

FAMILY NEWS

Had enough of all the bad news in the world at the moment? As the body of Christ we have access to the power of Jesus and the good news this fills our life with. As we seek God's presence, the light and love of Christ Jesus can shine out through us into the darkness. Over the next few weeks we are exploring a series in our Sunday services called Jesus, why such good news? Jesus is calling us to do what we can in the communities and spaces around us to allow that light, that good news, that love and compassion to shine out. Let's find a way this week how we can do that.

If you have any examples of good news, or any visions, or testimonies or words from God - please do share them with James and the leadership team so that we can share them with church. God bless you all - may you know the presence and power of Lord Jesus today and in the times ahead.

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 Brigh.t	Matt Webster.
Margaret 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.
Rita Price and her 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.
Bet Lomas, Suzanne and David's neighbour, who used to attend PBC, has been in and out of hospital this year. She is at home now, but only able to eat soft food.

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

28th 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 continuing our series - *Jesus, why such good news?* James is leading us into exploring 'The missing...peace' through Luke 4:1-21.

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.

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Church Wi-Fi - Guest

Password - &John316

Dates and Events

Tuesday 30th April	- Prayer Meeting	- 10.30 am
Wednesday 1st May	- Mummy & Me	- 9.30 - 11.30 am
Thursday 2nd May	- Garden Cafe	- 9.00am - 2.00
Thursday 2nd May	- Preston Food Club	- 10.00am - 1.00
Friday 3rd May	- PBC Toddlers and Babies	- 9.30 - 11.00am
Sunday 5th May	- 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.



New Small Group

As part of a focus on small groups this spring called - Know, Grown, Flow - we are encouraging as many of us as possible at PBC to meet in small groups.

Our newest addition will be a Tuesday or Thursday (depending on which day of the week is the consensus) small group meeting every other week. This will run alternating weeks 7- 8:30 pm, meeting at PBC. Please speak to James if you are interested. Once we have the group formed we will have a launch date - hopefully in May.

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.

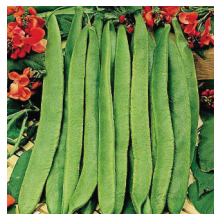
Free Organic Runner Bean Seeds

I have a surplus of runner bean seeds from PBC allotment, 100% organic

Scarlet Emperor
Lady Di

If anyone is interested, please see me

Jim



Trip To Sidmouth

Wednesday 5th June

Leaving from Church at 10.30am

Approx. Cost £9

To book or for more information phone Pat on **01803 844114**

Safeguarding during Sunday service times

As part of our commitment to safeguarding, we have been reviewing the Garden café foyer access area, and how we use this space during worship services.

We are trialing nominating a volunteer to be responsible for that area during services, and to encourage people to try and avoid using that area while services are on. However, the Crèche will still be available in the Garden café, and those with younger children or with a need for this freer space, are encouraged still to use this area.

If you are someone that needs space to move around or fresh air at times during the service, please can we ask that you use the space in the main foyer or outside the front through the main entrance to church.

If you need the toilet, please try and use the ones at the main entrance to Church. However, if you need mobility access or baby changing, please do still use the ones up the corridor.

Also, the Garden café foyer door will be locked once the service has started. If you have mobility issues there will still be access possible from this door, we will come and open it for you.

The lounge

Unfortunately, the lounge is going to be out of action for the foreseeable future as Dry rot was found recently. We are progressing quickly with the process of treating and eradicating the issue, so that the lounge can be restored for usage as soon as possible.

Church Meeting

We had a great Church members meeting on the 16th of April. Thank you for all those that were able to be there and contribute. Thank you all also for all your prayers.

We discussed -

New signage to the building - There was a majority in favour of the new building signage but not the board by the pavement (so back to the drawing board here) which was great to have your feedback, thank you.

The preschool contract lease and the potential for better partnership working going forward.

Indoor plants in the chancel replacing cut flowers

An additional lectern - to compliment the one we already have.

Please continue to pray for all of these things going forward. Thank you for being part of discerning the mind of God together. We are all valuable members of the body of Christ.

Bereavement friendship group

After a recent break, there have been a few that have requested for the bereavement friendship group to restart.

We feel this is an important and valuable space for those that have been bereaved to be able to meet together in fellowship.

Currently there is no one to facilitate or lead this group, therefore we are seeking for someone (or a group of people) who would be keen to get this up and running again. If that could be you, please come and speak to James or any of the leaders.

Church for all (60-100) feedback

There was some great feedback at our recent 'Church for all Session'.

The general feeling was that everyone is enjoying the attempts to balance all age worship for younger and older folk.

When James asked how we could intentionally be more inclusive and welcoming of those of us that are 60-100 years old. Some great discussions were had including -

Sound - PA system

Different microphones

Sitting and standing in worship

Hymns and songs - the gaps between verses/chorus

Contribution to church life of older generations - through prayer, investing in others and being a witness

Quiet prayers before and after service in the Ethel Webber room

James closed the session by thanking everyone and reminding everyone how their presence in church is valued, appreciated and serves as an amazing witness to younger people regarding examples of long term commitments of faith. Also, how for some - when it maybe easier to stay at home due to aches, pain or medical conditions - of how overcoming these and still making it to church was a powerful witness to younger folk of the importance of being a part of the body of Christ.

James ended the session by asking people

to reflect on if they could think of one person who had invested in their life and their faith to get them to this point and the importance of them in our lives and how we can invest in others.

James thanked everyone there for the investment that they were making in the next generations who will be sitting in their chairs in times to come. We left with the image of planting trees in faith for others to sit in their shade.

Trinity

As promised, Trinity will be starting back! The next session will be on Tuesday the 7th May 7-8:30 pm at PBC.

Trinity is a conversational group where faith topics can be discussed in a positive, encouraging and inclusive space. There is the freedom to bring topics important to you, or be led by others, or to reflect on the things that we are talking about in our Sunday service.

This is an open group, so please do come along, all are welcome.