

## FAMILY NEWS

Happy Easter! Jesus is risen!

The consequences of death and sin are defeated and new life abounds!! May you find this life and hope in its fullest sense in relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please also 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
Kim Ewins and family	



Jack and Sylvia as their daughter Anne has recently been diagnosed with cancer.  
Rita and her family particularly at this time as we remembered the anniversary of Neil's death on the 4th of March; Kim and all the 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 us 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

31st March 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.

Happy Easter Sunday! Today we are all together as a family service. There will be interactive elements for all, and James will be speaking briefly from John 20:1-18.

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 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	- Prayer Meeting	- 10.30 am
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	- Garden Cafe	- 9.00am - 2.00
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	- Preston Food Club	- 10.00am - 1.00
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	- Sunday Service	- 10.30 am

## Looking Ahead

Tuesday 16th April - Church Members Meeting - 7.00

## Easter event

Thank you to all those involved with the Easter event and the amazing effort to make it happen. We really appreciate you all. Particularly to Tina and Louise for their organisational input. I write this before it's happened, but I'm sure it'll be a success in the power of Jesus!

## PBC Easter Sunrise Service

*Have we missed it? The real resurrection*

All are welcome, to come along and celebrate our risen Lord Jesus at this year's morning beach service.

- 7.30am start
- Breakfast of hot cross buns and toasted marshmallows on the beach after.
- Finished by 8:30 am so that we can get back and get ready for the 10.30 service.

Meet at slipway next to boathouse on Preston sands

## Spree

PBC youth and our PBC older children will be going to spree this year!

Spree is a Christian youth festival run by South West Youth Ministries. Spree is an exciting and powerful opportunity for young people to encounter God in a fun and relevant way.

James, Louise, Alice and a few other adults will be going as leaders. If anyone else is interested, please do come and speak to us.

We're encouraging all children connected with church aged 8 to 17 to come along. We're also encouraging them to invite a friend from school. The cost is £78 per child - food and transport are included.

We would love to make this affordable for everyone - so we will be looking to fundraise. Also, if you would like to sponsor a child or donate to support children going please place it in the offering with a note.

We would like to book before the 31st of March, so if you're interested or would like more information please come and speak to us.

[www.swym.org.uk/spree-sw/](http://www.swym.org.uk/spree-sw/)



## 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.

## Church for All (Ages 60-100ish session)

James and the leaders are passionate about church here at PBC being as representative of the kingdom of God as possible - welcoming all people and representing all ages, stages, neuro diversity, physical diversity, cultures and socio-demographics. Therefore, on Sundays after church we occasionally run sessions called Church for All. The sessions are aimed at different themes each time and are interactive so we can hear your feedback and discuss ways we can welcome others. The next one we would like to discuss is church for those aged 60-100ish. If you fall in that age bracket we would love if you could come along. To just listen or to input into the discussion regarding how we can make church a space where you can meet Jesus in a space that's welcoming and inclusive to you. It will be after church on Sunday the 14th of April, please bring your own lunch if required. However, we might be able to rustle up some snacks too if you forget. Thank you for coming along to help us be the body of Christ.

## Thank You

Rita Price & Family would like to thank James and the Pastoral Care Team for the service on the 3rd March and for singing Be Still, as it was a special hymn for Rita & Neil. We would like to thank Linda & Martin for their ongoing friendship and pastoral care over the last 4 Years. Thanks to Liz for meeting us on that Sunday afternoon where she planted a red rose bush and placed a plaque in remembrance of Neil. We would also like to extend our appreciation to those of you who came along to support us.

## 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 be welcomed at PBC.



## Friends Together Group

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

## Greetings Cards

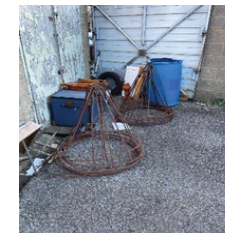
Lin Gray has some greetings cards for sale, made by a friend.

50% of the proceeds are going to church funds, and 50% towards cost of materials.



## MISSING FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Please see the attached photo. The metal cones were kindly donated to the Community Garden but sadly they have been taken or moved by someone. Did you see anyone taking them or do you have any information leading to their return? It would be great if they could be located as soon as possible. If you need any further information, please have a chat to Christine or Debra. – Thanks



## 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.

## ECO CHURCH RECYCLING

Chloe has kindly offered to look after the Eco Church recycling area. This is situated outside the entrance to the foyer. Thank you Chloe for volunteering – your help is much appreciated!

REMINDER RE PRODUCTS WE ARE COLLECTING:

Dental products - we're no longer collecting these as Terracycle no longer run this recycling programme.

Blister packs – please make sure all BLISTER PACKS ARE EMPTY

Spectacles – all prescription glasses/sunglasses accepted but please do not include hard cases as these cannot be recycled

Batteries – all used household batteries accepted including hearing aid batteries

Writing implements – all pens, felt tips, marker pens and correction fluid containers accepted

Thank you for supporting our recycling efforts to reduce the negative impact on our precious environment!

Every blessing Tina x



## 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.



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