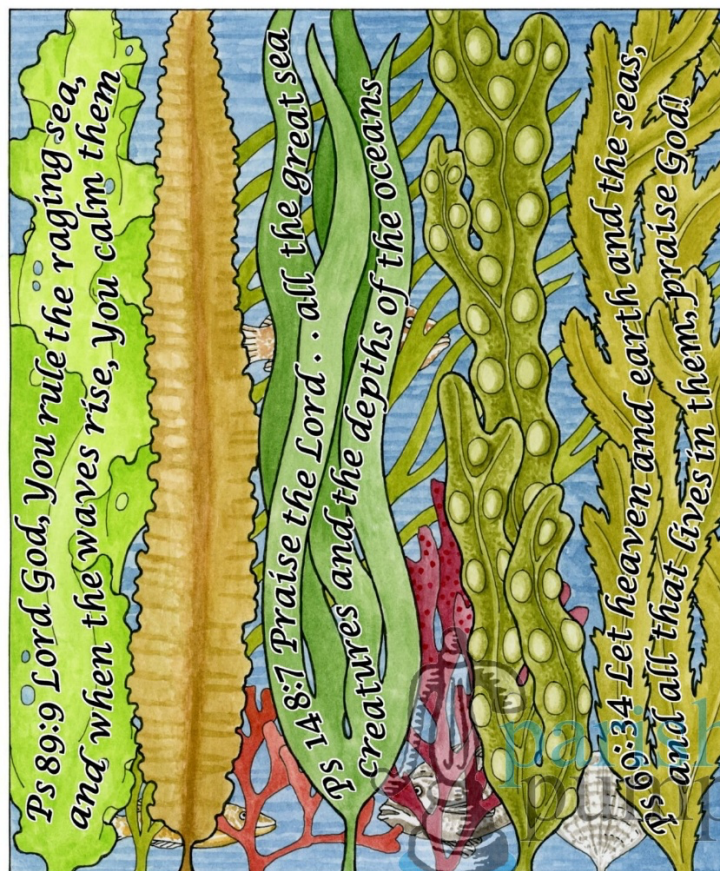




Ferring Baptist Church

Fellowship News July 2026

*"The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all." – Psalms 103:19*



Hello and welcome again to our monthly Newsletter.

As we are now in July many families are preparing for their annual summer holiday, and whilst this may not directly affect those of us who can choose to take a break at any time throughout the year, it does bring some changes to our monthly church calendar.

From the end of July our two Friday youth groups, Young Explorers and Explorers, will merge into one Friday evening Summer Youth Club, running from 5pm to 6.30pm each Friday evening. We are hoping to spend more time outside on the field, and Karen will be notifying the families of any special events.

Then in August, with the exception of our prayer meeting each Wednesday afternoon and our services, most of our groups will take a break. However, in the absence of a summer holiday club, the children's Friday Youth Group will continue throughout the summer break this year.

Taking a break from our work is central to our Christian Faith. After all, taking at least one day off each week is one of the 10 Commandments, and our English word holiday is a direct descendant of the phrase Holy Day – the first holidays were days stipulated by the church, such as Mothering Sunday when young people in service were allowed a day off to return home.

God cares for us and doesn't want us making ourselves unwell through overwork and failing to take a break when needed, and this includes those who have reached retirement age. I have lost track of the number of people who have said to me something along the lines of, "I don't know how I ever found time to go to work, I'm just so busy!" So even if you are not working full time, make sure to take some time off this summer, to slow down and take a break and enjoy the sunshine.

Church Activities 5 July to 2 August - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 5 10:30 - 11:30	Morning Worship * # Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
14:00 – 16:30	Sunday Afternoon Social Pop In at the Glebelands, Ferring	Hosted by Ferring Baptist Church Everyone is welcome. We would love to see you there.
Tuesday 7 10:30 - 12:00	Women's Fellowship	Sally Gilbert
Wednesday 8 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 9 10:00 – 17:00	Arun Art Society Exhibition	
Friday 10 10:00 - 17:00	Arun Art Society Exhibition	
17:00 – 18:00	Young Explorers Youth Group	Karen Parsons
18:00 - 19:00	Explorers Youth Group	Karen Parsons
Saturday 11 10:00 – 16:00	Arun Art Society Exhibition	
Sunday 12 10:30 - 11:30	Morning Worship * # Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
Tuesday 14 14:30 - 16:00	Afternoon House Group	Trish Aze
Wednesday 15 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 16 11:00	Funeral of Judy Douglas	Rev Robin Brenchley
14:00 – 16:00	Dabblers Afternoon Social (Not at the Church)**	Pauline Parkinson & Julie Appleton
Friday 17 17:00 – 18:30	Summer Youth Club Social	Karen Parsons
Saturday 18 09:00 – 11:00	Men's Breakfast	Gordon Rickwood
17:00 – 18:30	Lighthouse	Karen Parsons and Julie Appleton

Sunday 19 10:30 - 11:30	Morning Worship * # Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley and Khristina McCormack, Chief Executive Officer, Worthing Soup Kitchen
18:30 – 19:30	Evening Holy Communion	Rev Robin Brenchley
Tuesday 21 14:30	Women's Fellowship*** and Afternoon House Group**** Summer Social (not at the Church)	Sally Gilbert and Trish Aze
Wednesday 22 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Friday 24 17:00 – 18:30	Summer Youth Club	Karen Parsons
Saturday 25 9:30 – 11:30	Deacons Meeting	Leadership Team
Sunday 26 10:30 - 11:30	Morning Worship * # Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
Wednesday 29 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Friday 31 17:00 – 18:30	Summer Youth Club	Karen Parsons
Saturday 1 17:00 – 18:30	Lighthouse	Karen Parsons and Jane Melvin
Sunday 2 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.

*** Dabblers is having a summer break and will be back on 10 September*

****Women's Fellowship is taking a summer break and will be back on 15 September*

*****Afternoon House Group is also taking a summer break in August.*

Notices:

- As Robin mentioned in Church, the wheelchair which belongs to the church has gone missing. Someone has borrowed it and not returned it. As we know, it is regularly used especially on Sundays and is very much missed. If you or anyone you know has borrowed it, please can you bring it back/ask them to return it. Many thanks. Marion Brenchley.

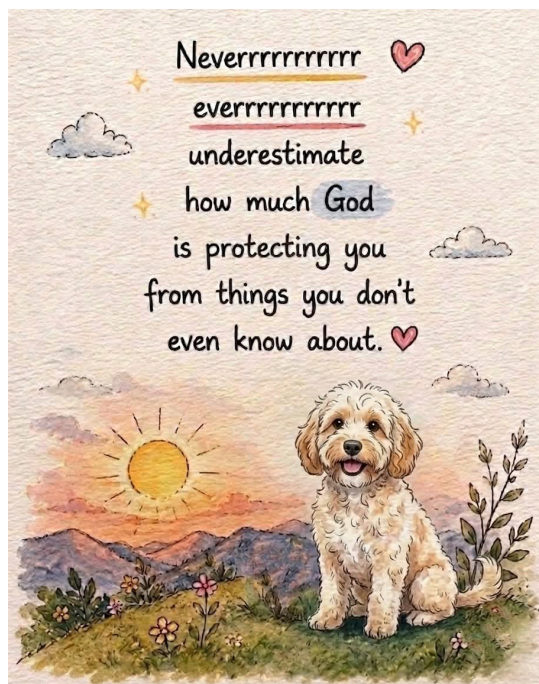
- Sunday Afternoon Social Pop In at the Glebelands, we are hosting for the Ferring Community – everyone is invited. There will be board games etc available. Please do come and support us. Refreshments and fellowship. Please speak to Karen Parsons or Christine Beales if you would like to know more or help.
- The next edition of the Fellowship News will be out in time for Sunday 19 July. Fellowship Bulletins will be used to communicate anything urgent.

Quotes:

- Christians are the only people in the world who have anything to be happy about.
– *Billy Graham*

Monthly Wisdom:

- The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the LORD tests the heart. — Proverbs 17:3 (NIV)



Smile Line:

Adopted

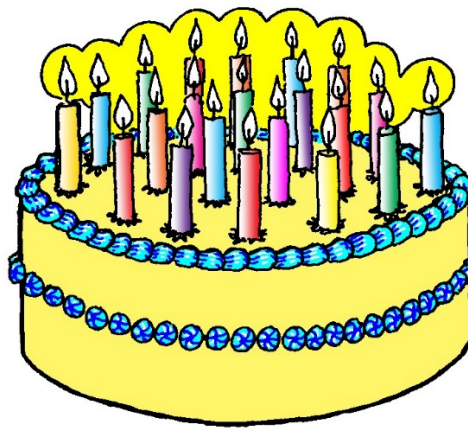
The teacher's young pupils were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair colour than the other members. One of the children suggested that he was adopted. A little girl said, "I know all about adoption; I was adopted."

"What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child.

"It means", said the girl, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy."

Happy Birthday:

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



**To all those in the fellowship blessed with a July birthday
especially those in the BMS scheme:**

5 Barbara Judd

5 Lesley Sumner

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

Worthing Soup Kitchen Summer Appeal:

Unfortunately we still have a lot of people including families living in temporary accommodation for far longer than we would like.

To help over the summer months, WSK has asked if we could do the same as at Easter and donate summer colouring/activity books, pencils, pens etc.

For those wanting to donate food then they have asked for summer items such as squash, crisps as a treat, lunchbox items, little cartoons of fruit juice with straws, fish paste, jam, tuna fish, long life milk etc.

WSK send their thanks and really appreciate your support.

Prayer:

Prayer is the rope up in the belfry; we pull it, and it rings the bell up in heaven. – *C Evans*

I can take my telescope and look millions of miles into space; but I can go away to my room and in prayer get nearer to God and heaven than I can when assisted by all the telescopes of earth. – *Isaac Newton*

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 all those in our military services especially Martin who is deployed in the Armed Services (Youth Club Father);
- 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:
 - Stewart
 - Lesley
 - Marilyn Ford
 - Sue Alton
 - Brenda Elliott
 - Val & Ron Boot
 - Kelly and Simon
 - Chris, Wendy and Jason
 - H Kitchen
 - Hazel
 - 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 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 the staff and those living in Hope Home.
- We pray that Judy has had a good home assignment and feels refreshed to return to Home Home;
- We pray that Jaco Loenen is able to remain in the UK with his family and that Corrina is able to continue her translation work from the UK;
- 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.

Sea Sunday - 12th July

Sea Sunday is the day each year when churches worldwide come together to pray for seafarers, and to support The Mission to Seafarers' frontline ministry to them.

Seafarers are essential to everyday life, yet many work unseen, facing long periods away from home, isolation, and often dangerous conditions. Sea Sunday offers an opportunity to pause, and give thanks for the men and women who keep our world moving.

The Mission to Seafarers works in ports across the world. In 2025 alone, it made over 48,000 ship visits, provided shore leave transport for more than 150,000 seafarers, and ran programmes on family support and suicide prevention.

These moments of care — a visit on board, practical help ashore, or someone to listen — can make a profound difference to seafarers far from home.

For Sea Sunday 2026, the theme is 'Harbours of Hope: The Church Alongside Seafarer', inspired by Matthew 25. This theme celebrates the local church as a place of welcome, refuge, and hope — a community offering both spiritual and practical safety to those who work at sea. It invites congregations to reflect on how they can stand alongside seafarers through prayer, hospitality, generosity, and justice.

There is a wide range of free downloadable resources on Sea Sunday, which can be found at: <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org>

Thank you:

Thank you for your prayers, love, kindness and support over the last few months. The dark glasses will be staying a little bit longer but I can see a lot better and walk.

A special thank you to those who have been helping me to keep the Youth Groups running – greatly appreciated.

Karen Parsons

Summer Youth Group:

From the 17 July we will be running a Summer Youth Group with lots of different activities including a mini sports event, two football coaching sessions from Ferring Football Club, arts, crafts and music.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help. If you would like to get involved please speak to Karen Parsons.



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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.

Have A Blessed Sunday



May God bless your day with grace, peace, and abundant blessings,
and may His love guide and protect you in the week ahead.