

PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter February 2024

Hello everyone

February, is the month of love it would seem. This is the month in which the card shops display their Valentines Day cards. It is the month when people will send the cards and flowers and in the process pledge their undying love. For some this is the only time that love may ever be spoken of. Yet there is still another 11 months of the year that is left, can love not continue to be pledged to each other?

If we listen to the words of Jesus then love is far more than the romantic Valentine expression. Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John chapter 13 verse 35) There is no qualification there, no restriction to one day in the year. Jesus sets love as the primary outward sign of a person's Christian faith. He is especially referring to love between those who claim to be His followers. Earlier in the evening, Jesus humbly washed the feet of His disciples. He explained that this was an example of service for them to follow. Jesus also indicated that this command to love falls under that same umbrella: we are to love as Jesus loved.

It has been encouraging for me, as we look back on four and a half years, to see how much love has been shared between us in Perry. "By THIS shall all men know we are His disciples" John 13:35.

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 February

Sundays: Service at 10.30am with Communion on 11th

Note communion this month is on 11th February as the group from Godmanchester are with us on the 18th.

Evening services: 6.00 pm on 4th February and 3rd March

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

Wednesday evenings: Home group at 7.30pm, venues as announced. This is a time of Bible study when we read a passage from the Bible and whoever is leading explains the meaning of the passage and we discuss it. Please come along and join us and learn more about the Bible and Christianity.

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

Men's prayer meeting 2nd Feb. and 1st March

'Drop-in' for tea/coffee and chat 10.00am to 12 noon:

Mondays 5th & 19th February

Deacon's meeting on 8th February

See the secretary if you want the deacons to discuss something. There will be a Members' Meeting and AGM soon after.

World Day of Prayer- a shared time with Gt Staughton Churches – Friday 1st March at 2.00 pm at St Andrew's Church, Gt Staughton

Visit from Hebron on 26th April. Tickets are available from Jon.

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

Secretary's Ponderings!

Dear All

It does not seem possible that already we are a month into 2024 where does the time go?

However, January was a very good month! We as a fellowship had a very good New Year's lunch at the Wheatsheaf with over twenty of us enjoying a lovely time there.

Then the first drop-in of the year was a sell out! So many came in on 15th January that our helpers were very busy. Please pray that many come in the future and enjoy not only coffee, biscuits and toast but the Christian love expressed.

We must continue to pray for the upcoming visit of Hebron on 26th April. Prayer points include that the group will continue in good health and that we will get the tickets to those who God would like us to bring in. Hebron will be ministering to us through word and music and sharing the gospel throughout the evening. The Gospel is the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. When we talk of the Gospel we mean that we are telling people that they can be saved from their sin and become a Christian, what we call being born again. This is so great a subject that it needs more than a few words written here. Our Minister or one of the deacons will be happy to explain it more any time just ask. Don't be worried we have all had things explained to us over the years. So please ask!

May God bless you all.

Tony

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