

Welcome to Maidstone Road Baptist Church

Church Website: mrbcfelixstowe.org.uk

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Thurs 28 Dec	No morning house group – restarts 11 th Jan	
Fri 29 th Dec		
Sat 30 th Dec		
Sun 31 st Dec	Morning Service 10.30am	

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MRBC Prayer Points

Our World and our Nation

- For those affected by war, natural disasters or climate change
- For those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis
- For those facing persecution for their faith

From the BU Prayer Diary

God of light and hope, of stars and surprises;
Open our eyes to your glory and our hearts to your presence,
That we may respond with joy to the angel song;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN

Our Community

- CTF and local Christian organisations: CAP, BOOST, Parish Nursing (pray for Lesley, our new Parish Nurse), Hope Trust, Town Pastors, The Compass, Ukraine 2 Felixstowe, the Hub, Manna and the Parish Pantry.
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Pastoral Care Team Meeting - Monday 15th January

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Ladies' Tea at the Golf Club – Friday 19th January at 3pm

Upcoming Services

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7th January – Thanksgiving & Commitment Service
14th January – Simon Mattholie
21st January – Iain Shaddick
28th January – David Thompson

Christmas Cards

Cards for church friends can be placed in the pigeonholes near the kitchen hatch.. You will need to check for your own cards under the initial of your surname. Cards for the fellowship can be pinned to the board near the door into the church.

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10-30am Nativity Service

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We have no service tomorrow on **Christmas Day**. But if you would like to visit another church, all the details of Christmas services in Felixstowe can be found on the Churches Together website.
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Small Groups

We have five home groups running both daytime and evening. If you would like to join one, please contact a leader or the Secretary for the details.



THANKSGIVING & COMMITMENT SERVICE 7th JANUARY

We have had a few reflections to be included in the Thanksgiving and Commitment service but more would be welcome. So if you have anything which is evidence of God at work amongst us (both as individuals and church) please either email them to Corinne or put them in the Secretary pigeonhole.
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