

FAMILY NEWS

A full but exciting week last week. Our 'Church for all' session this time focused on those aged 60-100 and was a wonderful time of fellowship. Conversations were had as to how church can be as relevant and inclusive as possible, with conversations about worship, sound and standing....

During our Church Members meeting we talked about lots of different things. Discussions around the potential new signage to the front of the church encouraged great fun and lively conversations. Also, we talked about how indoor plants in the church might be a lovely addition to our wonderful space here at PBC. Potentially offering a reminder of how in the bible, garden spaces are where we meet God, and be in God's presence. We also had the pleasure of welcoming more people to the body of Christ here at PBC. Welcome Amy, Novelette, Jo and Richard, thank you Jesus..

Please pray this week for...

Ted Robson - who has been in hospital recently

Gwen Eyre, Liz, Hud, Alex & Jenna as they're all having a tough time at the moment.
Judith, Simon, Alice, Thea and Victoria.

Kirstie Ricketts

Thelma Bickford

Jean Barnicoat

Cherry Sutherland

Lin and Brian Gray

Jean Edwards

Mike and Wendy Jeffs

Elizabeth Billingham

Julie and James Bright

Matt Webster

Margret Harrison

Tricia and Ian

Alex Westwood (Lin's grandson)

Eli Kirolos

Anne and John Dawson.

Anne Brown

Daphne and David Lockett

Andy and Lyn Lewis need prayers for their son

Kim Ewins and family



Thomas (Tina and Roy's son) for his mental and physical health.

Florence Barr as she recovers at home.

Jack and Sylvia as their daughter Anne has recently been diagnosed with cancer.

Rita Price and her family

Please continue to pray for... Peter Lawrence; Fred and Shirley Stapleton; Dot and Roy Bagnall; Ron Godfrey; John Stone; and Diane Radford, Nora Andrews.

All of these folk have long-standing medical issues and they really appreciate your ongoing prayers. Let's pray too, for all those in care homes, as well as those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Your prayers are very precious to all of those on this list.

Please don't get weary of lifting these people before our living, healing Lord.

*Father, you know the needs of all those who are named here as well as those who aren't.
Please shelter them in the shadow of your wings and hear the cry of our heart for each of them. Amen*



Voice@PBC

21st April 2024

WELCOME and VISION

We are a Church at the heart of the community in Preston

Our Vision is ...

- P Putting God first**
- B Being Christ's body together**
- C Compassion shared out to others**

You are welcome to worship with us in our service at 10.30am each Sunday morning. Our children and young people leave the service for their own ministries after the first 15 minutes or so.

An unsupervised parent led creche is available for under 3's in the church lounge, located through the glass doors and on the right.

We share communion together on the first Sunday of each month.

If you would like to know more about us, please ask one of our stewards for a contact card and we will add you to our distribution list.

This week we are starting our new series - Jesus, why such good news? James is leading us into exploring how the good news of Jesus is 'The message is the messenger' through Luke 15:3-6

Please speak to one of the team if there's a way we could help make our services more accessible to you or to help you feel more included.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Church Wi-Fi - Guest

Password - &John316

Dates and Events

Tuesday 23rd April	- Prayer Meeting	- 10.30 am
Wednesday 24th April	- Mummy & Me	- 9.30 - 11.30 am
Thursday 25th April	- Garden Cafe	- 9.00am - 2.00
Thursday 25th April	- Preston Food Club	- 10.00am - 1.00
Friday 26th April	- PBC Toddlers and Babies	- 9.30 - 11.00am
Sunday 28th April	- Sunday Service	- 10.30 am

Friends Together

We are a group of ladies who meet on the 1st Thursday of the month for fellowship. Our group is now wishing to spend more time together in fellowship, so we have decided to meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month between 10am -12 pm. We aim to make prayer and some Bible study part of our meeting, as well as sharing life's experiences. We have also given ourselves a name - " Friends Together Group".

If you would like to know more about this group please speak to Christine Petrou or Christine Newman

Admin

Might you be able to support our growing admin team as we look to better communication and organisational management at PBC. Please speak to James or one of the leaders if you could volunteer and support. Thank you, your help is much appreciated.

Forthcoming Wedding

Robyn and Liam are getting married!



Please pray for them as they approach their big day on Saturday 8th June.

Small Groups/Faith Groups

In the spring, we will be looking to encourage a focus on individual and group discipleship. We will be focusing on a pattern of Know - Grow - Flow. If you would be interested in being part of a small group, faith group, a New Christian course or an Alpha course please do make contact with us. Let us know what you might be interested in.

Thank you! We look forward to supporting each other in faith.

Spree

We are so excited to be taking a group of young people from our church and some of their friends from local schools away to Spree which is a Christian youth camp on the 21st-23rd June. We are passionate about investing in the faith and Christian discipleship of our young people here at PBC. Therefore, please can we commit to praying for the young people in the lead up to, during, and after this event. We are expectant and hopeful for lives to be changed and connections to be made with Jesus.

We are passionate about blessing the adult volunteers going with them and the children by making this as cheap as possible.

Therefore, the plan is to fund as much of the trip as possible.

The total cost for the group is £1560, we already have had £720 donated. The children are planning opportunities to fundraise. However, if you would like to make a donation please pop it in the offering and mark it Spree.

Thank you for your support.

Lanyards

We will now be using lanyards to help identify volunteers when serving on teams. This is as part of our commitment to safeguarding all at PBC.

Jo Collis is very kindly responsible for producing the photo cards. Please speak to Jo if you require a lanyard and photo card (or if yours is done and you need to collect it). Also please speak to Susan regarding your DBS if you need one or to find out your renewal date, so it can be included on the back of your photo card.

Thank you all, for assisting us in ensuring all are safe and free to worship and welcomed at PBC.



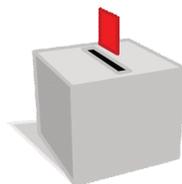
Leadership Elections

We will be having leadership elections during the AGM on the 21st May, 7 pm.

We would love for more leaders to join our God centred and exciting Leadership team. Therefore, is there any member of our church that you think (after prayerful consideration) might be a great addition to our team, then please nominate them.

We welcome all nominations by the 7th of May.

Nomination forms will be available on Sunday at church. Thank you.



Trip To Sidmouth

Wednesday 5th June

Leaving from Church at 10.30am

Approx. Cost £9

To book or for more information phone Pat on **0103 844114**



New faith group

We will be starting a new small group in April. This is aimed at those relatively new into faith and was suggested after the New Christian course last year. Therefore, if you'd like to be a part of this, please speak to James.

You'll get a free book called The Purpose Driven Life which we are encouraging people to read as part of the group. However, if reading isn't your thing, please don't worry - you can just come along to the group without the book or without reading it.

We look forward to starting this new journey in fellowship together soon.