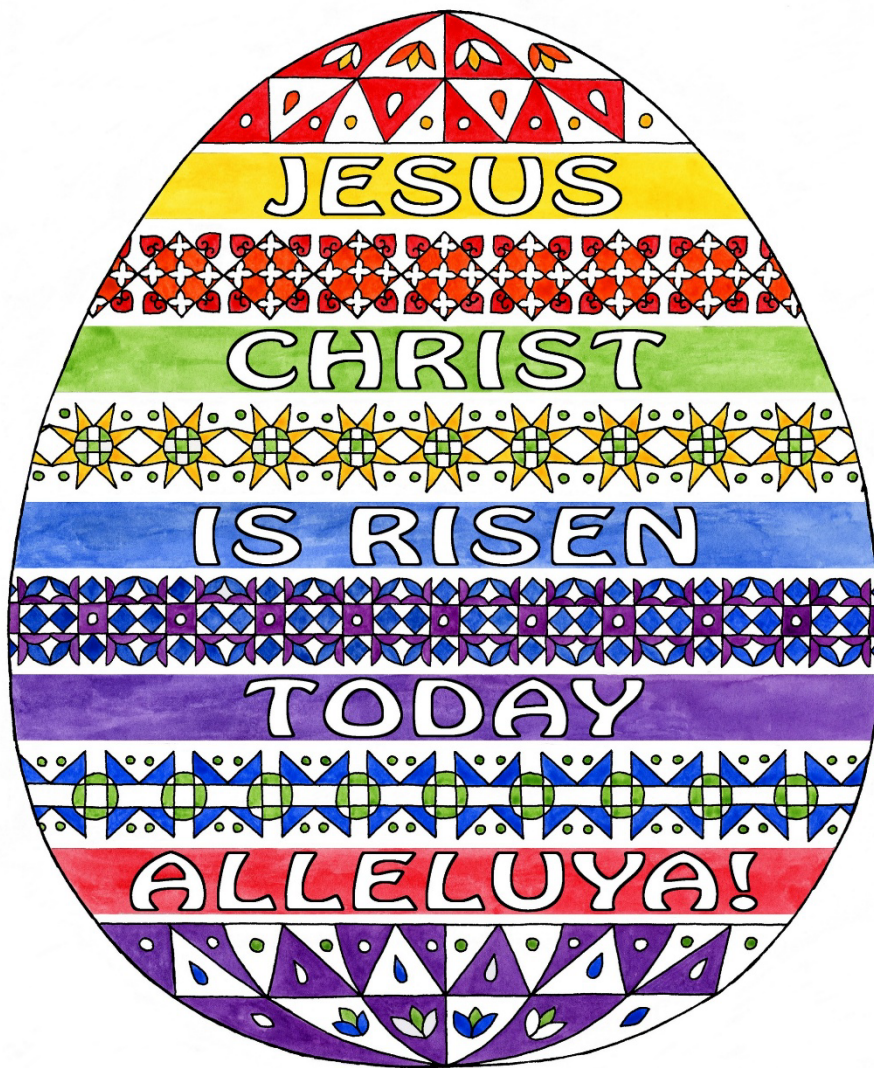




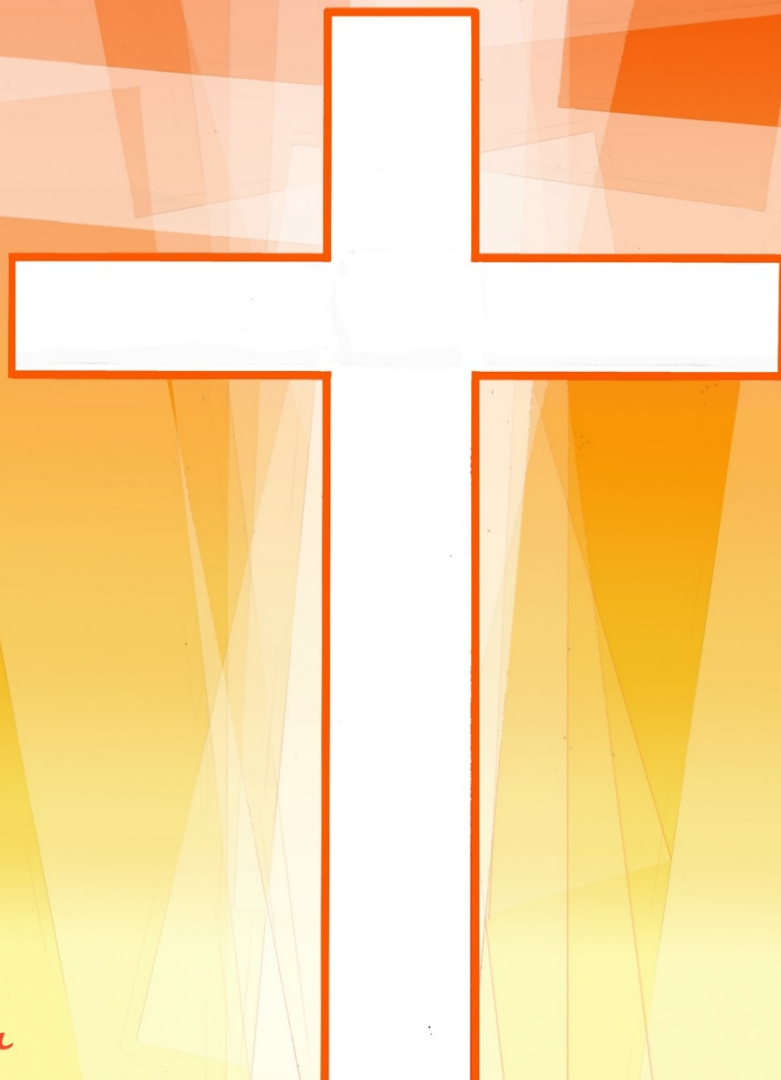
# Ferring Baptist Church

Fellowship News April 2026

Fix our Eyes Upon Jesus



Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with  
boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim  
your risen life and fill us  
with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father



*Paul Judson*

*Welcome from Rev Robin Brenchley:*

Hello and welcome to the April edition of our Newsletter.

As I sit in my garden study looking out on a blue sky with a few white clouds, and a flower bed with tulips in bloom, I find myself grateful that winter seems at last to be well behind us. The dark evenings of winter are becoming a memory and the bright evenings, and warmth of summer seem just around the corner.

And I can't but help draw the parallel between this and the Easter story where we see the darkness of Good Friday replaced by the light of Sunday morning. Where the grief surrounding the death of Jesus led to the joy of His resurrection.

Like many aspects of the Christian faith, we need to hold the events of Good Friday in balance with what happened that first Easter. For a start, we cannot have one without the other. But more importantly, even in our easter joy, we need to remember the cost of Friday. Jesus died an almost unimaginably painful death to pay the price for your sin and mine. A price he willingly endured, we are told, "for the joy set before him" [Hebrews 12:2].

That joy was the joy of accomplishing the impossible, the possibility of eternal peace between mankind and God and an end to the chasm between us caused by sin.

It wasn't for the sake of being able to sit down at the right hand of the father that Jesus died, but for the chance of welcoming you and me into that wonderful place of everlasting joy and light.

So yes, let's celebrate the victory of Easter. But let's make sure we do it in the light of Good Friday and the price that Jesus paid.

***Church Activities 5 to 30 April - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:***

<b>Sunday 5 6am</b>	<b>Morning Sunrise Worship – on the beach at entrance to the Bluebird Café carpark</b>	<b>Rev Shirley Tupper and Rev Robin Brenchley</b>
<b>10:30 - 11:30</b>	<b>Easter Celebration * # Refreshments and Fellowship Time</b>	<b>Rev Robin Brenchley</b>
<b>Tues 7 14:30 - 16:00</b>	<b>Afternoon House Group</b>	<b>Trish Aze</b>
<b>Wednesday 8 14:30 – 15:30</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	<b>Everyone welcome</b>
<b>Saturday 11 9:30 – 11:30</b>	<b>Deacons Meeting</b>	<b>Leadership Team</b>
<b>Sunday 12 10:30 - 11:30</b>	<b>Morning Worship* # Refreshments and Fellowship Time</b>	<b>Rev Bryan Pickard</b>
<b>Tuesday 14 10:30 - 12:00</b>	<b>Women’s Fellowship</b>	<b>Sally Gilbert</b>
<b>Wednesday 15 14:30 – 15:30</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	<b>Everyone welcome</b>
<b>Thursday 16 14:00 – 16:00</b>	<b>Dabblers</b>	<b>Pauline Parkinson and Julie Appleton</b>
<b>Friday 17 17:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>Young Explorers Youth Group</b>	<b>Karen Parsons</b>
<b>18:00 - 19:00</b>	<b>Explorers Youth Group</b>	<b>Karen Parsons</b>
<b>Saturday 18 09:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Men’s Breakfast</b>	<b>Gordon Rickwood</b>
<b>17:00 – 18:30</b>	<b>Lighthouse</b>	<b>Karen Parsons, Julie Appleton</b>
<b>Sunday 19 10:30 - 11:30</b>	<b>Morning Worship* # Refreshments and Fellowship Time</b>	<b>Rev Robin Brenchley</b>
<b>18:30 – 19:30</b>	<b>Evening Holy Communion</b>	<b>Rev Robin Brenchley</b>
<b>Tuesday 21 14:30 - 16:00</b>	<b>Afternoon House Group</b>	<b>Trish Aze</b>
<b>Wednesday 22 14:30 – 15:30</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	<b>Everyone welcome</b>
<b>Friday 24 17:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>Young Explorers Youth Group</b>	<b>Karen Parsons</b>
<b>18:00 - 19:00</b>	<b>Explorers Youth Group</b>	<b>Karen Parsons</b>
<b>Sunday 26 10:30 - 11:30</b>	<b>Morning Worship * # Refreshments and Fellowship Time</b>	<b>Rev Robin Brenchley</b>

<b>Tuesday 28</b> 10:30 - 12:00	<b>Women's Fellowship</b>	<b>Sally Gilbert</b>
<b>Wednesday 29</b> 11:00 – 12:00	<b>Pastoral Team Meeting</b>	<b>Marion Brenchley</b>
<b>14:30 – 15:30</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	<b>Everyone welcome</b>
<b>Thursday 30</b> 14:00 - 16:00	<b>Dabblers</b>	<b>Pauline Parkinson and Julie Appleton</b>

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

### **Notices:**

- Judy Cook and her father Peter will be visiting the Church on 17 May. Further details will follow.
- The next edition of the Fellowship News will be out in time for Sunday 19 April. Fellowship Bulletins will be used to communicate anything urgent.

### **Quotes:**

Tomorrow's history has already been written... at the name of Jesus every knee must bow. – *Paul E Kauffman*

Exercise daily – walk with the Lord. – Anon

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil – it has no point. – *Anon*

### **Smile Line:**

#### **Wheels**

A boy was praying for a bicycle, and the vicar told him to persevere, as prayer could do anything. The following week, when the boy arrived for church on a bicycle, the vicar assured him that his prayers had been heard. The boy looked embarrassed. "Actually, I stole the bike, and now I'm here to pray for forgiveness".

## ***Sheila Palmer***

It is with great sadness that Robin announced the passing of dearly beloved Sister Sheila Palmer. Sheila was known for her loving, caring support and generosity to many both at Ferring Baptist Church and time spent previously in the local area.

Sheila became a willing and active member of the Church, helping in many Ministries. She excelled in the support that she gave to our BMS Missionary Judy Cook (plus her father Peter) and Hope Home. Sheila was also very supportive of youth work in the Church.

Sheila also used to regularly visit members of the congregation when they were unable to come to Church - both in their homes, and local residential and nursing homes. Prior to the livestream, Sheila would tell them about the songs, sermon and Church activities. If she saw that something would make their life easier it would appear on her next visit.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sheila's family and friends.

Funeral details – 1pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at Ferring Baptist Church.



## Brian Rosser

Robin also announced the sad news that Brian went home to be with Our Lord. Brian had started to come to our Church with Stewart and Judy.

He had a very brief illness, and our thoughts and prayers are with Brian's friends and family.

We have been informed that there is not going to be a funeral.



***BMS Birthdays:***

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**To all those in the fellowship blessed with an April birthday  
especially those in the BMS scheme:**

**5<sup>th</sup> Hil Kitchen  
10<sup>th</sup> Brian Mephram  
11<sup>th</sup> Julie Appleton  
19<sup>th</sup> Helen Pierpoint  
27<sup>th</sup> Ron Pavier**

**If you would like to join the Birthday Scheme please speak to our Birthday Scheme  
Coordinator Jenny Rickwood.**

***Youth Club Update and Opportunity:***

At the request of youth club parents Robin gave a talk about Holy week to the younger Youth Group. They had been studying at school and had some questions. They sat very attentively through two short video clips, asked their questions and then coloured pictures of the Resurrection and Crosses detailing Holy week.

They left with Easter Eggs, Palm Sunday Crosses and either a book about Easter (older Children) or a colouring book.

**Opportunity**

The work in this Ministry continues to grow and we have a rota of helpers willing to help once a month. If you feel that you would like to help with our young people and join the team then please speak to Karen who will be delighted.

### ***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 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 lift up Christianity whenever possible;
- We pray for our King as he navigates his journey with treatment for cancer. We give thanks that the treatment is being reduced;
- We pray for our brothers and sisters at St Andrews that they will continue to know your love and guidance as they serve you in our local community;
- 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 and Stewart
  - Lesley
  - Marilyn Ford
  - Sue Alton
  - Brenda Elliott
  - Val & Ron Boot and family
  - Kelly and Simon
  - Chris, Wendy and Jason
  - H Kitchen
  - Hazel
  - Karen Parsons
  - Keith and Jan
  - Khristina
  - Norma and Mike
  - Melissa (Youth Club Mother)
  - Pat May (Pauline's sister)
  - Sheila Palmer's family
  - Brian Rosser's family

- Cliff and Maureen Warden
- John and Pat Wigley
- John (a friend of Mary and Philip)
- Neil (a relative of Mary and Philip)
- Linda (Karen's friend)
- Byron (a family friend of Robin and Marion)
- 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 Judy Cook and the staff and those living in Hope Home. We pray that Judy will have a good home assignment in the Spring and is able to visit our Church;
- We pray that Jaco Loenen is able to remain in the UK with his family;
- We pray for Open Doors, Mission Aviation Fellowship etc to bring your Gospel of Hope and Healing in difficult places;
- We pray that our Church will be successful in our assistance to Worthing Soup Kitchen/food parcels/community pantry and that through you Lord we are able to help those vulnerable families in our community.
- We also pray for Safe in Sussex

### ***WSK Update – Thank you:***

**Thank you to everyone for their kind donations of colouring books, painting kits, pens, pencils and paints. WSK are very grateful to you.**

Food donations currently required are:

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

Please note that if the crate is not by the front door, it can be located just inside the kitchen door. Food donations are collected either weekly or fortnightly depending on how full the crates are.

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

