



Ferring Baptist Church

Fellowship News - December 2024

*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:7



Church Activities 8 to 31 December - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 8 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Worship Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
Tuesday 10 10:00 – 12:00	Church Office Open	Maureen Warden, Church Secretary
14:30	Afternoon House Group Ferring Baptist Church	Leader: Deanna Clark
19:15 start	Evening House Group Social TBC	Leader: Marion Brenchley
Wednesday 11 14:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 12 10:00 – 12:00	Church Office Open	Maureen Warden, Church Secretary
19:15 – 21:00	Church Meeting	Church Members
Friday 13 17:30 - 19:00	Youth Group Grand Christmas Finale**	Karen Parsons
Saturday 14 09:00 <i>Please note the date</i>	Men's Breakfast at the Henty Arms	Gordon Rickwood
Sunday 15 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Family Worship including Communion and Sunday Young Explorers' Club Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
Tuesday 17 10:00 – 12:00	Church Office Open	Maureen Warden, Church Secretary
14:30 - 16:00	Conversational Bible Study***	Philip Tout
Wednesday 18 14:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 19 10:00 – 12:00	Church Office Open	Maureen Warden, Church Secretary
14:00 – 16:00	Dabblers****	Pauline Parkinson, Julie Appleton
Sunday 22 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Worship and Carol Service* Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Marion Brenchley
Tuesday 24 18:30 to 20:30	Candlelight Carol Service	Rev Robin Brenchley
Wednesday 25 10:30 Afterwards	Christmas Day Morning Service	Rev Robin Brenchley

	Refreshments and Fellowship Time	
Sunday 29 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Worship Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Phil Gilbert

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

***Youth Group – will resume on 10 January 2025*

****Conversational Bible Study will resume on 14 January 2025*

*****Dabblers will resume on 9 January 2025*

Notices:

- The Fellowship News (hardcopy) will now also be available in larger print as requested by several of you.
- Our next All Age Family and Friends Worship Service will be on 15 December, please pray that we will attract families but also those who do not usually come to Church or have not been to Church for many years. Please invite your family and friends to join us.



- St Andrew's Church, Christmas Tree Festival, 39 Trees decorated by the local community. The Church is open Saturday 7th 10-6 and Sunday 8th December 10-4.
- The Christmas Card postbox will be available in the Church entrance from 1 December. There will also be room on the noticeboard for cards to be displayed.
- On 24 December, we have our Carols by Candlelight which is always well attended by the community as well as our Church Family – volunteers are required to help with welcoming people, serving teas, coffees and general helping in the kitchen. If you are able to bake/bring mince pies that would also be very welcome. Please let Robin know.
- On 5 January, the Church is hosting a pop up social afternoon for the village at the Glebeland Centre. We need volunteers to help with the setting up, welcoming at the front door, serving the teas and coffees, chatting to the visitors etc. Also, if you enjoy a game of scrabble, cards, Rummikub etc - please come along and support the event. We would really appreciate your company and support.
- A Freedom in Christ Course is planned to start in February on Sunday afternoons. FBC held a course on this two years ago which was very well attended and received good feedback. Further details and a sign-up sheet will be placed in the Church entrance in due course.
- Stamps - please remember that Jenny Rickwood is still collecting used postage stamps for 2 charities and would value you keeping yours as the Christmas cards arrive. There is a box to put them in on the foyer notice board. Please cut a good 1/2 inch of envelope around each stamp. Many thanks.

Lost and Found Property

- We have found three very nice water bottles - now residing in the Kitchen. We would very much like to find their owners. Please let Pauline know if one of them is yours – Clear/pink top, black and Grey.
- We have mislaid a tablecloth which is causing us a minor headache – if you know or have seen a white with a blue centre pattern in the Church (not currently on a table), please let Pauline know.

December BMS Birthdays:



19th December - Sally Gilbert

30th December – Anonymous

Thought for this week:

Kindness is like snow – it beautifies everything that it covers.
Khalil Gibran

Thank you:

Thank you for your donations for the Soup Kitchen. They collected 15 bags of food from us including two large bags with baby and toddler food and one large bag with Christmas food in it for the Christmas appeal.

O Lord we Give Thanks:

- For you, Our Heavenly Father who is always with us;
- For our brothers and sisters at St Andrew's Church and the work that they do in the community;
- For our lovely Church building;
- For our leadership, worship and audio-visual teams as we enter a busy Christmas;
- That William (Youth Group member) who we have been praying for is back to full health;
- For the opportunity to participate in the St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival;
- For our Church team and Youth Club who made items for the Christmas Tree.

Prayer Pointers:

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill the Church with His presence and guidance;
- 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 leaders of our World that they will reflect and where there are Wars, change direction, talk and desire Peace;
- 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 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 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:
 - Deanna
 - Baby Orlan
 - Norma Drew
 - Chris and Wendy Fogg
 - Trevor Jones
 - Tony Hayes
 - H Kitchen
 - Pat May (Pauline's sister)
 - Sheila Palmer
 - Karen Parsons and her mum Betty
 - Janet Stuart (Simon's mum)
 - Kelly and Simon Stuart
 - Cliff and Maureen Warden
- We pray for that you will be with the many Missionaries in the World to bring the very basic supplies - food, medical supplies, and shelter to people;
- We pray for Open Doors, Mission Aviation Fellowship etc to bring your Gospel of Hope and Healing in difficult places;
- 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 and their Christmas Appeal;
- We pray for the Friday Evening Youth Group Christmas Grand Finale that we provide an enjoyable, safe evening where families can have 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 everyone involved in the new Morning Family Worship Services.

Worthing Soup Kitchen - Christmas Appeal

🌟 Donations Needed 🌟

Shout WSK are creating Christmas food hampers for local families in need, filled with Christmas dinner essentials and some extra treats. 🍪

Shout WSK will be providing the ham, turkey 🍗, potatoes 🥔 and vegetables 🥕 and would like to ask for donations of the trimmings 🍽️ they need:

- Stuffing (packets)
- Gravy (packet or jar)
- Cranberry Sauce
- Christmas Pudding or other Pudding (non perishable)
- Tinned Custard
- Biscuits and Chocolates
- Squash
- Milk
- Christmas Crackers

Thank you and Happy Christmas 🎄

Shout WSK

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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.