



Ferring Baptist Church

Fellowship News – 16 to 28 February 2025



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Church Activities 16 to 28 February - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 16 10:30	Morning Worship	Rev Robin Brenchley
	Sunday Young Explorers' Club	Karen Parsons
Afterwards	Refreshments and Fellowship Time	
13:00 – 15:00	Freedom in Christ 2	
18:30 – 19:30	Evening Holy Communion	Rev Robin Brenchley
Tuesday 18 10:00 – 12:00	Church Office Open	Maureen Warden, Church Secretary
14:30	Afternoon House Group	
Wednesday 19 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 20 10:00 – 12:00	Church Office Open	Maureen Warden, Church Secretary
14:00 – 16:00	Dabblers	Pauline Parkinson, Julie Appleton
Friday 21 17:30 - 19:00	Youth Group	Karen Parsons
Sunday 23 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Worship – Baptism service Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
13:00 to 15:00	Freedom in Christ 3	
Tuesday 25 10:00 – 12:00	Church Office Open	Maureen Warden, Church Secretary
14:30 -16:00	Conversational Bible Study	Philip Tout
Wednesday 26 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 27 10:00 – 12:00	Church Office Open	Maureen Warden, Church Secretary
Friday 28 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*

Notices:

- Large pot plants. On 22 February, Lyn and her team are decorating the Church for the Baptismal Service, Lyn has asked if anyone who has large pot plants to contact her as she would like to borrow some for the stage.
- The next edition of Fellowship News will be 2 March. Fellowship Bulletins will be used to communicate anything urgent.

Dates for your Diary:

- March 1 – 50th Wedding Anniversary of Lawrence and Angela.
On 2 March Lawrence and Angela have invited everyone to celebrate with them during fellowship time.
- March 1- Ferring Women's Breakfast. Guest Speaker – our guest speaker is the lovely Revd. Shirley Tupper of St Andrews Parish Church. From Mental Health to Ministry and everything in-between is the subject and we are sure that you will have a good and informative morning. Please invite your friends and family along. Just remember to book your places – list is in the Church entrance or contact Maureen or Marion. The cost is £5 for the morning paid at the door and includes a breakfast of pastries, yogurts and fruit with warm drinks.
- March 1 and 2 – Marilyn from St Andrew's Church will be selling cards in the Church entrance.
- March 7 - World Day of Prayer at St. Richard's Church, Maybridge at 10.30 am, and at All Saints Church, Findon Valley, at 2.30 pm.
- March 20 - Church AGM including the election of Deacons.
- July 6th - Pop in Social at the Glebelands hosted by Ferring Baptist Church.
2 to 4:30 - everyone welcome.

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 our Government as they lead our Country, give them wisdom Lord and guide them in their decision making;
- We pray for King Charles, Princess of Wales and anyone currently receiving treatment for cancer;
- 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 Clark and her family
 - Brenda Elliott
 - Val & Ron Boot and family;

- Mary Brenchley
- Pat Brenchley
- Norma Drew
- Chris and Wendy Fogg
- Trevor Jones
- Tony Hayes
- H Kitchen
- Pat May (Pauline's sister)
- Sylvia and Brian Melpham
- Maggie Downing (Sylvia'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 that you will be with the many Missionaries in the World to protect them as they 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 Young Sunday Explorers, that they will come to learn about you, your love for them, and make their experiences of attending Church a positive and happy one;

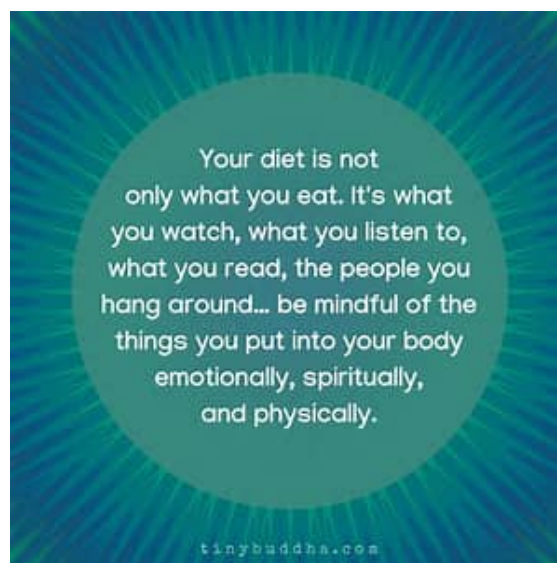
Baptism prayer:



Heavenly Father, give me the strength and courage to embrace this new chapter in my spiritual journey. Help me to stand firm in my faith and trust in Your plan for my life. Amen.

Related bible verse: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." — Joshua 1:9

Thought for this fortnight:



God in the Sciences:

This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

The Love of Wisdom of Natural Things

Some time ago a scientist was invited to speak at the Dewsbury Women's Institute. He spoke about his research on polymers, hoping that the women of this Yorkshire mill town would connect with his desire to develop new fibres.

One person in particular, a woman called Betty who had worked in a mill since the age of 15, listened as if her life depended on it, and peppered him with questions afterwards. She had always been interested in how things work, but until that day had not found anyone to answer her questions. Whenever she had asked about the processes that they were using in the mill, she was just told to get on with her job.

From the outside, science can seem a closed specialty, hemmed in by intimidating jargon. When McLeish described science as 'the love of wisdom of natural things', however, he realised he was opening a door. He was moved to see that Betty was not the only person who shed a tear when her questions were finally taken seriously, confirming that her enquiring mind was indeed probing in the right direction – only 50 years too late.

Hearing about people like Betty reminds me that science is a very natural activity for anyone to be involved in. McLeish is convinced that there is a future in 'science therapy'. In his book *Faith and Wisdom in Science*, where this story appears, he asks the question "If a reintroduction to the activity of representing both inner and outer worlds in paint, music and drama can help to heal minds, what hope might there be for a participation in a gentle and contemplative science in restoring a broken or misunderstood relationship with the physical world?"

This story inspired me to run a number of hands-on science activities with adult audiences in churches. I have extracted DNA from strawberries with a midweek group for older people, organised hands-on exhibits to liven up lecture or discussion events, and even had groups extracting DNA from their own cheek cells.

Every time I lead activities like these, I find that grown-ups are grateful for the opportunity to have a go at science themselves. I love helping church-based groups, in particular, to reconnect with science and celebrate what they find. Science is not just for children and professionals – it is for everyone to enjoy and explore the world God made.

WSK Update:

We give thanks that the Brighton and Hove Albion Football team visited WSK and took with them vast amounts of soup and other food in preparation for meals for the homeless.

Thank you:

WSK has been in contact to thank us for our donations:

“A BIG THANK YOU to Pastor Robin from Ferring Baptist Church for your continued support with food donations. Last week on Friday alone we had 14 new clients approach for access to food. Your support means everything in what are difficult times for many. Thank you for caring 🙏❤️”

The following items required urgently.

- Tins of Ham, Tuna, Spam etc;
- Tinned Meals such as Spaghetti Bolognese, Meatballs, Pies;
- Tea;
- Coffee;
- Sugar;

Previous list of items still needed:

- Jams and spreads etc for sandwiches;
- Jars of Sauce;
- Pasta;
- Rice;
- Squash;
- Long Life Milk;
- Cereals;
- Biscuits;
- Snacks;
- Boxes of washing powder (they divide the box up);
- Toiletries.

Thank you very much.



Nighttime prayer:

Dear Lord, as I lay down to rest, I seek Your presence to bring peace to my mind and heart. Thank You for guiding me through the day. Grant me a restful sleep and renew my strength for tomorrow's challenges. Protect me through the night, for You are my refuge and strength. Amen.

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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.