Ferring Baptist Church

Fellowship News November 2026



Welcome by Rev Robin Brenchley:

Hello and welcome to our November Newsletter.

Last month as I wrote, I was expecting to be going into hospital for surgery, and that has now all changed as the operation has been cancelled – a reminder that our plans can be changed at any time.

A friend of mine once told me, "If you want to give God a laugh, tell Him your plans!" He obviously had in mind Proverbs 16:9 where God says:

9 A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.

Or as Jesus put it;

34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. [Matthew 6:34 (NIV)]

And it's with these verses in mind that we are starting our planning for Christmas. We are hoping to have a family service in early December and have started planning for our Carols by Candlelight Service, which will be held this year at 6.30pm on Wednesday 23rd December.

But before we can do any of that, we have to finish our current series on Faith worked out through Love, with Marion preaching this Sunday with the words of 1 Corinthians 13:8 in mind:

8 Love never fails…

Then, next week on Sunday 8th November we look back with our Remembrance Sunday service. This will be held at 10am instead of 10.30 and Tim Morton will be preaching before we head over to the Village War Memorial for our combined service with St Andrews Parish Church.

One last thing… If you need prayer for anything whatsoever, please do contact either Marion or myself. We will be delighted to meet with you and pray with you.

God bless,

Robin

Church Activities 1 to 30 November - all held at the Church unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 1 **10:30 - 11:30**	**Morning Worship and Holy Communion * #** Refreshments and Fellowship Time	**Rev Marion Brenchley**
Tuesday 3 **14:00 – 16:00**	**Afternoon Housegroup**	**Trish Aze**
Wednesday 4 **14:30 – 15:30**	**Prayer Meeting**	**Everyone welcome**
Thursday 5 **14:00 – 16:00**	**Dabblers**	**Pauline Parkinson & Julie Appleton**
Friday 6 **17:00 – 18:00**	**Young Explorers Youth Group**	**Karen Parsons**
18:00 – 19:00	**Explorers Youth Club**	**Karen Parsons**
Saturday 7 **17:00 – 18:30**	**Lighthouse**	**Karen Parsons & Julie Appleton**
Sunday 8 **10:00 - 10:50** **10:55 for 11:00**	**Remembrance Day Worship * #** Refreshments and Fellowship Time **Ferring Village Remembrance Service at War Memorial**	**Tim Morton** **Rev Shirley Tupper & Rev Robin Brenchley**
Tuesday 10 **10:30 – 12:00**	**Women's Fellowship**	**Sally Gilbert**
Wednesday 11 **14:30 – 15:30**	**Prayer Meeting**	**Everyone welcome**
Friday 13 **17:00 – 18:00**	**Young Explorers Youth Club**	**Karen Parsons**
18:00 – 19:00	**Explorers Youth Club**	**Karen Parsons**
Saturday 14 **9:00 – 11:00**	**Ferring Women's breakfast**	**Marion Brenchley**
Sunday 15 **10:30 - 11:30**	**Morning Worship * #** Refreshments and Fellowship Time Art For Compassion – see separate details below.	**Rev Robin Brenchley**
18:30 – 19:30	**Evening Holy Communion**	**Rev Robin Brenchley**

Tuesday 17 **14:00 – 16:00**	**Afternoon Housegroup**	**Trish Aze**
Wednesday 18 **14:30 – 15:30**	**Prayer Meeting**	**Everyone welcome**
Thursday 19 **14:00 – 16:00**	**Dabblers**	**Pauline Parkinson, Julie Appleton**
Friday 20 **17:00 – 18:00**	**Young Explorers Youth Club**	**Karen Parsons**
18:00 – 19:00	**Explorers Youth Club**	**Karen Parsons**
Saturday 21 **09:00 – 11:00**	**Men's breakfast**	**Gordon Rickwood**
17:00 – 18:30	**Lighthouse**	**Karen Parsons & Jane Melvin**
Sunday 22 **10:30 - 11:30**	**Morning Worship * #** Refreshments and Fellowship Time	**Rev Stuart Robinson**
Tuesday 24 **10:30 – 12:00**	**Women's Fellowship**	**Sally Gilbert**
Wednesday 25 **14:30 – 15:30**	**Prayer Meeting**	**Everyone welcome**
Friday 27 **17:00 – 18:00**	**Young Explorers Youth Club**	**Karen Parsons**
18:00 – 19:00	**Explorers Youth Club**	**Karen Parsons**
Saturday 28 **09:30 – 11:30**	**Deacon's meeting**	**Leadership Team**
Sunday 29 **10:30 - 11:30**	**Morning Worship * #** Refreshments and Fellowship Time	**Rev Robin Brenchley**
14:30 – 16:00	**First Advent service & refreshments, St Andrew's Church**	**Rev Shirley Tupper & 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 Harvest appeal raised donations of £540.
- Poppy is feeling much better and thanks you for your prayers.
- 12 November – Covid injections in the Church Hall. Please speak to the Barn Surgery if you need further information.

Judy Cook:

Judy reports that Hope Home is doing well. She and Becca have been busy with Hope Home, their other workplaces and time away. The children are off school. One child was readmitted for surgery following complications but is now home and almost back to normal. Praise our Lord!

A message from BMS: Online Prayer & Share Event with Judy Cook - Thursday 5 November 12.30 - 13.30

We are delighted to be able to offer an opportunity for you to meet with Judy Cook online. She will give a presentation about her work, followed by an opportunity for questions and plenty of time to pray together. The event will last for an hour. If you have not received the separate email that Karen sent round with the link then please contact Karen.

ART FOR COMPASSION - SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER:

After the morning service on this date I am offering a number of small paintings for sale for the benefit of WORTHING SOUP KITCHEN

I thought at that time of the year the charity would appreciate some money with which to buy Christmas treats for families. Every penny raised will go to the charity.

Many thanks- Pauline (01903 504103)

Save the Date:

Sunday 3 January 2027 – we will be hosting the Afternoon Social Pop In at the Glebelands Centre. There will be tea, coffee, cake, chat and /or games/art. You are warmly invited to join us. All ages are welcome.

5 March 2027 - World day of Prayer is celebrating 100 years in 2027 and the theme is United in prayer for Justice and Peace.

It will be held at St.Mary's Goring at 10.30 a.m.

Quotes:

- "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them." – Laurence Binyon

- "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." – Thomas Campbell

Smile Lines:

Story

It was Dad's turn to read young Jamie a bedtime story. After 20 minutes, Mum called up the stairs, "Is he asleep?"

Young Jamie called softly back, "Yes, finally."

Died in the services

Little Alex was staring up at the large brass plaque that hung on the side wall of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and they seemed to fascinate the youngster. "All those names," he said to the minister. "Who are they?"

"Well, they were people who used to go to this church," explained the minister. "This is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the services."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 9 o'clock, or the 11 o'clock?"


Blessed are
the Peacemakers,
for they
will be called
Children of God
Matthew 5: 9

Remembrance

In November we come to remember
How war tore our country apart,
From village and town and all around
Men and boys left home and hearth.

Mothers and wives and sisters all
Saw their brave young men go away,
For some it meant the ultimate price
As they gave their tomorrows for our today.

Another Man left His home above
To rescue this world from sin,
It cost Him His life which He freely gave
So new life could enter in.

In this world there will always be war,
But the time will surely be
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

By Megan Carter

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Happy Birthday:



To all those in the fellowship blessed with a November birthday especially in the BMS scheme:
1st Angela Kenward
21st Karen Parsons
24th Janet Reading

If you would like to join the Birthday Scheme, please see Jenny Rickwood

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 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 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 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 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; and that the online event with Judy is well attended and the IT behaves;
- 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 and others to bring your Gospel of Hope 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 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 and encouragement;
- 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 Youth Church activities that our young people and their families will come to know you Lord;
- We pray for all Church activities that everyone attending feels included, loved and gets to know you;
- 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.



Prayer for November 2026:

Dear Lord,

At this dark and dismal time, when the year is closing down and our lives get busier and the world more confusing, we can sometimes become discouraged and low in spirits.

Help us to adjust our perspective, to turn and look up, to focus afresh on You, to remember that Your name is above all names, above discouragement, above despair, above confusion.

Help us to be thankful for each day that You have made, recognising each one as a gift from You, to be treasured and lived fruitfully.

May we welcome Your powerful, healing light into our hearts and lives – Your light, which no darkness can dim. Help us to remember your words,

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Help us to follow you and walk in the light, this November and always. In your name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching


WE BELIEVE IN
GOD
THE FATHER
ALMIGHTY
CREATOR
OF HEAVEN AND EARTH
WE BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST
HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD
WE BELIEVE
IN THE
HOLY
SPIRIT

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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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