

## FAMILY NEWS

To new beginnings!! God is the God of new beginnings, of new life and new starts. Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection Jesus offers us the opportunity to be born again. To start again and find new life with God. Let's take it. Let's want it and walk in it. Let's make it our prayer in this season to say to Jesus, I give myself to you, my life to you, please guide me on your way and help me to help others to find you.

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	



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.

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

7<sup>th</sup> 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.

We are back to our series on Daniel this week and up to our penultimate session. This week is Daniel's second out of three visions in Daniel 8-9.

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 9 <sup>th</sup> April	- Prayer Meeting	- 10.30 am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	- Craft Club	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	- Garden Cafe	- 9.00am - 2.00
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	- Preston Food Club	- 10.00am - 1.00
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	- Sunday Service	- 10.30 am
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	- Church for All (60-100)	After Service

## Looking Ahead

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	- Church Members Meeting - 7.00
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	- Men's Breakfast @ Four Seasons Cafe - 9.00

## Church Meeting

**Tuesday 16th April - 7pm - PBC**

Church meetings are a great opportunity to discern the mind of God together. With some interesting and exciting things going on in the future, we would love it if members could make every effort to make it to this one. Thank you - God bless.

## 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!



## 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 £290 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.

## 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.

## 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.



## 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

## 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.

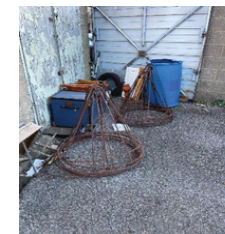


## MISSING FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

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.



## Dissertation thank you

James would like to thank all of you for your patience and support in completing his dissertation. He got it in on time, meeting the deadline!! It was a monumental effort, but would not have been possible without the support from Louise and family, the leadership team and you all at church. So thank you so much for making this possible. James is really excited to be back fully available and committed to church life at PBC. And if he passes (the SWBA NAM bit)...unfortunately, you're stuck with him...

## Church 'garden'

On Easter Day we were reminded of the significance of gardens in the Bible and in our Christian story. With Gardens at the beginning of our story (Eden, Genesis 2-3) and at the end (Eden restored, Revelation 22). However there is also a garden in the middle our story with Jesus (Gethsemene Matthew 26:39, the Crucifixion John 19:41 and Resurrection John 20:16). Gardens are an example of a place to meet God and so the leaders have been exploring this idea for a while connected with suggestions regarding flowers and plants in church. Therefore at the next members meeting, we will be discussing an exciting suggestion regarding plants in the Chancel...so watch this space...and hopefully watch it grow...

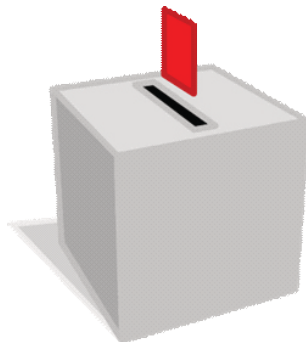
## Leadership elections

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.



## Craft Club

The next Craft Club is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April in the Garden Café 10.00 am.

Everyone is welcome – just bring your own craft, it could be knitting, crochet, card making etc. Or you could try something new!



## Men's Breakfast



The next men's breakfast is to take place at the Four Seasons cafe on

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 9 am.**

Please let Brian know if you are interested in attending.

## Church Signage

The Leadership team have been reviewing the potential signage options on the exterior of the church over the last few years.

Many aspects have been taken into consideration regarding changes to signage including: changes to the display of names and information, the new logo, modernisation, aesthetics, durability, cost, visibility, environmental impact and the history and past of the church.

The leadership have some options and recommendations that will be presented to the members at the next meeting.

## Ladies Alive

The next Ladies Alive meeting is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm at the church.

Come along for tea, coffee and a chat. Also various activities.



A little bird told me that

**Jean Etchells**

Is celebrating a very special Birthday on

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

But I can't believe the number ....

**75** years young!

