



Ferring Baptist Church

Fellowship News – 6 to 31 July 2025



I don't know about you, but each time I sit down to write one of these welcomes to the monthly newsletter, I have to check the date, because it only seems like 5 minutes since I did the last one!

But my diary tells me it has indeed been a month since I did this, so welcome to July!

As we move through the year it is all too easy to concentrate on how quickly time is going past. To give into the worry, so prevalent in our society, that we must get everything done. But that, of course is not the way that God wants us to live our lives.

On Sunday mornings we are currently looking at the 23rd Psalm, and surely one of the strongest messages that comes out of that poem is the idea of rest. Of course rest is not something that just happens, we have to plan and make time for rest – even if we are retired from work – I have lost track of the times I have been told, “I don't know how I ever found time to go to work, I'm busier than ever!”

If that sounds familiar, then can I challenge you to take time, rest and perhaps take time, as the saying goes, “To stop and smell the roses!”

Church Activities 6 to 31 July - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 6 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Worship and Holy Communion* Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
14:00 to 16:30	Glebelands Social Afternoon pop in	Everyone is invited
Tuesday 8 14:30 – 16:00	Afternoon House Group	Trish Aze
Wednesday 9 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 10 10:00 – 16:00	Arun Art Society Exhibition	
Friday 11 10:00 - 16:00	Arun Art Society Exhibition	
17:30 – 19:00	Young Explorers and Youth Group	Karen Parsons
Saturday 12 09:30 – 11:30	Deacons Meeting	Julie and John's Home
10:00 – 16:00	Arun Art Society Exhibition	
Sunday 13 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Worship Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
Wednesday 16 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 17 14:00 – 16:00	Dabblers – garden party	Pauline Parkinson and Julie Appleton
Friday 18 17:30 – 19:00	Young Explorers and Youth Group	Karen Parsons
Saturday 19 09:00 – 11:00	Men's Breakfast at the Henty Arms	Gordon Rickwood
Sunday 20 10:30 Afterwards	Morning Worship and Holy Communion* Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
18:30	Shared Summer Praise Joint service with St Andrew's Parish Church	Rev Robin Brenchley & Rev Shirley Tupper
Tuesday 22 14:30 – 16:00	Afternoon House Group	Trish Aze
Wednesday 23 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Friday 25 17:30 – 19:00	Young Explorers and Youth Group	Karen Parsons
Saturday 26 17:30 – 19:00	Lighthouse Youth Group	Karen Parsons and Jane Melvin
Sunday 27 10:30 - 11:30	Morning Worship* Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley

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

Notices:

- July 6th - Pop in Social at the Glebelands hosted by Ferring Baptist Church. 2 to 4:30 - everyone is invited. Please join us if you are able, we would love to have your company.
- Please do invite your friends to our Summer Praise Service where we will also be welcoming our brothers and sisters from St Andrew's Parish Church. (In lieu of Pentecost Praise)
- The next edition of Fellowship News will be on the 20 July Fellowship Bulletins will be used to communicate anything urgent.

Peace Quotes:

- "Peace is more than the absence of war. An eye for an eye will only make the whole world blind. Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding." — Albert Einstein
- "The life of inner peace, being harmonious and without stress, is the easiest type of existence." — Norman Vincent Peale
- "Peace begins with a smile." — Mother Teresa

Smile:

Getting ready

Two children watched their grandmother reading her Bible. "Why does she do that?" whispered one. "I expect she's studying for her final exams," came the reply.

BMS Birthdays:



To all those in the fellowship blessed with a July birthday including:

5th Sheila Palmer
5th Barbara Judd
6th Lesley Sumner

Many Congratulations to Roger and Vicky Ruby:

Roger and Vicky will be celebrating their Diamond wedding Anniversary on 28 July.
Many congratulations from Ferring Baptist Church fellowship.



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We give thanks:

- For everyone who serves in different ways on a Sunday morning to make our Church the wonderful place that it is;
- Especially the worship team and audio visual team for their hard work on a Sunday morning;
- Everyone who came and helped at the Youth Group Summer Party. We had 22 children, 2 babies and their families;
- For the young people now coming to the Lighthouse Youth Group (10 to 15 year olds);

Thank you to Philip Tout:

We recently heard that our dear Philp is stepping down as the leader of Conversational Bible Study. He will be greatly missed. Philip worked exceptionally hard to make the sessions interesting and produced very well researched notes to accompany each session. Thank you Philip for everything that you have done to teach and support the members of this group especially during the time of Covid when you phoned them regularly.

Thank you from Marion Brenchley:

Dear Ferring Baptist Church

What a 'Night to Remember' it was as I took part in the charity walk for our local Barnabas House Hospice. It was very well organised and the part through the walk of remembrance was very special, I made a point of putting Deanna's name on the memory tree as I walked past from us all. I was very blessed to have my daughter Jennifer accompany me, and made it so much easier to do.

You have all been so generous and we raised £425 which is just over twice what I had aimed to raise.

If you would still like to donate to this worthwhile cause you still can for a few weeks using this link.

<https://stbarnabashospice.enthuse.com/pf/fbc-young-at-heart>

Or if you prefer speak to me and I will help you with that.

Once again, Thank you

Every blessing

Marion Brenchley

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 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 pray for the Princess of Wales that she will navigate through life after her cancer treatment and know that you are always with her, providing comfort, love and support;
- 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:
 - Judy Douglas
 - Marilyn Ford
 - Sue Alton
 - 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 and Kelly's Grandad;
 - Chris and Wendy Fogg
 - H Kitchen
 - Khristina
 - Pat May (Pauline's sister)
 - 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 who is in the UK to celebrate her Dad's significant birthday. May they have a blessed time together;
- We pray for 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, studies, Afternoon Housegroup, Youth Group, Young 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.

WSK Update:

As a Church we support the Worthing Soup Kitchen. The following items are required please:

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

Thank you very much. Karen

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Ruth chapters 1 and 2

When famine came to Bethlehem, Elimelech took his family to the nearby country of Moab. The two sons married local girls.

But Elimelech and his sons died, leaving Naomi, Orpah and Ruth as widows.



Naomi told her daughters-in-law she was returning to Bethlehem.



Go back to your parents' homes.

The girls cried, and Orpah left, but Ruth stayed.



I will stay with you. Your people and your God will be mine.



So Naomi and Ruth went back to Bethlehem.

Call me 'Mara' not 'Naomi' because God has made my life bitter.



*'Naomi' means 'Pleasant' 'Mara' means 'Bitter'

It was the start of the barley harvest. Poor people were allowed to glean - to pick up the ears of grain that had been dropped. Ruth went out to glean.



She picked a field, asked if she could glean, then worked hard



The field's owner, Boaz, arrived.

Who's that girl?



That's Ruth, who came from Moab with Naomi.



Boaz told Ruth she was welcome to work in his fields.

He told her to join his workers at lunch-time, and made sure she had more than enough to eat.



Ruth worked hard and took home a huge bag of grain.

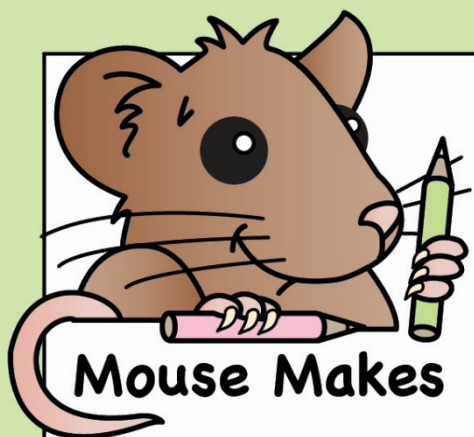
I worked in Boaz's field.



He is a near relative!

Ruth worked all through the barley and wheat harvests in Boaz's fields.





"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray..." And He said to them, "When you pray, say..."



Our _____
in _____,
hallowed be your
_____, your
_____ come,
your _____ be done,
on _____ as it is in
_____.

Give us today our daily
_____.
_____ us our
S _____ as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into

_____ but _____
us from _____.

For the kingdom,
the _____ and
the _____ are
yours now and forever.
Amen



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Fill in the missing words of the Lord's Prayer then find them and these extra words in the word search:

LORD'S PRAYER
DISCIPLES
JESUS
GOD
WORLD
NEEDS
FORGIVENESS
TRESPASSES
PROTECTION
REPENTANCE



The versions of **The Lord's Prayer** we say today come from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.
Which version do you use in your church?



Read
Matthew 6:9-15
and
Luke 11:1-4



How do young people first connect with faith and the church? This article reports on a remarkable rise in interest – and how the young people are reached in the first place.

'I started noticing they had something I didn't' – students tell how they came to faith

Students have been sharing their experiences of what first drew them to become Christians, and go on to speak about a “noticeable” increase in faith among Generation Z, in a recent national online service.

The students, Tegan and Gus, had began their journey to faith because of a simple invitation from friends to attend a church service.

For Tegan, it was a conversation with a friend at brunch which sparked her curiosity. For Gus, he needed to call into the church to borrow a camera for a university project.

“The first couple of times I came back just because I wanted to chat to the people - like it was a nice place to be,” Gus explains. “And from that community I noticed Jesus in them and that's what I really wanted at the end of it.”

Tegan agrees: “I started noticing that they had something that I didn't and it's why I started going to the Alpha course and learned all about Jesus and who He was and what it meant for me.”

Gus admits he had previously struggled with his poor mental health. “Looking back at it now, I see Jesus in those moments, but now I interact with Jesus in those moments,” he says. “He's actively helping me through those things now.”

Tegan speaks of the death of her mother since she became a Christian. “I think that is where I've known Jesus's love the strongest - in my grief. I think grief is really dark and I don't know if I would have been able to do it without Jesus. I think He's been my strength through that and also my comfort.

“And I think people can see it within you, right? Like they see, wow, you have this sort of peace or joy that, is almost *unreasonable*, like that you couldn't have from anything but Jesus.”

Both also speak about their own sense of growing interest in faith in their generation.

“I have noticed since being in a church myself lots more people joining that have never even heard the name of Jesus or don't know much about Him and seeing other people come to Him is just so exciting,” says Tegan.

Gus adds: “The amount of people each year has definitely been increasing. It's noticeable each time the new year comes up it's ‘oh we've got even more people now’ it's just so encouraging.”

Prayer for July 2025

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Lord, in this month, we, your church, remember Thomas.

Thomas, who asked questions and doubted when he didn't see You with his own eyes. And Lord, You walked through those locked doors of his questions and doubts specifically to meet his needs.

Help us to come to you, honestly, with our questions and doubts, knowing that You understand and will meet our needs too. Help us to recognize You with eyes of faith – the only One who can help us.

May we declare, with Thomas, in humility, devotion and thankfulness, 'My Lord and my God!'.

We pray in your powerful name, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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