

## Prayer Guide

### EBA Prayer Focus: Clarence Road Baptist Church, Southend

Clarence Road is a town-centre church, with a history of pioneering social action, being sensitive to the needs of people in our diverse town. One of our strengths is our welcome and hospitality. Our congregation is made up of people from quite different backgrounds, and we value our connections to the wider community; the building is used by lots of different community groups which offer support and friendship for those who are vulnerable in our town. We also host a pioneer Baptist Church, 57West, in part of our building, which works primarily with rough sleepers and those most in need in Southend.

- Please pray for those most vulnerable in our church, that with a vaccine now on the horizon they will be able to connect in-person again
- For the relationships and friendships of the church, both as a church and with local groups and projects
- For new opportunities to connect with our community in a post-pandemic world, and wisdom to know where to put our energies!

For our finances. We have lost a large portion of our income, so pray for wisdom in managing our resources

### Walton Parish Nursing

- Please continue to pray for Lorna, John and the volunteers.
- Pray that the new Wellbeing Group on Zoom will be helpful to those attending.
- Continue to pray for No Labels

### Coronavirus – a prayer by BelleVue Baptist Church, Southend.

Dear God,

We grieve.

We grieve for those who have died,

We grieve with those who were not able to be present at the end,

We grieve not quite able to comprehend the numbers.

Help us to keep on believing that every life is held in your love,

In your mercy and in your memory.

We pray for healing for those still unwell,

We pray for strength for hospital staff who have been witnesses to so much suffering,

We pray for comfort for those bereaved,

We pray for the efficacy of the vaccine to protect,

We pray for the long night to end and a new dawn to come.

Amen

### BMS Prayer Day

Today is the BMS Day of Prayer and there is a list of prayer points on the pull-out sheet.

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## Welcome to Maidstone Road Baptist Church

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

### Morning Service

Leader: Ian Battiste and Speaker: Mark Reid

Online via the MRBC website.

This week	
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	10.30am <b>Sunday Morning Service</b> Online via the MRBC website.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	7.30pm <b>Leadership Meeting</b> via Zoom
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	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 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 <b>Church Prayer Meeting</b> - via Zoom
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30am <b>Sunday Morning Service</b> Speaker - Mark Reid- Online only on the MRBC Website.

Got a notice for the Sheet?

Fellowship prayer requests go to Steve by Friday morning

Notices for the weekly sheet to Lisa R by Friday evening

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Regular Activities

Because of the constraints placed on us by the Coronavirus pandemic, the only Church activities running at present are those listed in the Weekly Sheet.

**Out Now!**  
See the Church Website



Free to a good home...

#### DVD Player/Recorder

We have a DVD player/recorder we no longer need. If anyone in the church or anyone you know could make use of it, please let me know and we can arrange delivery! - **Delyth**

#### Printer/Scanner

HP Officejet Pro 6970, in black.  
Print, fax, scan, copy, web.

It takes HP ink cartridges 903 or 903xl for the colours and 903,903xl or 907xl for the black ink. Will need collecting.  
- **Contact Susanna Spencer**

### Live services at Church

There are no live activities at the church premises until after Lockdown, when the situation will be reviewed.

#### 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

## REGULAR STUFF

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

Next Meeting – **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** at 7.30pm (on Zoom)

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

Next meeting - **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** at 7.30pm. (on Zoom).

**Prayer Meetings** – monthly on first Saturday

Next meeting – **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February** at 9.30am (Via Zoom)

#### Local Quiz –

**Saturday 13th February @ 7PM – On Zoom**

Fun together, comprising six rounds, with a break halfway: about 2 hours in total.

Whilst free, it is hoped participants would make a donation to either [Boost Chaplaincy](#), [Hope Trust](#) or [BASIC Life](#).

Clicking on the organisation of your choice will take you to their giving page.

If you would like to take part (and receive a Zoom link by email) please email [david@revdwhite.net](mailto:david@revdwhite.net) (Tel. 01394 671290).

Join at around 6:50pm – to make sure everybody's computer is working well!

### February Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Greta B and Vanda C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark R, 9<sup>th</sup> Mary A, 20<sup>th</sup> Margaret B

### Small Groups

<b>Felixstowe Evening Group (Margaret Lines/Ingrid Fenn)</b>	Mondays (not currently meeting)
<b>Trimley Evening Group (Andrew Marfleet)</b>	Mondays Fortnightly (not currently meeting)
<b>Old Felixstowe Daytime Group (Steve Lineham)</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays on Zoom. Contact Steve L for details.
<b>Felixstowe Morning Group (Brian and Dot Salway)</b>	Thursdays <b>Contact Brian and Dot.</b>



### CARING FOR CREATION



### Felixstowe Lent Course 2021 (Weeks commencing 21<sup>st</sup> Feb to 21<sup>st</sup> March)

Because of the present situation, the Lent Course will be held on Zoom this year. Six churches have agreed to host it at different times during the week, and we shall be doing a **York Course called Caring for Creation** which is topical at the moment. For those without internet, there will be the opportunity for individual study. There is more information in the pull out sheet that comes with the Weekly Sheet today.

If you, or if you know of **anyone without internet** who would like to do the Lent Course individually, **please let Mark know and he will arrange for the printed booklet to get to you.**

### Rev Ron Rivers

We are sad to announce that Ron Rivers sadly passed away recently at Ipswich Hospital. He was Minister of this church from 1975 to 1989, and in retirement he and Sheila continued to make a significant contribution to the life of the church. We pray for the family at this sad time but also with the knowledge that he is with his Lord, so our parting is for a season. His funeral will be family only on February 10<sup>th</sup> and there will be a Memorial Service later this year.



# Lent Course 2021



## CARING FOR CREATION

*An ecumenical Lent Course of 5 sessions on Zoom or for individual study.*

Weeks commencing Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> 2021

Details of sessions are below. The subject matter is the same at each location each week but you do not have to attend the same session each week.

Day	Start Time	Hosts	Zoom Logon Details
Sunday	6-30pm	Salvation Army	Meeting ID: 837 7854 9172 Passcode: lent2021
Monday	2-00pm	Walton Churches	Meeting ID: 844 4773 9738 Passcode: 132901
Tuesday	10-30am	St John's, Felixstowe	Meeting ID: 883 2850 7839 Passcode: 501988
Wednesday	7-00pm	Felixstowe United Reformed Church	Meeting ID: 680 269 9096 No Passcode
Thursday	2-00pm	Old Felixstowe Parish	Meeting ID: 949 7946 5061 Passcode: 435702
	----- 7-30pm	----- Christ Church	----- Meeting ID: 869 1729 1458 Passcode: 110976

## Caring for Creation – what's it about?

### **SESSION 1: The Environment**

Focusing on God's wonderful creation, planet earth, the place of humankind in it, and why it is under threat.

### **SESSION 2: Global Warming and Climate Change**

Some facts and figures about climate change, and why faith in a Creator God should give us hope.

### **SESSION 3: The Age of Humans – The Anthropocene Era**

How we human beings with our god-like powers can still undo some of the terrible damage we have done and are doing to our planet.

### **SESSION 4: Coming out of Denial and Facing Crisis**

Many of us find it hard to face up to the reality of climate change and make the necessary changes to our lifestyle. We need to understand why this is so, and how our faith can help us.

### **SESSION 5: Faith, Hope and Love**

We urgently need to be clear about our Christian response to the present crisis: it challenges what we believe; it is also about how we can live in hope and meet the demands of Christian love.

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**Course Booklets** are recommended for this Lent Course.

It has been produced as an ebook and as a printed booklet. They can be obtained from [www.yorkcourses.co.uk](http://www.yorkcourses.co.uk)

If you would prefer a printed copy, or don't have internet access, CTF will be ordering a supply. Please contact your church leader by **8th February**. The price is £3-80 or whatever you are able to afford if you are on a limited income. Those studying individually, may also find a printed transcript of the audio sessions helpful. These are £3-10. Let let your church leader know if you would like one too.



# DAY OF PRAYER 2021



## PRAYER POINTS

- 1.** Pray for those who suffer under the injustice of poverty. Pray that their short-term needs will be met and that the Lord will grant them dignity and freedom from poverty in the long term. Pray also that the systems that put them in poverty would be challenged by those who God empowers to do so.
- 2.** Pray that God will stop the spread of the Coronavirus around the world. Pray for all those across the world struggling under this new normal, that we will be able to lay our burdens on the Lord and know his peace.
- 3.** Pray for BMS World Mission's new strategy and vision. Pray that God would be preparing paths for all those involved in implementing this, and that this new strategy will be pivotal in carrying out God's work.
- 4.** Pray that God will lead BMS' senior management team well over the coming year. Pray that he would guide them in wisdom to make BMS the organisation he wants us to be.
- 5.** Pray for the partners, churches and organisations BMS works with on the ground. Pray that they would become self-sustaining, that BMS would partner with them in a helpful and encouraging way and that God would continue to guide and bless them.
- 6.** Pray for all those in the areas where BMS works who do not yet know Jesus. Pray that God would make himself known to them, through BMS and directly, and give them the hope only he provides.
- 7.** Pray that more and more individual supporters will come to support and pray for BMS as we journey forward together.