



Ferring Baptist Church

Fellowship News 19 – 31 January 2025

Church Motto for 2025:

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

Ephesians 6:18



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Church Activities 19 to 31 January - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 19 10:30	Morning Worship	Rev Robin Brenchley
Afterwards	Refreshments and Fellowship Time	
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	Marion 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*

Church 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.
- A list of suggested items for the Worthing Soup Kitchen is at the back of this Newsletter. The Trustee of the Charity sends his thanks for all that we donate.
- The next Newsletter will be on the 2 February and will be slightly different. Fellowship Bulletins will be used to communicate anything urgent.

Thoughts:

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step. – **Martin Luther King Jr.**

The purpose of this world is not to have and to hold, but to forgive and to serve.
– **Wilfred Grenfell.**

Smile Line:

Visit

The new vicar was doing the rounds to meet his parishioners. At one house where he knocked, a woman inside called out: "Is that you, Angel?"

The vicar hesitated, and then replied: "No, but I'm from the same department."

ParishPump

Thank You:

Thank you, Church family, for sharing my special birthday with me last Sunday morning and a special mention goes to Maureen, Robin and Tim for their input in making this special birthday extra special.

Anne Dorrington

Thank You from Glebelands:

The Trustees of the Glebelands centre sent their thanks to everyone for making the pop in social afternoon of the 5 January such a success. We will be doing this twice a year. Thank you to everyone who has indicated that they will be able to help at future events. If anyone else would like to help/be involved please let Karen Parsons know.

Special Invitation from Michael Brazier:

I wish to invite you all to a 'drop-in ' to celebrate my 'special' birthday on Thursday 30th January in the Church Hall, between 2-4pm. You don't need to bring anything- just yourselves. I look forward to seeing you.

Michael Brazier.

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 and Ron Boot and family
 - Pat Brenchley
 - Mary Brenchley
 - Norma Drew
 - Chris and Wendy Fogg
 - Trevor Jones
 - Tony Hayes
 - H Kitchen
 - Pat May (Pauline's sister)
 - Sheila Palmer
 - Karen and her mum Betty
 - 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 numbers attending continue to grow 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:

Come reign in me

Oh God, who made the world so fair,
And formed the earth, the sky, the sea;
Who gave us ears, and eyes, and minds,
To hear, to see, to know all love is Thee.

Oh God, who in the Lord Jesus,
Gave us a light to light our way;
Let our life's lamp be lit by Him
Whose strength will see us safely through each day.

Oh God, whose Spirit gave us birth,
And holds all life secure, e'en mine;
Take all I am, and all I have,
Bless and redeem them for they both are Thine.

Oh God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One;
Blessed be Thy name, come reign in me,
And in me let Thy will be done.

By Sam Doubtfire

Blessing:

The LORD bless you
and keep you;
²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

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.