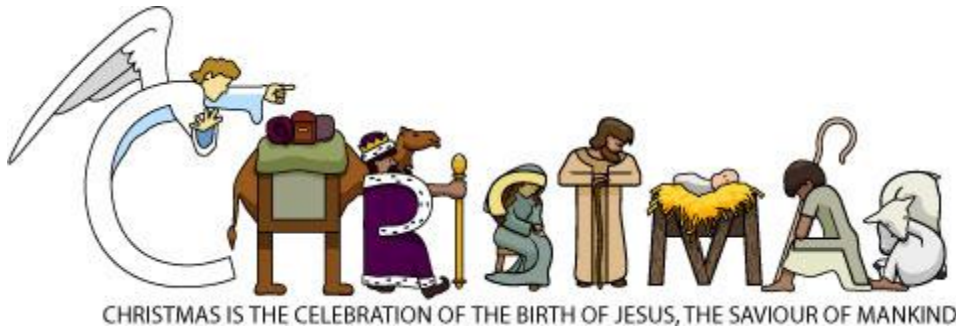


PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS - DECEMBER 2017



*THE MODERATOR AND DEACONS WISH ALL A
HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS*

Dear All

How time flies! I am amazed that here we are again at Christmas time and soon will be saying goodbye to 2017. It seems that the years get shorter as we get older, but we all know that is an illusion! The year has not been the best for many of us in the Church with a lot of illness. We do however hold on to our faith in Christ and he has given us strength to overcome. The greatest shock in the year was the sudden death of our last Minister Paul Williams many remember him with great affection and have much to thank him for. Our greatest regret is that we have not been able to find another Minister to replace Paul!

To the future we pray God's blessing on Roger as he steps down from being our Moderator. We hope and pray that his future plans will truly be blessed and fruitful.

As Rev David Taylor becomes our Moderator we pray that we as a Church will indeed be blessed and God will send a new Minister soon.

May you know Christ's presence with you this Christmas and on into the New Year. Tony.

Sunday Services 10.30am each week.

3rd Christine Kimmett

10th Rev Roger Watkins (Communion)

17th Carol Service. 24th Liz Herrington.

25th Christmas Day 10am. 31st Paul Searle.

7th Jan 2018 Rev Roger Watkins: New Year and Motto verse.

Fellowship evening for prayer & bible study Thur's at 7.30pm.

God willing - 7th, 21st & 4th Jan 2018 at 31 Roundhouse Drive

14th & 28th at 24 Glebe Road. Due to holidays etc please phone Tony on 01480 810906 or 07746594542 to make sure.

Friendship Circle

Next meeting will be on 18th Dec 2.30pm in Church.

Chris Bylett; entertainer and Christmas Tea

Buckden Churches Together

Study lunch 11th Dec. 12.30 in Methodist schoolroom.

Carol Service Tuesday 19th at 7.30pm in St Mary's.

(If you are going to this service it's best to be early)

Christmas Services

Carol Service 17th December.

Christmas Day at **10am**. (Offering for Spurgeons Childcare)

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"Jesus isn't just the reason for the season. He's the reason for every day of our life."

"A thousand times in history a baby has become a king, but only once in history did a King become a baby." – Unknown

Prayer Diary for December 2017.

There is a change on Sunday's the preacher for the day is now listed for prayer along with other topics

1st Roger Watkins

2nd Tony & Cilla Whitlock

3rd Christine Kimmett; Our Church & Congregation

4th Rev Nick Lear Regional Minister who needs heart surgery.

5th For the cards and magazine being distributed around the village that they may be read and the invite taken up to come to our Christmas Services.

6th David and Ann Burditt

7th Don Chandler

8th Lara and John Campbell

9th Joyce Denman

10th Roger Watkins; Carol Service next Sunday

11th Mike & Liz Dive

12th David & Dorothy Haines

13th David Hawthorne

14th Joyce Jones

15th Pearl & Brian Lanham

16th Pauline Moody

17th Tony Whitlock; That all may know Christ this Christmas.

18th Friendship Circle

19th Anne and Mac Macaskill

20th Viola Powell

21st Mary Mullis

22nd Iris Mumford

23rd Betty Presland

24th Liz Herrington; All who find Christmas a strain for family difficulties, homelessness and memories of faces missing!

25th Roger Watkins service at 10am; "Immanuel – God with us"

26th Pam Sear

27th Marjorie & Doug Smith

28th Steven & Grace

29th Bob & Joyce Stammers

30th Dave & Sue Stone

31st Paul Searle; Thanks to God for all the Blessings of 2017!

1st Jan 2018 For a happy and blessed 2018 knowing God's will for our Church, Village and Our Families!

2nd Amanda Tyrrell

3rd Ken & Marlene Turner

4th David & Kathleen Taylor

5th Jan & David Usher

6th Ted & Marjorie Wady

7th Rev Roger Watkins: New Year and Motto verse.

Each day please remember those who are ill. Our Moderator, Deacons, Preachers and the future Ministry of the Church.

If I have missed anybody out, you are not sure who someone is or have any other concerns for prayer please see Tony.

Christmas Post

Christmas Cards to the fellowship can be posted in the postbox. Only post cards to Church congregation as we are not the Post Office! If you would like to send just one card to the whole Church and give a donation to Spurgeon's Childcare please post early and it will be displayed for all to see. There is a box for donations beside the postbox.

Christmas Thought from a Regional Minister.

People sometimes say that Christmas must be the busiest time of the year for a Minister. Yes it is busy and yes there are extra things to do, but part of me wants to say 'no' because it's not as if we are sitting around twiddling our thumbs for the rest of the year (cue jokes about only working on Sundays...). I also want to say that if there is any extra busyness it's no more than lots of other people experience this time of year. And lots of other people in the church are also working their socks off in a voluntary capacity (which is why they need new ones for Christmas). And I want to say that I loved it in local Ministry. The Christmas-related work meant that some of the 'normal' (if anything I do is normal) had to be postponed until January. It meant that I had to prepare a few more 'thoughts'. It meant that I ate a few more Christmas Lunches than is usual. It meant that I had to try to be more organised than usual in order to do everything. It meant that there were fewer gaps between activities. But I loved it and miss it in Regional Ministry. But each year, before sharing anything with a church, I am captivated afresh by the realisation that the baby in the manger was God with us and what that means for me. That should be my priority. May you experience that again yourself this year. [Nick Lear: Regional Minister]

Next Newsletter 7th Jan 2018 any contributions to Tony by 3rd Jan.

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