

EBA Prayer Focus: EBA Regional Team

As we reflected over this last year, we looked back experiencing a mixture of feelings. The year started with us still facing challenges with covid lockdown. Losing Nick Lear as part of the team in May as he moved to Plymouth. Spending six months without a full team meant additional responsibilities for Graeme and Beth amongst seeking and appointing new team members. The year is finishing on a high point as Claire and Gale joined us in November.

- Pray for the Regional team and their families.
- The new team as we develop working relationships with each other and the churches.
- Pray for Fiona Heddle, the new moderator of the trustee board and all the EBA trustees.
- Pray for God's spirit to continue to move across the area in power.

Walton Parish Nursing

- Please continue to pray for Lorna, John and the volunteers, trustees and management team as we commence a new year.

MRBC

- Pray for those in the fellowship who are unwell at present.
- Pray that the Lord will provide the finance we need to cover the cost of the recent repairs.
- Pray for those in the fellowship who are struggling in various ways.

Nation & World

- Pray for our national leaders that they may take wise action as they try to assess and respond to the Omicron Variant.
- Pray that the public will respond well to the constraints that are being placed on them to counter the spread of Omicron.
- Pray for the continued global response to Covid-19. With well over 5 million deaths so far, many more will get ill, die, and suffer from the economic consequences of the pandemic. We think particularly of those most vulnerable to the virus, with little access to vaccines and healthcare, difficulty isolating, and lack of financial support.
- Pray for greater solidarity and cooperation in fighting the virus.

January Birthdays
 2nd Barbara B, 7th Iain K, 8th Sylvia B, 12 Carol B, 14th Moira W, 26th Michael B, 30th Betty H

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Welcome to Maidstone Road Baptist Church

Sunday 2nd January 2022
Communion Service

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

This week	
Sunday 2nd January	10.30 Communion Service Speaker: Marl Reid Live in church and via Zoom Zoom Meeting ID: 849 9049 7451 Passcode: 636510
Monday 3rd January	
Tuesday 4th January	7.30pm Leadership Meeting
Wednesday 5th January	Chair-Based Exercise - Restart 5 th January 2022 (TBC)
Thursday 6th January	
Friday 7th January	10.30 am Coffee and Chat Zoom Meeting ID: 819 1252 6544 and Passcode: 680784
Saturday 8th January	9.30 am Prayer Meeting on Zoom only Meeting ID: 842 5845 8393 Passcode: 246211
Sunday 9th January	10.30 Sunday Morning Service. Please note that there will be a Special Church Meeting at 11-30am after the service for approximately 5 minutes. Please see elsewhere in the sheet for details. It is an "in person" meeting only.

Today is the first service of the New Year and we will take the opportunity to re-commit ourselves to the Lord and one another and the Leadership Team will also re-dedicate themselves to serving the church.

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). The service will not be recorded and not available on YouTube. If you are watching on Zoom, please have bread and wine/juice ready for Communion. You will also have an opportunity to respond at appropriate points in the service.

Church Website: 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

Unity Week 18th-25th January

Including

CTF Pilgrimage – Saturday 22nd January
United Service - Sunday 23rd January
3.30pm at River of Life Church
More information to follow.

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 subject to modification.

Sunday 2nd January 2022 10.30 am - New Year Communion Service

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 9049 7451
Passcode: 636510

Church Funds

Many thanks to all who have given towards the church ceiling repairs. The work (including the window repairs) cost us nearly £12,500, but some recent generous gifts mean we have now covered over half the costs. But we need at least another £6,000 in order to replenish our bank account. It may be that, with Christmas spending out of the way, some of us may be able to make further gifts. Please prayerfully consider this.

REGULAR STUFF

Leadership Team – usually monthly first Tuesday.
Next Meeting – **Tuesday 4th January** at 7.30pm

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

Prayer Meeting – bi-monthly on first Saturday
Next Meeting – **Saturday 8th January** at 10.30am

Special church meeting Sunday 9th January 2022

We will hold a special church meeting at the conclusion of the service on Sunday 9th 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 9th 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.

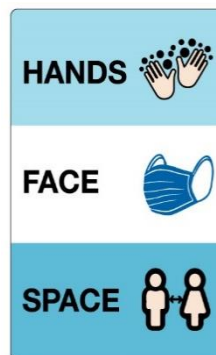
Small Groups	
Felixstowe Afternoon Group (Margaret Lines/Ingrid Fenn)	Fridays Fortnightly
Trimley Evening Group (Andrew Marfleet)	Mondays Fortnightly
Old Felixstowe Daytime Group (Steve Lineham)	Meeting every 1 st and 3 rd Wednesday of the month. Contact Steve Lineham for more info.
Felixstowe Morning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

PLEASE READ – Essential COVID Information

As of Friday 10th 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.



Christians Against Poverty in Felixstowe are looking to recruit a Debt Centre Coach to work alongside Rick, the Debt Centre Manager.

For further information please contact Steve Lineham steve.lineham@btinternet.com.
Closing date for applications – Friday 7th January 2022

See extra sheet for more details.

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

Other Notices

Christians Against Poverty in Felixstowe are looking to recruit a Debt Centre Coach to work alongside Rick, the Debt Centre Manager.

Are you passionate about sharing your Christian faith and caring for people, who for a variety of reasons are in debt and need CAP's help? This is an opportunity to connect with people some of whom would never go near a church.

You should be comfortable working with numbers, and able to effectively work with and understand a household budget. You should have the desire and be able to explain the Gospel in a clear, relevant and natural way. And can commit 8 hours a week to the role.

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Churches Together in Felixstowe

There are no Community Prayers this month. **The next CTF Community Prayers will be on Monday 17th January at 11am.** The theme is Christian Persecution in the Middle East and will be led by John Gillett (Open Doors).

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Chair-based Exercise

The last class for 2021 will take place on Wednesday 15th December and there will be a two week break. We hope to return on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at the usual times.



DO YOU HAVE TO TAKE TABLETS?

Then, like me, no doubt you end up with lots of those plastic pop-out sheets. We have discovered that the Methodist churches in Felixstowe have a scheme to collect them and take them for recycling!

SO - there is a **box by the back door** to collect all you can bring, and we will then make sure they are taken to the nearest collection point -Superdrug In Bury St Edmunds.

AND - In future, if anyone happens to be going over there, maybe you would volunteer to deliver a package.

Let's see what we can do in a small way to help the environment. Any questions, see me.

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Churches Together in Felixstowe

Community Prayers
Monday 17th January 11.00am
Via Zoom