



# Ferring Baptist Church

## Fellowship News – 17 to 31 August 2025

4Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

**7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**



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***Church Activities 17 to 31 August - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:***

<b>Sunday 17</b> 10:30 Afterwards	<b>Morning Worship* #</b> Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
18:30	Evening Worship and Holy Communion	Rev Robin Brenchley
<b>Wednesday 20</b> 14:30 – 15:30	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	Everyone welcome
<b>Sunday 24</b> 10:30 - 11:30	<b>Morning Worship* #</b> Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
<b>Wednesday 27</b> 14:30 – 15:30	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	Everyone welcome
<b>Saturday 30</b> 17:30 - 19:00	<b>Lighthouse Youth Group Summer Social</b>	Karen Parsons and Jane Melvin
<b>Sunday 31</b> 10:30 - 11:30	<b>Morning Worship* #</b> 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:***

- Our dear Elsie is 100 on 5 September and will be celebrating with a party. Everyone is welcome and if you would like to attend, please put your names on the list on the noticeboard so that her family know how many to cater for.
- The next edition of Fellowship News will be the September edition available on 31 August. Fellowship Bulletins will be used to communicate anything urgent.

***Dates for Diary:***

- Afternoon House Group begins again on Tuesday 2 September
- Youth Group and Young explorers are back on Friday 5 September
- Lighthouse Youth Group start the Autumn term on Saturday 6 September
- Dabblers is back on Thursday 11 September
- Harvest Festival is on Sunday 14 September and the food donations will be collected by the Worthing Soup Kitchen
- Church Anniversary celebration followed by a bring and share lunch will be held on 19 October

***Quote:***

- “Be the change that you want to see in the world”. Mahatma Gandhi

## **David Sivyour**

Not all of us will be familiar with this name, but David was a great supporter of our evening services prior to Covid.

David and his wife Lorna came monthly to provide music to accompany our worship. Lorna also recorded hymn tunes for use when we had no musicians. Together David and Lorna led the monthly meetings of the Torch Trust Fellowship, providing ministry and fellowship for people with sight difficulties. With failing health, in recent years he lived at Koinonia, the Christian Care Home in Worthing where he died last month.

David and Lorna were in fellowship at Angmering Baptist Church. A thanksgiving service will be held on Friday 22nd August at Worthing Crematorium at 10 am followed by fellowship and refreshments at Angmering Baptist Church. David is remembered with affection, and we pray for Lorna and the family in their bereavement.

Philip Tout

## **Thank you:**

- Thank you to Robin and Marion for all their hard work for the Holiday Club and especially picking up the extra work that Rev Shirley Tupper usually does.
- Thank you to all the group leaders, lab assistants, craft helpers, design team, advertising/marketing, games and refreshment teams. You all played a vital part in the smooth running of the Holiday Club.
- Holiday Club 2025 – thank you to all those who were prayer warriors for the Holiday Club – it was greatly appreciated. We tried to keep in contact with as many of you as possible during the week to ensure that prayers were targeted when required.
- Holiday Club 2025 Grand Finale and Buffet – thank you to everyone who helped with this by baking cakes and arriving early to set up.

Holiday Club Organising Team

### ***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, Defender of Our Faith that they will lift up Christianity whenever possible;**
- 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
  - Brenda Elliott
  - Val & Ron Boot and family
  - Simon and Kelly and family as they mourn Kelly's Grandad;
  - Chris and Wendy Fogg
  - Barbara Hardman's family and friends;
  - H Kitchen
  - Khristina
  - Pat May (Pauline's sister)
  - Sheila Palmer
  - Sheila Steele's family and friends
  - 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 and the staff and those living in 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 our children who are facing challenges, different classes and teachers, moving school etc. We pray that you will be with them as they settle into new routines etc. We also pray for their families as they get used to the changes and the impact on their own lives;
- We pray that all of the seeds sown to everyone who walked through the Church doors during Holiday Club, and those seeds watered by the Holy Spirit.

### **Help:**

Summer for most is a happy time of being with family, spending more time doing the things that we love but not everyone feels that way. For some it is a lonelier time and during last week (from 4 August), four people in the local area took their own life. So below is what Robin wrote previously as a reminder that Marion and him, the Deacons and the pastoral team are always available to give time and help to people.

### **Robin wrote:**

I'd rather talk to you at 3am than talk at your funeral. Nothing worse than losing a friend because they didn't think they had anyone to talk to.

Phone always on, door always open and a drink can be easily poured. Support each other.





### **WSK Update:**

As a Church we support the Worthing Soup Kitchen.

WSK Trustees has sent a special thank you to you all for your food donations - they have been a tremendous help.

Now that we are in the summer school holidays, the following items are required please:

- Squash,
- Cereals, Biscuits, Crisps;
- Jams, chocolate spread and spreads etc for sandwiches;
- Cream crackers;
- Tins of Ham, Tuna, Spam etc;
- Tinned Meals such as Spaghetti Bolognese, Meatballs, Pies;
- Tea, Coffee, Sugar;
- Jars of Sauce, Pasta, Rice;
- Long Life Milk;
- Snacks;
- Boxes of washing powder (they divide the box up);
- Toiletries.

### **Holiday Club Special:**



Meet Teddie – one of the stars of Holiday Club.

Sadly his cousin Eddie has had to retire due to ill health. We wish him all the best.

The transition to Teddie went very smoothly and the children loved him. Teddie had his own lab assistant Marion but his cheeky ways were not enough to win over Marion for the permanent position on offer.



Memory Verse:

***I praise you because of the wonderful way that you created me.***

Psalm 139, verse 14





*Photo of the picture made by the Young Explorers and overseen by the Lighthouse Youth Art Project Group.*

## **Highlights of Holiday Club week by the Groups - amalgamated as appropriate.**

**Day one** and throughout the week it was lovely to see so many children come who live out of the area and who we only usually see when they are staying with grandparents etc. Out of 28 children registered, I counted ten of them, plus two who we have not seen for a few months due to illness in the family. So we had 12 children who otherwise we would not see in our Church.

### **Groups**

All but one group had children that needed encouragement and reassurance to try new things. It was lovely to see the children grow in confidence throughout the week - those whose voices were barely a whisper on day one had found their "big voices" [Lizzy's term] by the end of the week.

For example - the five-year-olds had a little boy who just stood and watched on day one but by the end of the week he was up singing and doing the actions and fully joining in with everything.

The exception was Lorraine's older group – she had the same children as when they were aged 9 – now 10 and some 11s and the difference she said was how much noisier they were this time round!



Lorraine's was very pleased at how well the group gelled together especially as they came from different schools. It was also lovely to see them using Bibles to do the group work.

Lizzy and Marion put together Holiday Club songs and the children loved their time of worship. One little girl stood with her teddy teaching him the actions which was lovely to watch.

### **The fabulous Newtons**

Now looking at my group - I had the fabulous 7s – also known as Newtons - we averaged four children a day. Two did not live locally so we set up a buddy system and it was lovely to see them every morning as they went round the Church in a little group looking for those vital missing test tubes [Teddie's lost object] and obtaining the points from Robin.

### **Activity Book - Solomon**

Looking at the activity book that they all had, **Day one** was the story of Solomon asking God to be wise - the children observed that in today's world a lot of people think that they are smarter than they are and they were surprised that Solomon was not one of those. This story stayed with them the whole week and they were still talking about it on the last day.

Later that morning one little girl sat in the craft area and made the little King Solomon all by herself. The helper redundant by her side. She was determined not to have help.

**Day two** focused on creation and looked at the **Solar system and planets and Psalm 8**. Always good to have an expert on the planets in my group. He excelled at the set exercises – gently leading the others.

**Day three** started off a little disappointing as none of the children in my group knew the significance of a rainbow. All agreed that it made them feel happy and two little girls had dressed up in rainbow outfits. Things improved when we discussed Jesus being the Light of the World. They explained that at Ferring School at the beginning of the assembly a candle is lit, and they knew that was because Jesus is the Light. At the end of Assembly the Headmaster says – May the Lord be with you and the children answer with “and with you”. Lovely way to start the day.

One of the highlights of the week was on the playing field, the boys loved having a session with the **Ferring Football coaches** and they were so good with one little boy that needed extra encouragement. Meanwhile the girls loved doing their gymnastics with Julie.

Day four started well with two little girls who I call the tumbling tots – in they came all happy as they have not been able to come for a while. Delighted that they have known the Church for a year now.

However, day four was tricky – we were given this complicated exercise of pictures, numbers 1 to 7, slips of paper with words on and despite looking in the bible and on phones we found it hard to match the days of creation with what we had been given. It was time critical and that added to our stress levels. Not down for long though we were soon out on the field with bowls of water running up and down with lots of laughter. The Days of Creation exercise will be repeated in Youth Group, without the pressure of time.

Lizzy noted the differences in how girls and boys work. The girls in my group planned their colouring and once we had discussed rainbows - the same colours were lined up for other pictures. The boys though, preferred having spent time building their creatures in the craft room, as soon as back in the group wanted to take them apart and make them again.

Overall, the children were a delight and it was a privilege to have them. They learnt that God loves them very much and about the amazing and wonderful creation that he made especially them. The children got on well, shared resources and looked out for each other

As the children left on the last day they were making plans about coming next year and that was wonderful to hear.

One of our prayer warriors said now we have to pray that the seeds sown are watered by the Holy Spirit and grow. Amen to that.

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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](mailto:Karen1.parsons@uwclub.net) by Wednesday.