



Ferring Baptist Church

Fellowship News 12 – 19 January 2025

Come Holy Spirit



*This painting (30"x40") depicts the falling of the Spirit,
a drenching and flowing of Him upon people.
It was created with gold pigments, acrylic paint, inks and water.*

Come Holy Spirit' is our desire as we walk forward,
with God leading us.

At the 2024 Baptist Assembly Baptist Minister and Artist Chris Duffett created two paintings as he listened to God during the evening worship on Friday and Saturday. The originals were offered for sale via a sealed bids auction with all proceeds going to Home Mission. Their new homes are two Baptist Churches who are using them to remind them of God's challenge and faithfulness. Further details are available on the Baptist Union website.

Church Motto for 2025:

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.....

Ephesians 6:18



Ephesians 6:18 Meaning: A Deeper Understanding

Ephesians 6:18 is a powerful Bible verse that encourages Christians to pray with all kinds of prayers and requests at all times. Its significance lies in its emphasis on the importance of prayer in our spiritual lives.

The Power of Prayer

The verse begins with "With all prayer and petition," highlighting the all-encompassing nature of prayer. It encourages us to pray about everything, big or small, that weighs on our hearts. Prayer is a direct line to God, allowing us to communicate our needs, concerns, and praises.

The Importance of Persistence

"Pray at all times in the Spirit" signifies the importance of persistence in prayer. It suggests that we should not be discouraged if our prayers seem unanswered. Instead, we should continue to pray, trusting that God knows our needs and will answer in His perfect timing.

Praying in the Spirit

"Praying in the Spirit" refers to praying according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It means surrendering our will and aligning our prayers with God's will. When we pray in the Spirit, we can have confidence that our prayers are in accordance with His perfect plan.

The Importance of Spiritual Watchfulness

"Keep alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints" emphasizes the need for spiritual watchfulness and intercession. We are called to pray not only for ourselves but also for our fellow believers. Intercessory prayer demonstrates our love for others and our desire for their spiritual well-being.

A Call to Action

Ephesians 6:18 is a call to action for believers to engage in a consistent and fervent prayer life. It reminds us that prayer is not a mere religious ritual but a vital part of our relationship with God. Through prayer, we can access His power, receive guidance, and experience the peace that surpasses all understanding.

The meaning of Ephesians 6:18 is profound. It encourages Christians to pray with all kinds of prayers, at all times, in the Spirit, and with perseverance. Prayer is the key to unlocking the power of God in our lives and strengthening our spiritual connection with Him. By embracing the principles of this verse, we can experience the transformative power of prayer and live a life filled with purpose and peace.

Taken from the Walking in Faith website.

Notices:

- A Freedom in Christ Course will start on 9 February and be held on Sunday afternoons 13:00 to 15:00. FBC held a course on this two years ago which was very well attended and received good feedback. A sign-up sheet is in the Church entrance.
- We will be continuing to assist Worthing Soup Kitchen throughout 2025. The crate for donations is in the Church entrance.
- Stamps - please remember that Jenny Rickwood is still collecting used postage stamps for 2 charities and would value you contributing any that you have received over Christmas. 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.

Thought for this week:

“Prayer is exhaling the spirit of man and inhaling the spirit of God.” **Edwin Keith**

Church Activities 12 to 31 January - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 12 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Worship Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
Tuesday 14 10:00 – 12:00	Church Office Open	Maureen Warden, Church Secretary
14:30 -16:00	Conversational Bible Study - please read Philippians 2	Philip Tout
Wednesday 15 14:30 -15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 16 10:00 – 12:00	Church Office Open	Maureen Warden, Church Secretary
Friday 17 17:30 - 19:00	Youth Group	Karen Parsons
Saturday 18 09:00	Men’s Breakfast at the Henty Arms	Gordon Rickwood
Sunday 19 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Worship Sunday Young Explorers’ Club Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley Karen Parsons
18:30 – 19:30	Evening Holy Communion	Rev Robin Brenchley
Tuesday 21 10:00 – 12:00	Church Office Open	Maureen Warden, Church Secretary
14:30	Afternoon House Group	Leader: Deanna Clark

19:15 start	Evening House Group	Leader: Marion Brenchley
Wednesday 22 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 23 10:00 – 12:00	Church Office Open	Maureen Warden, Church Secretary
14:00 – 16:00	Dabblers	Pauline Parkinson, Julie Appleton
Friday 24 17:30 - 19:00	Youth Group	Karen Parsons
Sunday 26 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Worship Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
Tuesday 28 10:00 – 12:00	Church Office Open	Maureen Warden, Church Secretary
14:30 -16:00	Conversational Bible Study	Philip Tout
Wednesday 29 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 30 10:00 – 12:00	Church Office Open	Maureen Warden, Church Secretary
Friday 31 17:30 - 19:00	Youth Group	Karen Parsons

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

O Lord we give Thanks:

- For everyone who helped or came along to the Social Pop In at the Glebelands Centre. We had 58 people of all ages from the local community enjoying themselves including some of the Youth Club playing games and doing some craft;
- For the Centre Trustees who came along to guide us in our preparations and help to make the event a success.

Thank you:

I am writing to say a heartfelt thank you for the recent gift to Family Support Work (FSW) of £250, another magnificent sum.

In a time when everybody is feeling the impact of the cost of living crisis, it means a lot to us that you have chosen to continue your support for FSW, and have been so active throughout 2024.

As I'm sure you are aware, it's getting harder and harder for charities to raise money - FSW is so much in demand, that we have to do everything we can to sustain our work.

We have seen an increase in number of referrals; families are desperately looking for help, and their problems are far more complex than two or three years ago. We can only provide the long-term help which families value so much through the generosity of people like you.

On behalf of our families, once again – please thank everyone concerned; we value your commitment to FSW.

With best wishes and kindest regards,

Jason Palmer

Part Time - Fundraising Team Administrator

Plus:

Thank you all for your continued support to our Women's Fellowship charity card sales.

Marilyn Catterill

Branch Secretary, Goring Branch – WDP

Prayers



Prayer Request 1:

Sam and Thati Brenchley would appreciate it if you can let them know of any flat or similar that is available to rent.

Unfortunately, their present landlord is selling the flat they are currently in due to extensive repairs needed.

They would appreciate your prayers for this situation. Thank you 🙏

Prayer Request from Jaco and Corrina:

Jaco and Corrina are currently on holiday in Cairns but this week had some awful news from in Arnhem Land.

Two MAF pilots, both dads of young kids were involved in a head on crash, the other car was stolen and being driven recklessly under the influence. Sadly one of the pilots was killed along with all three young people in the stolen car. The pilot was their friend and neighbour in Yirrkala, they are a beautiful family. The other MAF pilot is stable and recovering in hospital.

They would love our prayers for the young family left behind, for healing for the survivor (he's doing well), and for the Pioneers team and the MAF team. Jaco and Corrina are doing okay but grieving their friend and heartbroken for his lovely family.

Prayer Pointers:

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill the Church with His presence and guidance;
- We pray for all those in Los Angeles, the firefighters, medical profession, the residents etc, that you Heavenly Father will be with them giving them love, comfort, peace, strength 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 undertake 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
 - Brenda Elliott
 - Val, Ron Boot and family
 - Mary Brenchley
 - Norma Drew
 - Chris and Wendy Fogg
 - Frances
 - Trevor Jones
 - Tony Hayes
 - H Kitchen
 - Joyce Collier
 - Pat May (Pauline's sister)
 - Sheila Palmer
 - Janet Stuart (Simon's mum)
 - Kelly and Simon Stuart
 - Cliff and Maureen Warden
- We pray 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;
- We pray for Dabblers, for those organising it and that the village continue you come and enjoy the activities provided;
- 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 our new Sunday Explorers, that the families and especially children will come to learn about you, your love for them, and make their first experiences of attending Church a positive and happy one;

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, I repent of all my sin and ask that I might know the tangible assurance of your love and sins forgiven again.

Fill me afresh with the supernatural fire of the Holy Spirit that I might be freshly motivated and empowered in my service for you!

Send the fire of your Spirit in a powerful way upon the church in our nation in our day!

Amen!

Don Attenborough (retired Baptist Minister)

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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.