

PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

February 2018

Dear Friends

After last month's letter from Roger it once again falls on my shoulders to put my thinking cap on and produce something! I'm afraid that does not come easily to me. I am not a great writer and was always pleased when Roger produced an article. So, having to find something each month for the Life magazine and for Christmas it was also down to me to write in the Buckden Roundabout! Thankfully when it is the Baptist's turn I share it with Sue who lives in Buckden and goes to Godmanchester Baptist Church. If anyone has something that they think would be fitting to go in the newsletter please submit to me for consideration. Don't worry it needn't be a masterpiece just your thoughts on any subject. It has to be relevant to the life of the Church and I reserve editorial rights!

We have made a good start with David Taylor as our Moderator and we are fortunate to have such an experienced Minister to help us. The search for a new Minister is on-going and I will give an update at our Members Meeting. At that meeting we will be discussing the future of the Church the finances, future meetings and outreach. Also, we will have a recommendation for a new member so please come along and give us all the benefit of your wisdom. I will also add that we are always pleased to have applications for membership so please think about such a move. Numbers in membership is always something prospective Ministers want to know!

You will see that we have several different preachers coming to conduct our services. It was a joy for us who were there to have Stephen taking our service on 28th February.

We have changed the name of the Thursday evening meeting to a home group and changing the format. I will still at some point produce a consultation sheet about this meeting.

Please if you need help a Pastoral visit or want to discuss anything about the Church see one of us Deacons.

Yours in Christ

Tony

Sunday Services 10.30am each week.

4th Rev Robin Giles. 11th Rev David Taylor.

18th Rev Paul Hills. 25th Michael Schwiers.

25th Tony preaching at Roxton 3pm.

Fellowship evening, Home Group Thur's at 7.30pm.

8th at 24 Glebe Road, Study in Joel.

15th at 31 Roundhouse Drive, short devotion and prayer

22nd Members meeting in Church.

Friendship Circle

No meeting this month.

Members meeting 22nd at 7.30pm in Church.

Members of Church and Congregation welcome.

At this meeting we have an application for membership.

If you have anything you would like discussed please see Tony.

Buckden and District Churches Together

Monthly study lunch 12th at 12.30 in Methodist Hall.

Lent study lunches start 19th Feb in Methodist Hall. These take the same format as the usual study lunches. It is for five weeks and is based on the "Kings Speech" More details from Tony.

Coffee Morning

24th at Bob & Joyce's 24 Glebe Road.

Woman's World Day of Prayer.

This year is on 2nd March at 2pm in our Church.

The theme is "All God's Creation is Very Good"

All are welcome including us MEN!

Prayer Diary for February 2018

5 th David and Ann Burditt	6 th Don Chandler
7 th Lara and John Campbell	8 th Audrey Clarke
9 th Joyce Denman	10 th Mike & Liz Dive
11 th Stephen & Grace Draper	12 th David & Dorothy Haines
13 th David Hawthorne	14 th Joyce Jones
15 th Pearl & Brian Lanham	16 th Pauline Moody
17 th Anne and Mac Macaskill	18 th Viola Powell
19 th Mary Mullis	20 th Iris Mumford
21 st Betty Presland	22 nd Howard & Ann Purser
23 rd Pam Sear	24 th Marjorie & Doug Smith
25 th Bob & Joyce Stammers	26 th Dave & Sue Stone
27 th Amanda Tyrrell	28 th Ken & Marlene Turner
1 st March David & Kathleen Taylor	2 nd Jan & David Usher
3 rd Ted & Marjorie Wady	4 th Roger Watkins
5 th Tony & Cilla Whitlock	

Each day please remember those who are ill. Our Moderator, Deacons, Preachers and the future Ministry of the Church. Tony
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From Witch Doctor to Church Planter

Selim* had wanted to be a witch doctor since childhood. He was fascinated. He studied under a master and honed his witchcraft. He practised where he lives in West Bengal, making his livelihood selling potions and charms to heal the sick.

Selim's sister Maya* is a BMS-supported church planter. She always tried to convince her brother to come along to church with her. They would fight, and He would refuse.

Here is the story of how Selim and Maya's lives have been transformed by Christ. Here's what knowing Jesus has meant for them, for their relationship and for their communities. Here is their story, in their own words:

"My sister, the church planter. The local fellowship she leads meet faithfully. I can hear people singing and praising God.

"One member had been severely ill for a long time. He was dying. His family members had bought him to me many times for healing, but I had not been able to help him!"

“Unable to walk, the people of the village carried him to the fellowship one day and the members of the church started to pray for him. They prayed without ceasing. After three days of prayer he was completely healed and started walking and eating and doing everything that he had before.

“I thought I was healing people by myself, with black magic and witchcraft, but I knew I had witnessed something amazing; this was a miracle. I understood my sister’s faith in this Jesus. My eyes were opened to the truth and I started to ask questions of my own.

“With Maya’s encouragement, I started going to church. I heard the word of God, and wanted to know more. My sister gave me a Bible to read. The words transformed my heart, and I understood that there is no power greater than the power of the Lord Jesus.

“I decided to abandon the wicked ways I knew and give my heart over to the one and only true God. I was baptised. I even changed my name.

“My life has been completely changed. I am now running my own fellowships, as well as supporting my sister, sharing the gospel. We are part of a wider team, proclaiming the good news and worshipping our Lord together.

“I am thankful to the Lord for leading me to my new work as a church planter.”

Selim and Maya’s story is just one of many of God’s power changing hearts and minds in India.

BMS is excited to be a part of God’s plan for this great nation. Lives are being transformed thanks to church planting ministries your giving to BMS is supporting. We are seeing incredible things happening.

Keep praising God for these wonderful works. Keep praying for safety. Keep praying for growth. Keep supporting this ministry. This story and others can be found at www.bmsworldmission.org

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