

# *PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH*

*Newsletter December 2023*

***The Minister and Deacons wish you all  
A Happy and Blessed Christmas***

Hello everyone

May you all know a Blessed Christmas as we look toward a celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many of us will be looking at a busy social life in December and for some people in society that is all that it is about, social activity, partying, decorations. Yet for those of us with faith we know that it has to be more than that. It is the time when we specifically remember God's gift of Jesus, one who came to live on this earth to bring the message of the love of God.

Many will look at those in authority in this world as people who have no idea how you and I live our lives but God knows first-hand how the ordinary people live and experience suffering and cares for us. Remember the story as it is recounted in the gospels. Even in the womb there is the sense of suffering and rejection as Mary carried the baby within her taking the wearying journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Arriving in Bethlehem the family heard the words being repeated "No room in the inn" till Jesus was born in a stable.

No matter what we go through in life, we can always find comfort in God's love for us. Jesus was later to say "As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in My love." (John 15:9) As we look forward to Christmas may we recall the words of the Christmas Carol "love came down at Christmas". Love came in the form of the Son of God, may we remain in His love as Jesus requested of us.

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

Blessings to all of you  
***Jon Magee***

## **Services and Meetings in December**

Sundays: Service at 10.30am with Communion on 10<sup>th</sup>  
Evening services at 6.00pm: 3<sup>rd</sup> December & 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### ***Christmas Services***

#### **Christmas Carol Service**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am

#### ***Carols & Soup***

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon after our usual drop-in coffee morning

#### ***Christmas Eve Service***

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am

#### ***Christmas Day Service***

25<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am

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 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>: 'Drop-in' for tea/coffee and chat  
10.00am to 12 noon

There will be no drop-in on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

First drop-in in 2024 is 15<sup>th</sup> January.

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

There will be an opportunity to display your Christmas cards to the Church as usual. If you would like to give a gift for this privilege, please put in box at back of the Church. Offerings over Christmas will again be going to Spurgeons Child Care

### **Church New Years Lunch**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 12.15pm for 12.30pm. Book after Christmas

## **Prayer Diary for December 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> December: Roads for prayer West Perry & Manor Farm Court  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Burditt 3<sup>rd</sup> Our Services today that we may all sense the presence of God among us and be really blessed  
4<sup>th</sup> Drop-in coffee morning 5<sup>th</sup> Invitation cards going out this week  
6<sup>th</sup> Lara & John Campbell 7<sup>th</sup> Audrey Clarke  
8<sup>th</sup> Derek & Maureen Greenwood 9<sup>th</sup> Sue Harper  
10<sup>th</sup> David Hawthorne 11<sup>th</sup> Mary Hazel  
12<sup>th</sup> Joyce Jones 13<sup>th</sup> Pearl & Brian Lanham  
14<sup>th</sup> Jon & Joan Magee 15<sup>th</sup> Paul Mascall  
16<sup>th</sup> Pauline Moody 17<sup>th</sup> Neil & Nicky Pateman  
18<sup>th</sup> Drop-in 10am to 12 noon followed by Carols & Soup  
19<sup>th</sup> Howard & Ann Purser 20<sup>th</sup> Pam Sear  
21<sup>st</sup> Marjorie & Doug Smith 22<sup>nd</sup> Bob & Joyce Stammers  
23<sup>rd</sup> David & Isabel Storie 24<sup>th</sup> Amanda Tyrell  
25<sup>th</sup> Birth of God's son Jesus Christ, pray for peace on earth.  
26<sup>th</sup> Jan & David Usher 27<sup>th</sup> Valentino & Rejoice  
28<sup>th</sup> Jocelyn Walden 29<sup>th</sup> Roger Watkins  
30<sup>th</sup> Tony Whitlock 31<sup>st</sup> Minister and Deacons  
1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024 Roads for prayer: Welby Close & Whitehall Way  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Burditt 3<sup>rd</sup> Lara & John Campbell  
*Next newsletter out on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024, items by 27<sup>th</sup> December please*

### ***Ministerial dates***

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

7th December: Crosshall school assembly prior to meeting with the Baptist Ministers from Huntingdonshire and Fenlands

12th December: Great Staughton Coffee Morning

14th December: meeting with local clergy in the morning

25th December: Reading in a Christmas service on Black Cat Radio

There will also be an additional Sunday on Black Cat Radio but I do not yet know what that date will be

***Thank you, Jon***

***“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.  
And the Government shall be upon His shoulder.  
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6.***

### **Secretary’s Ponderings!**

Dear All

Here we are again another Christmas is upon us. So, to start with may I wish you all a Happy Christmas. I hope and pray that this year you will have a good time with family and friends. I have already started as the whole family joined together last weekend. This was because Grand-daughter number two is jetting off to New Zealand to spend Christmas with her partner’s family.

I know, however, for many Christmas can be a hard and painful time. For them there is the reminder of those who are now absent from the festivities. If that includes you, please know that the Church is here for you. Don’t be lonely, come and talk to us, make sure you come to our services. You will have a warm welcome both from the warmth of the Church and the fellowship of our members.

You will notice we have a full programme of meetings and services. Come and join the celebrations of our Saviour Jesus Christ’s birth. As the next issue of the newsletter and prayer diary is not due until 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 may I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We hope and pray that 2024 will be a great year for both you and the Church. We will have many things to look forward too especially that God will really bless us as family, Church and Community. May God bless you all.

**Tony**

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