

PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

March 2018

Dear Friends

It does not seem possible that we are now two months into another year. We have had a good start to the year although plagued with illness and small congregations. However, we have managed to keep that sense of fellowship going and have been well served by preachers most Sundays. I have now filled the plan up to August and if we don't soon find a Minister will have to complete it to the end of the year.

Recently I was talking to a lady from Perry who goes into St Neots to Church. She was very open with me stating that she did not come to try us as we had no Minister! She wanted a regular ministry and pastoral oversight. Please continue to pray about the ongoing Ministry for our Church. We all need this Ministry and Pastoral oversight!

The Church AGM comes up this month so please put it in your diary. If you missed the last Church Meeting on 22nd of February the minutes are available if you ask. At that meeting we unanimously accepted David Hawthorne's application for membership. David will be received into membership at the next Communion Service. It was also stated that we will have to have Data Protection in place for any lists held by the Church and permission to hold such information. So, a form will be made available for Members and Congregation to give their consent.

Then it is on to Easter, hope you can help with the distribution of the Easter cards and celebrate Easter with us.

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 Tony Whitlock 11th Alan Folkes.

18th Rev David Taylor. 25th Rev Vilma Broadhurst.

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

8th 31 Roundhouse Drive, short devotion and prayer

22nd Members AGM meeting in Church.

29th 24 Glebe Road.

Friendship Circle 2.30pm in Church

26th "A Tour of the Holy Land" Roger Watkins will be showing slides of his trips.

Members meeting AGM 22nd at 7.30pm in Church.

Members of Church and Congregation welcome.

At this meeting we have reports from 2017. Also I will be stepping down as Deacon in rotation but am available for nomination.

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

Buckden and District Churches Together

Lent study lunches 12th at 12.30 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"

Easter Services

25th March Palm Sunday Rev Vilma Broadhurst

26th Friendship Circle; "A Tour of the Holy Land"

29th Home Group with Easter theme and Communion.

30th Good Friday Service 10.30am Rev David Taylor.

1st April Easter Day Service 10.30am Rev David Taylor
"He is Risen"

Prayer Diary for March 2018

3 rd Ted & Marjorie Wady	4 th Roger Watkins
5 th Tony & Cilla Whitlock	6 th David and Ann Burditt
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 & Paul.	28 th Ken & Marlene Turner
29 th David & Kathleen Taylor	30 th Jan & David Usher
31 st Our Regional Minister Beth Powney.	

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

We know not what tomorrow brings although we plan ahead
For only God alone can know the pathway we must tread.
We cannot know the future - not one minute nor one hour -
Each circumstance that we must face lay only in His power.
It's vital that we live by faith from minute unto minute
And trusting that each step we take He's walking with us in it.
We cannot see the future nor the trials we must face
But in all things, God promised us sufficiency of grace.
This alone should give us hope whatever be our plans
In knowing that our future lies in His strong, loving hands.
-Betty Purser Patten

Helping Children in India to thrive.

Tens of thousands of children live day and night on the streets of Kolkata. With no access to education or healthcare, begging or selling alcohol and drugs are often the only ways they can survive. Countless families live in absolute poverty, and it can often feel like there is no way out. But lasting change sometimes starts with something small. Underneath a bridge in the bustling city of Kolkata, next to a traffic-filled road, 50 children who call the streets their home are getting to go to school. Because BMS worker Ben Francis and his team have brought school to them. Calling themselves Street Servants, our team teaches the children reading, writing and arithmetic – important lessons from the government kindergarten syllabus. And once they're ready, the team help get the children into a government school to earn essential certificates. They're also learning about Jesus. Every day, the children sing songs about God. They learn to read through parables and Bible stories, and they pray.

These children, who have only ever known life on the streets, are gaining new opportunities to learn, and new skills that will set them up for life. And it's all because of your support for BMS. "I just want to say thank you to everyone in the UK," says Ben. "You're enabling underprivileged children to touch love, and helping us show Jesus' love in the most tangible way that people will understand. Please continue to pray for this work. The full story can be found at www.bmsworldmission.org/news.

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