

Ferring Baptist Church

Fellowship News – 6 to 13 October 2024

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin

Zechariah 4:10 NLT



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Thoughts for this week:

- A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an opportunist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. Winston Churchill.

Church Activities 6 to 31 October - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:

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| Sunday 6 10:30 am Afterwards | Morning Worship and Holy Communion * Refreshments and Fellowship Time | Rev Robin Brenchley |
| Tuesday 8 14:30 | Conversational Bible Study | Philip Tout |
| Wednesday 9 14:30 | Prayer Meeting | Everyone welcome |
| Thursday 10 14:00 | Dabblers | Pauline Parkinson, Julie Appleton |
| Friday 11 17:30 | Youth Group | Lyn Jenkins, Karen Parsons |
| Saturday 12 09:30 – 11:30 | Deacons Meeting | Leadership Team |
| Sunday 13 10:30 Afterwards | Happy Church Anniversary - 56 years Morning Worship * Refreshments and Fellowship Time Followed by Anniversary Lunch (Bring and Share) | 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 14:30 | Prayer Meeting | Everyone welcome |

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| 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*

Notices:

- Unfortunately, we did not have enough people able to commit to doing Alpha this time. If you are interested in next time round then please speak to Robin or Phil Gilbert.
- 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 6 October and 3 November.
- Sunday Young Explorers' – please can you give your empty Jam Jars to Jenny Rickwood for the children's craft. Many thanks.
- To celebrate the Church 56th Anniversary, we will be having a bring and share lunch. Everyone is invited. Please put your name and what you will be bringing plus any allergies on the list in the Church entrance if you would like to join us.
- 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.
 - Bubble wrap or any other waterproof filler
 - 2 pairs of thick tights – pink or flesh colour
 - Men's socks
 - Men's shoes
 - Black shoes suitable for a 7yr old girl
 - Black Men's trousers - for a shortish gentleman

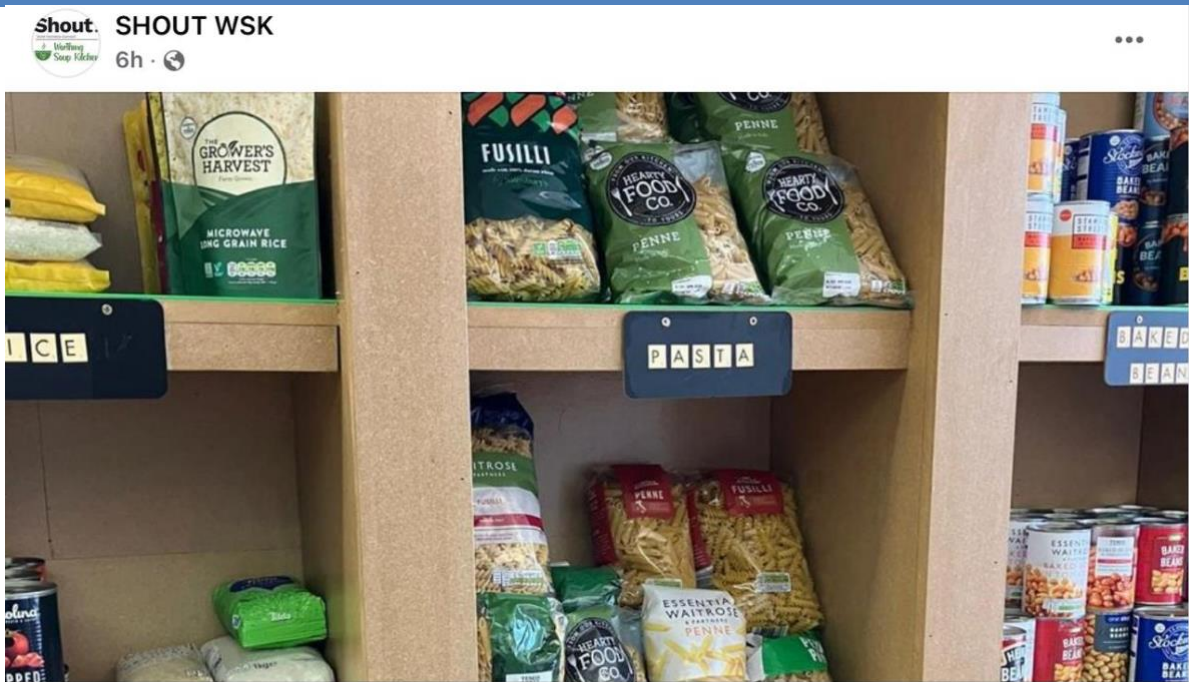
- Distinguished Jacket (Black and white check would be ideal) and shirt for an eccentric gentleman character
- Orange or red cravat – patterned or plain
- Plastic tea set and largeish plastic teapot

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 our 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
 - 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 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.

Harvest Update:



A BIG THANK YOU to Ferring Baptist Church and their congregation who donated all items from their Harvest Festival to our Food pantry!! They were very much needed. Thank you!



A big thank you from Worthing Soup Kitchen which was put on facebook - the photos show how they were able to restock their shelves and in the bottom central photo a few of the bags that we took in – well done everyone!

Worthing Soup Kitchen suggested items are:

- 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.

Thank you very much.

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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.