

## Prayer Guide

### REGIONAL AND LOCAL

#### EBA Prayer Focus: Billericay Baptist Church.

Billericay Baptist is a large, thriving church in the Essex commuter town made famous by the sitcom Gavin and Stacey. The five-person ministry team is headed by Revd Ian Smith, who joined the church in 2016. In 'normal' times, a variety of services are held on Sundays in three different venues. This has enabled a greater variety of content and worship styles to be appreciated by the diverse membership. Just before lockdown the Boys Brigade celebrated their 50th anniversary with a special service.

- Pray for the ministry team as they seek to offer pastoral care and leadership to the church during these difficult times.
- Pray for wisdom as the church reflects upon the changing government guidelines and seeks to develop a plan for
- Pray for opportunities created by uploading services; that those who would not normally attend church might have an encounter with God.

#### Walton Parish Nursing

- Pray for Lorna and John as they make plans for such time it will be possible to open groups again.
- Pray that good contact will be maintained with clients who can't get out at the moment.

### NATION & WORLD

#### Coronavirus

- Pray for wise decisions by the Government as they continue to change lockdown rules.
- Pray for a continued search for more effective treatments and a vaccine.
- Pray that as a church we may know the best way of using the church buildings as lockdown rules are lifted over the coming months.

#### The Leprosy Mission

- Pray for those whose immune systems have been compromised by leprosy that TLM field staff will be able to get multi drug therapies they need during the coronavirus emergency.
- Pray for TLM field teams that they will be able to get to and serve leprosy affected people despite lockdown conditions.
- Pray that God will build a hedge of protection around communities that have been affected by leprosy.

July Birthdays - 3<sup>rd</sup> Louise Y, 24<sup>th</sup> Margaret L, 31<sup>st</sup> Bill H

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## Welcome to Maidstone Road Baptist Church

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**Today – Special Online Leprosy Mission Service**  
**Leader-** Delyth Mayhew and **Speaker:** From Leprosy Mission  
Online via the website.

This week	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>10.30 am Leprosy Mission Service</b> Speaker: <b>From The Leprosy Mission</b> Online Service online via MRBC website.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 10.00am - 11.00am	<b>Online Coffee Morning</b> via Zoom Come and go as you please. Please contact us if you need log-on details.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.30am Prayer Meeting</b> - Online via Zoom
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>10.30am Communion Service</b> Speaker: <b>Mark Reid</b> Online Service online via MRBC website.



**Church Website: [mrbcfelixstowe.org.uk](http://mrbcfelixstowe.org.uk)**

**Got a notice for the Sheet?**  
Fellowship prayer requests go to **Steve** by **Friday morning**  
Notices for the weekly sheet to **Lisa** by **Friday evening**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Unfortunately all our regular services and activities are cancelled for the duration of the emergency. This includes Worship Group, C-Kers, Women's Fellowship, Solos, Craft Group and all WPN activities on our site and elsewhere.

## ABLE TO HELP?

If you are still fit and able to help those shut in with shopping, prescriptions etc., please get in touch with Mark.

## PARISH NURSES

All our Parish Nursing classes and activities are still closed until further notice. Both our Parish Nurses still working and can be contacted on the numbers below,

### Online Small Group

All of our small groups/house groups were suspended when lockdown came along, and it may be a while before they resume. If anyone is interested in becoming part of a **Zoom small group** to meet for prayer, Bible study and chat, then please **contact Mark**. This is planned to be only an interim group until face to face groups start again and will only run if there is sufficient demand.

## REGULAR STUFF

**Leadership Team** – usually monthly first Tuesday.

Next Meeting – **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July** at 7.30 pm (on Zoom).

**Church Meeting** – usually bi-monthly second Tuesday.

Next meeting - **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** at 7.30pm. On Zoom.

**Prayer Meetings** – monthly on first Saturday

Next meeting – **4<sup>th</sup> July at 9-30** on Zoom.

## LOCAL BROADCAST WORSHIP

### Sundays

**8.00am** Dave Hunt's regular show (on Felixstowe Radio)

**9.30am** Old Felixstowe Parish (on Facebook)

**10.30am** MRBC (on website)

**10.30am** Bethesda (on Facebook page)

**10.30am** Christ Church (YouTube for video, website for audio only).

**5.00pm** Revs Paul Clarke and Chris Hood (on Felixstowe Radio 105.7)

Video-based services can be watched back on the media they were shown originally on.

**Thursdays @ 7.00pm** Rev. Paul Clarke's regular show on Felixstowe Radio.

## Small Groups

### Felixstowe Evening Group

(Margaret Lines/Ingrid Fenn)

Mondays @ 7.30 pm (Weekly)

### Trimley Evening Group

(Andrew Marfleet)

Mondays @ 7.30 pm (Fortnightly)

### Old Felixstowe Daytime Group

(Steve Lineham)

Wednesdays (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of the month) 10.30 am

### Felixstowe Morning Group

(Brian and Dot Salway)

Thursdays

**None of these groups are currently meeting but do get in touch with them for restart dates. This is not likely to be until August at the earliest.**



## Life after Lockdown?

On 23rd June, the Prime Minister announced that a further easing of lockdown would occur in relation to churches from 4th July. Churches would be allowed to open for worship and meetings under strict provisos to ensure premises are "Covid secure" for worshippers and visitors.

The announcement did not specify the conditions under which services might recommence and the **final written guidance has not yet been received from the Government as of 26th June**. As a result we are not able to proceed with any arrangements yet. This means **we will not be re-opening the building until at least before the Church Meeting on 14th June** when hopefully we will have more news for Church Members. All our activities will continue online at least until then.

As things are moving, it is imperative that we have your views in the **"Life after Lockdown"** questionnaire circulated last week and still available on the website, as we seek to move on from where we are. **Please send us your replies by 5th July.**



### BU Racial Justice Seminars

Following on from our current series on Isaiah 61, the BU are running a series on racial justice over the next few weeks and the programme can be found on [www.baptist.org.uk](http://www.baptist.org.uk)



C-Kers Online - available online now at

<http://www.mrbcfelixstowe.org.uk/blogmrbcf/>

### Walton Parish Nursing Contacts

Lorna Bellamy	07969901001	Tues/Weds/Thurs 9.00 am - 4.00 pm
John Gillett	07909888703	Tues/Thurs 8.30 am - 4.30 pm



**Write to your MP to #SaveAid**

Hello Delyth,

Earlier this week, the government announced plans to scrap DFID UK funding. This decision could be disastrous for The Leprosy Mission, threatening vital funding that continues to help some of the world's poorest people.

We need to act together to protect the #SaveAid budget. Join us in asking the Prime Minister to ensure that UK Aid continues to prioritise those who need it most.

By sending a message to your local MP, we can let the government know that aid spending should remain focused on ending poverty and helping vulnerable people.

This funding provides life-changing work. Last year's Heal Nepal campaign was our most successful appeal to date and, thanks to DFID funding, your generosity was matched by the UK government. But this latest parliamentary decision puts all of this at huge risk.

Together, let us advocate for the millions worldwide whose lives still need to be transformed by UK Aid. It only takes a couple of minutes and is easy to do.

[Please act now and #SaveAid so that no one is left behind.](#)

With our deepest thanks, Peter Waddup.