

PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter November 2023

Hello everyone

We enter November with more of a reminder of the tragedies that lie within the world. The Middle East continues to be full of such turmoil. On the 7th October the world was shocked to hear the news of how Hamas had attacked Israel, raping women, killing young and old, including children and kidnapping in excess of 220, taking them into captivity. The actions of Hamas resulted in both Israelis and Palestinians suffering from the long-term effects of terrorism in their midst.

Something else happened in Gaza the other day that is worth noting for each of us. Four hostages were released and I hope by the time you read this there will be more. One of the hostages that was released, an 85 year old lady, was filmed making her way along the underground tunnels. As she was handed over by her captors she turns back to one of them, shakes his hand, and says "Shalom", which means peace! There is an important reminder for all of us. Whatever she experienced, her cry was for peace, even for her enemy. Our prayer today is also for peace as our hearts go out to both Palestinians and Israelis. Shalom!

Paul said, "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4 verse 7) As we look to these distant lands, we must never forget that the hopes of peace must begin with us individually. May we begin by seeking to know peace with each other and peace as we share this community of Perry, sharing the love of God who cares for us all.

Sharing with you in the love of our Lord, as Partners of the Gospel.

Blessings to all of you,

Jon Magee

Meetings 30th & 31st October

Monday 30th October: Members meeting at 2.30pm in Church

Tuesday 31st October: filling shoe boxes for Samaritans Purse at 2.30pm in Church

Services and Meetings in November

Sundays: Service at 10.30am with Communion on 19th

Evening services at 6.00pm: 5th November and 3rd December

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: 12th November

Note: The Service will start at **10.00 am** and then process to join with the Parish vigil for 11.00 am, followed by refreshments at the Church

Tues mornings: Prayer Meeting at 10.00 am, venues as announced

Wednesday evenings: Home group at 7.30pm, venues as announced

If you were not in Church on Sunday and want to know the venue, please phone one of the deacons; numbers are on the back page
Please also phone if you need transport or help to any service or meeting

Mondays 6th, 20th Nov. 'Drop-in' for tea/coffee and chat
& 4th December 10.00am to 12 noon

Fridays 3rd Nov Men's prayer fellowship 8.00am at
and 1st December 31 Roundhouse Drive

Tuesday 5th December - Festive afternoon tea at 2.30 pm at Dobbies, Huntingdon. Sorry bookings are now closed

Little Staughton Baptist Church: Prayer for revival at 9.30am on the first Saturday of each month. Coffee morning from 10am – 12noon on the first Wednesday of each month. To which we are all invited

A big thank you to all who helped and came to the Macmillan coffee morning. A wonderful £600 was raised.

Prayer Diary for November 2023

28th October Jocelyn Walden 29th Roger Watkins
30th Church Meeting 31st Little Staughton Baptist
1st November Roads for prayer - Chichester Way & Ridgeway
2nd Ann Burditt 3rd Lara & John Campbell
4th Audrey Clarke 5th Derek & Maureen Greenwood
6th Drop-in Coffee Morning 7th Sue Harper
8th David Hawthorne 9th Mary Hazel
10th Joyce Jones 11th Pearl & Brian Lanham
12th Remembrance Sunday (Service is at 10am then joining with the
Parish for 11am for two minutes silence and laying of wreaths)
13th Jon & Joan Magee 14th Paul Mascall
15th Pauline Moody 16th Neil & Nicky Pateman
17th Howard & Ann Purser 18th Pam Sear
19th Marjorie & Doug Smith 20th Drop-in Coffee morning
21st Bob & Joyce Stammers 22nd David & Isabel Storie
23rd Amanda Tyrell 24th Jan & David Usher
25th Valentino & Rejoice 26th Jocelyn Walden
27th Roger Watkins 28th Tony Whitlock
29th Minister & Deacons 30th Gale Richards our Regional Minister
1st December Roads for prayer West Perry & Manor Farm Court
2nd Ann Burditt; 3rd Our Services today that we may all sense the
presence of God among us and be really blessed.

Next newsletter out on 3rd December- contributions by 29th November

Ministerial dates

Please pray for the following dates in which I represent you in addition to the regular events in the church.

Tuesday 14th November I will attend the Great Staughton Coffee Morning

Thursday 16th November I will attend a meeting of Evangelical Baptists to be held in Croydon. Will value your prayers

Sunday 19th November Black Cat Radio

Tuesday 28th November I will attend the Men's Breakfast in Great Staughton. Men, there is an open invitation for you to come along on the 4th Tuesday of every month.

Thank you, Jon

Secretary's Ponderings!

Dear All

By the time you read this we will have had quite a busy October. There have been very good Sunday Services! Also, those of us who go have enjoyed our Wednesday studies in Proverbs. The Macmillan coffee morning was a great success with a lot of visitors. The regular coffee mornings have also been well attended; I hope you have enjoyed them too. If you would like more details of the Home group Meeting on Wednesday evening or the Prayer Meeting on Tuesday morning, please ask. We are also open to suggestions of other days or time if you are not able to make these times and would like to come. Do, however, please realise that some of those attending now have other commitments.

I note that many are now getting ready for Christmas with the shops already filled with goods. There will be an opportunity to send a card to the whole Church which will be displayed. If, however, you would like to put a Christmas greeting in the December newsletter please see me by 25th November.

There will be extra services in the lead up to Christmas. I hope you will participate and offer suggestions. I know some of you will be quite busy. I am singing in three Christmas concerts during the first two weeks of December. If anyone wants to endure my singing we are at Wimpole Hall on the morning of 9th December.

Just a reminder, if you read this as soon as you get the newsletter our Member and Congregation Meeting is at 2.30pm on Monday 30th October.

Please come and contribute to the debate and have your say. We like to hear what our members think.

May God bless you all.

Tony

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