

**EBA Prayer Focus: Histon Baptist Church**

Histon Baptist Church (HBC), like many churches, has been on quite a journey over the last few years. We said farewell to our previous pastor, Ron Day, who retired in 2020 after 19 years and seeing the church grow in this time. We were then hit by the pandemic and a period without a minister. Thankfully God had a plan. In September 2021 we welcomed Chris Farmer as our new pastor. Chris had been the youth worker at HBC from 2009-16 before moving to Braintree to lead the church there whilst training at Spurgeon's.

- Pray for Chris and family as they continue to settle into the church, schools and community.
- Continued growth as a church and wisdom for the leaders as we navigate all that comes with this whilst still dealing with the effects of Covid.
- Seeds of faith to grow and flourish through ongoing conversations and outreach events.
- A sense of unity as we seek God's vision as a church moving forward into this new season.
- That in all we do our eyes would continue to be fixed on Jesus Christ.

**Walton Parish Nursing**

- Give thanks for funds recently donated and a healthy bank balance. Continue to pray for staff volunteers and clients.

**MRBC**

- Give thanks for the activities over Christmas.
- Pray that the Lord will provide as we seek to address the shortfall in our funds.
- Pray for those needing to stay at home during the current Covid upsurge.
- Pray for those in the fellowship who are sick or suffering other problems.
- Pray for the Leadership Team
- Pray for guidance as the church starts the process of seeking the way forward, particularly in seeking a new Pastor.
- For the Church Meeting on Tuesday 18th.

**Nation & World**

- For those whose health has been affected by Covid and for those who have lost loved ones to the disease.
- For wisdom for the politicians who make decisions that affect so many
- For individuals and businesses that have lost much because of the pandemic
- That vaccines and drugs may be fairly distributed to poorer countries

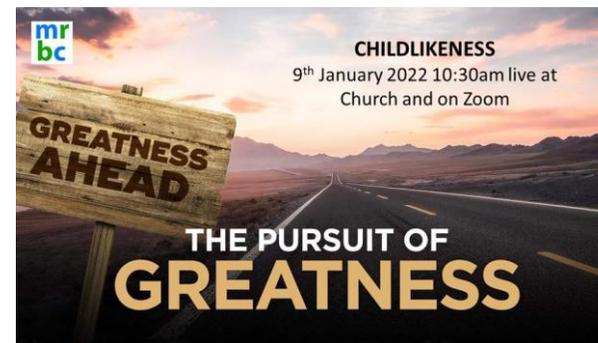
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Welcome to Maidstone Road Baptist Church

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
**The Sunday Service**

*Leader and Speaker: Mark Read*  
**A live in church @ MRBC and online via Zoom**

| This week                          |   |
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| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> January     | 10.30 <b>Sunday Morning Service.</b><br>Speaker: <b>Marl Reid</b><br><b>Live in church and via Zoom</b><br><i>Please contact Mark if you need the Zoom link – it is the same as last week.</i><br>Zoom Meeting ID: 849 9049 7451 Passcode: 636510 |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January    |   |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January   |   |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January |   |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January  |   |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January    | 10.30 am <b>Coffee and Chat</b><br>Zoom Meeting ID: 819 1252 6544 and Passcode: 680784  |
| Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> January  |   |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> January    | 10.30 <b>Sunday Morning Service.</b><br>Speakers: Gemma Saxton and Dee Balshaw from The Compass   |



The service is also available live on Zoom at 10.30am. **Meeting ID: 849 9049 7451** **Passcode: 636510** (this will be the same for future weeks too).

**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 R by Friday evening**

## 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

The Church Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January will now be on Zoom.

**Churches Together in Felixstowe**  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
17-25th January

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 11am.**  
*Community Prayers*

The theme is Christian Persecution in the Middle East and will be led by John Gillett (Open Doors). This will be on Zoom.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 9.45am onwards - CTF Pilgrimage .**  
More details in next week's sheet.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 6.30pm**  
**United Service**  
Broadcast live on the Churches Together in Felixstowe YouTube channel. There will be no face to face service this year due to the current Covid situation.

Please look out for notices in the Weekly Sheet, the MRBC and CTF websites and social media for the latest news as these arrangements are still subject to modification.

## REGULAR STUFF

**Leadership Team** – usually monthly first Tuesday.  
Next Meeting – **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February** at 7.30pm

**Church Meeting** – usually bi-monthly third Tuesday.  
Next meeting - **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.30pm. (At Church).

**Prayer Meeting** – bi-monthly on first Saturday  
Next Meeting – **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March** at 10.00am

**Special church meeting**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

We will hold a special church meeting at the conclusion of the service today, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022, to formalise our holding church meetings by Zoom or other electronic means. There will be one resolution: we adopt the updated constitution, dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022, that formalises our being able to hold church meetings by electronic means. Visitors and guests are welcome to remain with us for what should be a brief meeting.

| Small Groups   |  |
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| <b>Felixstowe Afternoon Group (Margaret Lines/Ingrid Fenn)</b> | Fridays Fortnightly  |
| <b>Trimley Evening Group (Andrew Marfleet)</b>                 | Mondays Fortnightly  |
| <b>Old Felixstowe Daytime Group (Steve Lineham)</b>            | Meeting every 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Wednesday</b> of the month.<br>Contact Steve Lineham for more info. |
| <b>Felixstowe Morning Group (Brian and Dot Salway)</b>         | Please contact Brian Salway for more information.  |

**January Birthdays**  
12 Carol B, 14<sup>th</sup> Moira W, 26<sup>th</sup> Michael B, 30<sup>th</sup> Betty H

### PLEASE READ – Essential COVID Information

As of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, it became mandatory for everyone to wear a face covering in all indoor public spaces, including places of worship unless you are exempt because of a medical condition. You must wear a face covering at all times whether standing, sitting, or moving around.

The only exceptions are as follows:

- If we are eating or drinking, but we have to put masks back on once we have finished. Churches are not covered by restaurant/bar/club exemptions.
- We are also still legally permitted, if we wish, to remove our face coverings to sing if we would like to. We would ask that all who wish to do so, to sit in the area to the right as you enter the church from the schoolroom. However, the Government has asked that due to the known high transmissibility of Omicron and the as yet unknown effects of the variant on those infected, that each of us consider keeping our face covering on whilst singing.



### Walton Parish Nursing Contacts

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