Creation](#)



Thank you:

**Thank-you, sustaining God...
for clouds rolling across the sea and land,
freedom and space to explore,
the soothing pattern and rhythm of our days
and seasons grounds us in the Eternal.
Tranquillity in early morning rising,
delight in green surroundings,
joyous laughter of children
all remind us of the wonders of our lives.
We give thanks for the gifts we witness around us,
in green spaces,
in music and creativity,
support, validation, and love in companionship,
our church communities,
the wisdom in our shared heritage,
and the wonderful example of Jesus
Thank-you, sustaining God
AMEN**

Rev Gillean Richmond, Scotland
[available via the Baptist Union website]

Church Activities 22 to 30 September - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:

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*

Thought for this week:

“Hugging a tree, understanding the language of trees and sending loving kindness to trees will make you rich. Because it connects you to the source - the source of abundance.”

— Amit Ray, *Peace Bliss Beauty and Truth: Living with Positivity*

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 - Harvest Donations

A huge thank you to all of you for your generosity and kindness in the gifts that you gave to the Worthing Soup Kitchen.

Lyn and I took the fresh food down on Monday and there were more bare shelves than in the photos last week.

The Charity received the remaining goods which amounted to 30 large bags of food/toiletries/first aid items/food for babies and toddlers on Monday night.

WSK send their thanks and love to all of you.

We are continuing to assist WSK as much as we can. Demand continues to be very high. The collection point for donations is in the entrance to the Church.

Thank you:

Thank you very much for all the prayer support, visits, and care during my recent difficult time. I am feeling so much better. Prayer works and it has made a real difference.

Love and blessings.

Sally Gilbert

Baptist Union Prayer Diary – 22 September 2024

Today is Disability Awareness Sunday, part of Disability Awareness Week. Pray that increased awareness will be a real blessing to everyone in your church and be a positive step forward towards true Christian disability inclusion.

www.throughtheroof.org/disability-awareness-sunday



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 is able to commence some public duties. We ask you to be by her side in her journey ahead, providing your loving touch, healing and wisdom as she goes forward;
- 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 have a busy Autumn programme of work;
- 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
 - H Kitchen
 - Lucia and Colin Knaggs
 - 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 settles into 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.

Season of Creation Blessing:

**May God bless you with inner fortitude,
May Jesus bless you with sharp and loving eyes,
May the Holy Spirit bless you with wisdom.
This day and always.
Amen**

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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.

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