



Ferring Baptist Church

Fellowship News – 13 to 20 October 2024

Happy 56th Church Anniversary

Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2:20-22 NLT



*With each passing year, our church's foundation grows stronger,
and its spirit shines brighter.*

Thoughts for this week:

In unity, we find strength; in faith, we find hope. Happy anniversary to our resilient church family.

Church Activities 13 to 31 October - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 13 10:30 Afterwards	Happy Church Anniversary - 56 years Morning Worship * Refreshments and Fellowship Time Followed by Anniversary Lunch	Rev Robin Brenchley & guest speaker Rev Stuart Robinson
Tuesday 15 14:30	Afternoon Home Group Ferring Baptist Church	Leader: Deanna Clark
19:15 start	Evening Home Group Ferring Baptist Church	Leader: Marion Brenchley
Wednesday 16 14:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Friday 18 17:30 - 19:00	Youth Group	Lyn Jenkins, Karen Parsons
Saturday 19 9.00	Men's Breakfast at the Henty Arms	Gordon Rickwood
Sunday 20 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Family Worship including Sunday Young Explorers' Club Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
18:30	Evening Holy Communion	Rev Robin Brenchley
Tuesday 22 14:30 - 16:00	Conversational Bible Study	Philip Tout
Wednesday 23 11.30 14:30	Funeral of Pam Cummings, Worthing Crem. Prayer Meeting	All Welcome Everyone welcome
Thursday 24 14:00	Dabblers	Pauline Parkinson, Julie Appleton
Friday 25 17:30 pm	Youth Group	Lyn Jenkins, Karen Parsons
Sunday 27 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Worship* Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
Tuesday 29 14:30	Afternoon Home Group Ferring Baptist Church	Leader: Deanna Clark
19:15 start	Evening Home Group Ferring Baptist Church	Leader: Marion Brenchley
Wednesday 30 14:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome

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

Pam Cummings:

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Pam Cummings. Pam was a devoted and regular attender of our Church, always had a smile, a hug and time for people. She will be greatly missed by her Church family.

Her funeral will be on 23 October, at 11.30.



Notices:

- Prayer Room – in response to several requests there will now be a prayer room available from 9:45 to 10:20 every Sunday excluding the family worship day. {Please note that at 10:20 the room will be needed to prepare for Children work and refreshments}.
- BMS Birthday Scheme – Deanna explained at the Church meeting that Church members and attendees are invited to participate in the BMS Birthday Scheme. You sign up and give the first part of your birth date so for example 21 November, and then near to the date you will receive a card and a donation envelope to give a financial donation. The envelope is then put in the offering on a Sunday morning and the money put to the BMS Birthday Scheme. Deanna reminded us of Matthew 28 v 16-20 and also that BMS is only supported by Baptist Churches and therefore it is our way of evangelisation by helping others to go where we cannot.
- We are continuing to collect donations for the Worthing Soup Kitchen. Demand is still very high. The collection point is in the entrance. Thank you for all your kind and generous donations - greatly appreciated.
- Marilyn Catterill from St Andrew's Church will be selling Christmas Cards in Church on Sunday 3 November.
- Sunday Young Explorers' – a huge thank you for your empty Jam Jars, we have enough now. Jenny and Karen.
- October competition – the Church Youth Group will be entering a competition in October and would be grateful for the following items – please let Jenny or Karen know as soon as possible if you have any. Your help is greatly appreciated. **Many thanks to all those who have already helped us.**
 - Bubble wrap or any other waterproof filler
 - 2 pairs of thick tights – pink or flesh colour
 - Men's socks
 - Men's shoes
 - Black Men's trousers - for a shortish gentleman
 - Men's Jacket and shirt

Prayer Pointers:

- A church anniversary is a time to reflect on the past, embrace the present, and envision a future filled with God's grace. Let us pray for God's grace in our Church and community;
- 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;
- Heavenly Father, we seek Your divine mercy and protection over the state of Florida during storms and disasters.
- We pray for our own farmers who are having a challenging time with higher than expected rainfall impacting on their planting of seed and in some cases bringing in late crops;
- We thank you that the Princess of Wales is continuing 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 also continues his journey back to health and we ask that he is restored to full health;
- We pray for our government as they have a busy Autumn programme of work:
- We pray for the Conservative Leadership contest that the right person is selected;
- 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
 - 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 as they start a new chapter in Cornwall. 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 back in Thailand and all of the staff and children at Hope Home;
- 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 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.
- We pray for all of our children who are looking around at new schools for next year – that you will help them to find the most suitable education for them;
- We pray for our new Sunday Family Morning Worship, that the families and especially children will come to learn about you, your love for them, and make attending their first experiences of attending Church a positive one;
- We pray for everyone involved in the new Morning Family Worship Services.

Church Anniversary Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You that we are celebrating this church anniversary. We thank You that we are all One in Christ, and we pray that as members of Your body, Your Holy Spirit would knit us together in the bonds of unity and love.

Lord, You have promised that You are the One that would build Your Church and we ask that You would continue to equip each of us, both individually and corporately with the talents and gifts that may be used to Your praise and glory for the edification of the rest of the saints of God.

Protect us from the wiles of the enemy who seeks to destroy and cause divisions among Your body. Help us to be sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable and gentle one towards each other. Let us not be motivated by selfishness but in humility may we seek to regard the needs and necessities of others before our own.

Give wisdom to the elders and deacons and give wisdom to those that teach and a teachable spirit to those that listen. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all this day and for ever. In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

Source: <https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/prayer/church-anniversary-prayer-1070>

Save The Date!

Ferring Women's Breakfast

Saturday 9th November

You are invited

to

PRESENTING

The making of a Mayor

with Jenny Barnard-Langston JP

MA, BA (Hons), DipCoun

Come and listen to Jenny our motivational speaker while enjoying a breakfast of pastries, fruit and yoghurt with drinks

Please reserve your place by contacting Maureen

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Ferring Baptist Church, Greystoke Road, BN12 5JL

Doors Open 9:00am

Cost: £5 payable on the door

Church Blessing

***May the flame of devotion continue to burn brightly
within our church, inspiring generations to come.***



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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.