

PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

May 2018

Dear Friends

"The Other Side"

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing. I know my Master is there and that is enough."

You may think that this is a rather trite and simple illustration. However it does illuminate something that we should all be aware of that both our Lord and Saviour Christ as well as God are there when we enter heaven! We actually have this month ascension day when we celebrate Jesus ascending into Heaven. If you can please come and join us that evening when Roger Watkins will be leading our home group.

The deacons will in the next week be producing a form for hopefully all to sign for data protection. If we do not have this we will be unable to contact you please see notice later.

Yours in Christ

Tony.

Sunday Services 10.30am each week.

6th Chris Bylett, 13th Stephen Draper,
20th David Taylor, 27th Tony Whitlock.
3rd June Rev Paul Hills.

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

3rd & 24th at 24 Glebe Road.

10th & 31st at 31 Roundhouse Drive.

17th at 8 Whitehall Way

Meeting on 10th is Ascension Day when Roger Watkins will take the service instead of our usual bible study all welcome at 31 Roundhouse Drive.

Friendship Circle 2.30pm in Church Monday 21st May.

Please note change of date as not to clash with Bank Holiday.
Speaker Ann-Marie Hamilton from Hail Weston on experiences as a farmer's wife and charity work.

Buckden and District Churches Together

Study lunch 14th May at 12.30 in Methodist Hall.

Men's Breakfast 19th May at 24 Glebe Rd.

Note Ladies breakfast
will be on 7th July.

Data Protection

As a result of a change in UK law, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will be in force by the end of this month. We now need explicit consent as to how we can contact and keep records of you. If you would like the Church to keep in contact with you please pick up a form, fill in and sign so that we are in compliance with the law. These forms should be available by next Sunday 6th May.

“This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty”.
Zechariah 4:6.

Prayer Diary for May 2018

30th April Moderator & Deacons 1st Ted & Marjorie Wady
2nd Roger Watkins 3rd Local Elections
4th Tony & Cilla Whitlock 5th David and Ann Burditt
6th Lara and John Campbell 7th Audrey Clarke
8th Joyce Denman 9th Stephen & Grace Draper
10th David & Dorothy Haines 11th David Hawthorne
12th Joyce Jones 13th Pearl & Brian Lanham
14th Buckden & District Churches Together. 15th Pauline Moody
16th Anne and Mac Macaskill 17th Mary Mullis
18th Iris Mumford 19th Betty Presland
20th Howard & Ann Purser 21st Friendship Circle
22nd Our Regional Minister Beth Powney and the National
Settlement Team that seeks to match Churches and Ministers.
23rd Viola Powell 24th Pam Sear
25th Marjorie & Doug Smith 26th Bob & Joyce Stammers
27th Dave & Sue Stone 28th Amanda Tyrrell & Paul.
29th Ken & Marlene Turner 30th David & Kathleen Taylor
31st Jan & David Usher 1st June Ted & Marjorie Wady
2nd Roger Watkins 3rd 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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A Letter from Sudan thanking BMS for our support.

Dear friends, God is good all the time, and all the time God is good! Before meeting Jesus Christ and experiencing his salvation, I used to think that I could save myself through doing good deeds and I depended on my self-righteousness. I was born into a Christian family, although both of my parents were originally non-Christian. I thank God that my parents became Christians. In 1993 I attended a conference for young people and during one of the sessions the speaker talked about justification by faith. I gave my life to Jesus and I was sure that he would grant me salvation through his death and Resurrection. My life has changed since then and now I am

certain that I have eternal life in Jesus Christ. I used to preach in my home church in Sudan. I wanted to gain more knowledge about the Holy Bible and theology and someone told me about ABTS in Lebanon and recommended that I apply. After I graduate, I plan to establish a school for teaching others about Christian doctrine. I want to return back to my people in Sudan and give them the correct teachings about God so that they may build a strong faith. In Lebanon, I lead refugee home group Bible studies every week. I also preach and teach at a church. Studying theology has equipped me with the right tools for my future ministry of Bible teaching and discipleship. I learned how to interpret the Bible and how to apply the lessons we extracted from it. I also learned that there are several methods to discipleship, depending on which group I aim to reach. In my case, I will be focusing on youth and new believers who are newly discovering about the Bible and about Jesus. Studying here has supplied me with the tools needed to disciple them. My country Sudan is Muslim. It is very hard for Sudanese Christians to worship or preach the gospel. But I have a vision for Sudan that comes from my faith in God. My prayer and my vision is that he will break through into my country, and we will see all the people of Sudan coming to Christ. The scholarship support I receive is vital. I need to be studying full-time here and therefore cannot work during the time of my studies. The seminary not only provides education, but also provides room and board – all of which are covered through the generous support of partners such as BMS. I truly thank you, and I pray that the Lord would bless your ministry and reward the toil of your love for us. Thank you for supporting me. Patrick

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