



Ferring Baptist Church

Fellowship News – 18 to 31 May 2025

*His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness
Lamentations 3:22 - 23*



Church Activities 18 to 31 May - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 18 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Worship Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
18:30 – 19:30	Evening Holy Communion	Rev Robin Brenchley
Wednesday 21 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 22 14:00 – 16:00	Dabblers	Pauline Parkinson and Julie Appleton
Friday 23 17:30 – 19:00	Young Explorers and Youth Group	Karen Parsons
Sunday 25 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Worship Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Marion Brenchley
Tuesday 27 14:30 – 16:00	Afternoon House Group	Trish Aze
Wednesday 28 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Friday 30 17:30 – 19:00	Young Explorers and 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:

- On Saturday 21st June Marion will be taking part in the Night to Remember walk to raise funds for St Barnabas House, our local hospice. If you would like to sponsor Marion please speak to her after the service and she will have a sponsor sheet available. Alternatively you can go to <https://stbarnabashospice.enthuse.com/pf/fbc-young-at-heart>
- The next edition of Fellowship News will be on the 1 June. Fellowship Bulletins will be used to communicate anything urgent.

Dates for your Diary:

- July 6th - Pop in Social at the Glebelands hosted by Ferring Baptist Church. 2 to 4:30 - everyone welcome.
- August 5th – 8th Holiday Club - further details soon.

Announcements:

It is with great sadness that we inform you that three close friends of the fellowship have gone home to be with Our Lord:

- Olive – Olive McCarten was previously a regular attender of Ferring Baptist Church along with Sheila Murby. Arrangements of Olive's funeral will be given when they are known.
- Simon's mother Janet Stuart who many in the congregation knew. Her Celebration of Life service will be held on 28 May at 12:00 at Ferring Baptist Church. All are welcome to attend. Please let Simon know if you plan to attend for catering purposes.
- Robin's stepmother Mary Brenchley who many of the congregation knew. Her funeral service will be held on 28 May at 2.30pm at H.D. Tribes Chapel, Broadwater. All who knew her are welcome to attend. Please let Robin know if you plan to attend for catering purposes.

Please pray for their family and friends at this very sad and difficult time.



Prayer Pointers:

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill the Church with His presence and guidance;
- We pray for our World, that these wars and destruction that we see around us will cease and that peace talks will bring a lasting settlement. We know that you are the Prince of Peace;
- We pray for all those who have lost loved ones or been severely affected by war;
- We pray that all those without food in Gaza will soon receive supplies;
- We pray for the new Pope – Pope Leon XIV;
- We pray for our brothers and sisters at St Andrews that they will continue to serve in our local community;
- We pray for our Prime Minister and his Government, for wisdom and right direction, that their decisions will be made for the good of the many. We pray for Christians in high authority, that their Godly influence will be felt and acted upon;
- We pray for our King and Queen that they will increasingly know how much you love them as they serve our country;
- We pray for our King as he navigates his journey with treatment for cancer. We pray that his health is restored;
- 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:
 - Trish Aze
 - Brenda Elliott
 - Val & Ron Boot and family
 - Robin and Marion and family as they mourn Robin's mother Pat and stepmother Mary;
 - Simon and Kelly and family as they mourn Simon's mother Janet;
 - Karen Parsons and her brother Steve on the passing of their mum Betty
 - Chris and Wendy Fogg
 - H Kitchen
 - Khristina
 - Pat May (Pauline's sister)
 - Sylvia Mephram's sister Maggie Downing
 - Sheila Palmer
 - Cliff and Maureen Warden
- We pray that you will be with the many Missionaries in the World to protect them as they bring the 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 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 all the Church activities and meetings taking place here - Dabblers, Bible studies, Afternoon Housegroup, Youth Group, Sunday Explorers, for those organising it and that the village continue to enjoy the activities, get to know you and that we provide the answers that they are searching for.
- We pray for all our young people as they take their exams, with your guidance Lord may they be able to focus on their exams;

Faith of the northern saints explored in short film;

- The power of the Lord's Prayer is celebrated in a new short film that is part of the Archbishop of York's current 'Faith in the North' initiative.
- *Then as Now* is available to watch from the [Archbishop of York's YouTube channel](#) (from 6 May).
- Set in the magnificent landscape of the north-east, the film interweaves the faith of the old northern saints from the 7th century (including St Cuthbert and St Hild) to the faith of Christians today.
- *Then as Now* was created by an ordinand at St Hild College, Oliver Murray.
- Oliver Murray explains: "This film is about rediscovering the power of the Lord's Prayer alongside the men and women who first shared it, spreading the light of faith in the north. It's incredible to see how this ancient prayer still speaks to our hearts, offering guidance and comfort in every season of life."
- Faith in the North is a prayer, storytelling and church-planting movement led by Archbishop Cottrell. His aim is to encourage people across the Northern Province to explore the Lord's Prayer afresh during 2025.
- Archbishop Cottrell says: "The Lord's Prayer has been spoken through the centuries by countless people seeking strength, direction, and peace.
- "If you've never prayed before, this is the best place to start and if you've been praying this for some time, it's a great opportunity to engage anew with each line of the prayer. Join me in rediscovering Christ's story in our hearts and communities today."

Thoughts:

Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day;
[1 Chronicles 16:23]

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being;
[Psalms 104:33]

WSK Update:

As a Church we support the Worthing Soup Kitchen. Thank you very much for your food donations - it really does make a difference to how much the WSK are able to help those more vulnerable in our community. The following items are required please:

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

WSK have opened a new shop at 147 Montague Street – please drop any non-food donations into there. The food pantry is not moving.

Thank you very much. Karen

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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.