



Ferring Baptist Church

Fellowship News October 2026



Hello church, and welcome to our October newsletter.

At the risk of repeating myself, I am shocked that I am already writing this column in the October edition of our newsletter. What happened to June, July and August???

Having said that, September was a month that is better left behind us as we had to say goodbye to Kelly, Diane, Viv, Brenda and Ron. Their loss will be felt for a long time, but as always I am reminded that, as Paul told the Thessalonians:

... you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

Because we know that we will be reunited when Christ returns – what a joyous thought that is!

It has been a busy month in other ways too, with Ofsted visiting our school. At the time of writing I cannot say too much, but it went very well and I am very thankful to our headteacher James Cox and all the staff at the school for the way they rose to the challenge.

As for the coming month; as I shared with the church members at the August church meeting, I have to have an operation on the 21st of October which will mean I am out of action until Sunday 8th November when I return for light duties at the War Memorial for our combined service of Remembrance alongside Rev Shirley.

However, you will be in good hands with regional minister Rev Andy Twilley preaching at our Anniversary Service on 25th October and Marion and Tim preaching at the two services following.

Normal service will be resumed on the 15th November, when we will be into our planning for Christmas!

In the meantime, God bless you all! *Robin*

Church Activities 4 October to 30 October - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 4 10:30 - 11:30	Morning Worship and Holy Communion * # Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
Tuesday 6 11:00 – 12:00	Funeral Vivien Clarke	Rev Marion Brenchley
14:30 – 16:00	Afternoon Housegroup	Trish Aze
Wednesday 7 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 8 14:00 – 16:00	Dabblers	Pauline Parkinson & Julie Appleton
Friday 9 12:00 -13:00	Funeral of Brenda Elliott St Andrew's Parish Church	Rev Alison Pattenden
17:00 – 18:00	Young Explorers Youth Group	Karen Parsons
18:00 – 19:00	Explorers Youth Club	Karen Parsons
Saturday 10 09:30 -11:30	Deacon's meeting	Leadership Team
Sunday 11 10:30 - 11:30	Morning Worship * # Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
Monday 12 12:30 - 13:00	Funeral Service of Ron Pavier at Worthing Crematorium	Rev Robin Brenchley
13:30 – 14:30	Funeral Service of Ron Pavier	
Tuesday 13 10:30 – 12:00	Women's Fellowship	Sally Gilbert
Wednesday 14 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Friday 16 17:00 – 18:00	Young Explorers Youth Club	Karen Parsons
18:00 – 19:00	Explorers Youth Club	Karen Parsons

Saturday 17 9:00 – 11:00	Men's breakfast	Gordon Rickwood
17:00 – 18:30	Lighthouse	Karen Parsons, Jane Melvin
Sunday 18 10:30 - 11:30	Morning Worship * # Refreshments and Fellowship Time	Rev Robin Brenchley
18:30 – 19:30	Evening Holy Communion	Simon Stuart
Tuesday 20 14:30 – 16:00	Afternoon Housegroup	Trish Aze
Wednesday 21 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Thursday 22 14:00 – 16:00	Dabblers	Pauline Parkinson, Julie Appleton
Friday 23 17:00 – 18:00	Young Explorers Youth Club	Karen Parsons
18:00 – 19:00	Explorers Youth Club	Karen Parsons
Sunday 25 10:30 - 14:00	Church Anniversary Celebration with a bring and share lunch * #	Rev Andy Twilley
Tuesday 27 10:30 – 12:00	Women's Fellowship	Sally Gilbert
Wednesday 28 14:30 – 15:30	Prayer Meeting	Everyone welcome
Friday 30 17:00 – 18:00	Young Explorers Youth Club	Karen Parsons
18:00 – 19:00	Explorers Youth Club	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 the 25 October, we will be celebrating our Church Anniversary. There will be a bring and share lunch. Please look out for further details on the Church event noticeboard.
- 29 October – there will be Covid booster injections at the Church (Barn Surgery can give more details about this).

- The next edition of the Fellowship News will be out in time for Sunday 18 October. Fellowship Bulletins will be used to communicate anything urgent.

Harvest:

Thank you to everyone who made our Harvest service so special and those who helped to pack up the food donations. We had over 30 bags of food and some boxes. Khristina who you met in the summer sends her special thanks to everyone for helping the vulnerable people and families in our wider community. She re-opened on Monday night to stock the shelves ready for Tuesday morning.

The amount raised for Tearfund's fund in aid of the Nepal Floods will be given in a future newsletter as donations are still being received.

Quotes:

Though the Lord is out of sight, we are not out of His. – M Henry

Smile Lines:

God is here

When our minister and his wife visited our neighbour, her four-year-old daughter answered the door. "Mum!" she yelled toward the living room. "God's here, and He brought His girlfriend."

(It wasn't us! – Robin & Marion)

Pastors

What do they call pastors in Germany?

German Shepherds.

Congratulations:



To Dear Anne and Peter,

Many congratulations on your Pearl Wedding Anniversary

May the Lord continue to bless your home with peace, health and endless joy in the years ahead.

Love

Church Fellowship

Autumn Nocturne:

*Chopin's quavers tumble in their chords,
Nocturnes gently soothing as they play;
Arpeggios – saying more than words
As autumn shades replace the summer day.*

*Sapphire skies give way to rainy grey
The heat is gone from damp and misty air,
The maple sheds its fire of yesterday
The moonlight shines on boughs now stark and bare.*

*Hands of gentle skill caress the keys,
The nocturne soothes our spirits as it's played.
We sigh not for the baring of the trees
Nor for the coming of the winter shade.*

*Forgotten soon the frozen frosty ground
The mem'ry stowed beside our winter coats;
As warm we sit, enfolded by the sound
Of Chopin's Nocturne and his graceful notes!*

By Nigel Beeton

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. We know that you are the Prince of Peace;
- We pray for all those who have lost loved ones, that you will walk beside them and provide them with comfort;
- We pray for all those in our military services, and doctors, nurses and other health care providers;
- 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;
- We pray for Linda and Simon Richards as they start their new married lives together;
- 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 husband Stuart, family and friends
 - Kelly Stuart's husband Simon, family and friends
 - Diane Ackery's family and friends
 - Ron Pavier's wife Pam, family and friends
 - Vivien Clarke's husband John, family and friends
 - Brenda Elliott's family and friends
 - Noah and his family
 - Lesley
 - Thurza
 - Marilyn Ford
 - Sue Alton
 - Val & Ron Boot
 - Chris, Wendy and Jason
 - H Kitchen
 - Hazel
 - Jennifer and her daughter Sam
 - Khristina
 - Norma and Mike

- Pat May (Pauline's sister)
- Paulette
- 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)
- 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 Jaco and Corrina settle to life in York, that the local community support them and that Corrina is able to continue her translation work from the UK. We also pray for Jaco as he starts his new life in 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 pray for all Youth Church activities that our young people and their families will come to know you Lord;
- We pray for all our Ministry leaders and helpers that you will guide them in the plans and work that you want them to do.



The Faraway Country

There's a faraway country we dream of
Where the street is paved with gold,
No more tears or hidden fears
Where time has lost its hold.

The portals of heaven are waiting
Where a place has been reserved,
Bought at a cost, by a Saviour's cross
Not one of us has deserved.

God's love is so embracing
For He longs the world to save
Into realms of glory, resurrection's story
And for this His Son He gave.

Let's be part of God's plan for redemption
Of a world still trapped in sin,
As we seek His face for saving grace
That all may enter in.

By Megan Carter

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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.

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