

Secretary's Pondering

In my choir we are singing a song "It's that time of year again", which is very true as this time of year comes round so quick. So the first thing I must do is wish you all a Happy Christmas and may you realise the joy of the new born Saviour in your life. We have a busy December ahead as you will have seen above. Please invite your friends and neighbours to these events. Especially if they are alone or lonely, we can offer a warm and friendly welcome.

I'm sure we all have a warm and friendly place at Christmas. So we can think of those less fortunate. We are, as usual, giving our Christmas offerings to Spurgeons Childcare. This organisation was started by the great 19th century Minister Charles Hatton Spurgeon who had a large Church in London. It was originally children's homes but has now developed into work among children, lone mothers and battered families. The last few years we have sent several hundred pounds each year, so let's continue this year .

May God Bless you all
Tony

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PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter December 2024

Hello everyone

It is that time of the year that we spend time thinking about presents, both the giving and the receiving. As we look for those perfect presents let's remember that the best gift is God's presence with us, which was the reason for the first Christmas! "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life!" (John chapter 3 verse 16) What a tremendous gift our God has made available for us. A gift that is worth picking up and appreciating. We may often speak of the gift but how often do we appreciate it?

What are you doing for Christmas? That is the kind of questions that may be asked at this time of year. For me the most obvious answer is that I will be celebrating the birth of Jesus. The clue lies in the word we use, CHRISTmas, which means the feast of Christ. In all the celebrations we have missed what it is all about if Jesus is missed out. In Jesus we show our appreciation as we recognise that the life we celebrate at Christmas is the one that ultimately will come to death that we might know life. Christmas is looking toward the death and resurrection of Jesus. The wise men brought three gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gifts that came with a symbolism speaking of what Jesus came for. They spoke of His Kingship, His Priesthood and the anointing of His body on that first easter weekend.

As we appreciate God's great gift to us we must acknowledge our Saviour died and rose for us, that as our priest He mediates between us and our Heavenly Father. Thirdly, we need to daily acknowledge Jesus as our Lord. He is our King and whatever He desires of us we willingly give.

Peace to you all
from your Pastor and friend,
Jon

Services and Meetings in December

Sundays: Service at 10.30am with Communion on 15th
Evening Service at 6.00 pm on 1st December
& 5th January

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

Wednesday evenings: Home group (Bible study) at 7.30pm,
venues as announced

Friday morning: Men's monthly prayer meeting at 8.00 am
at Tony's home first Friday of month

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

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

Mondays 2nd Dec then 16th which will be followed by Carols and free
soup & a roll

Line Dancing

Monday 9th at 10.00 am in Church then not until January

Christmas dates:

10th Festive afternoon tea at Roxton GC for those who have booked.
Please bring your money on the day or give to Joyce beforehand

16th 12noon after the coffee morning: Carols and soup and a roll

22nd 10.30am Carol Service

23rd Carol singing round the village from 6-8pm

25th Christmas Day Service at 10.30am

**Our offerings and gifts over Christmas will be going to Spurgeons
Childcare providing help and support for children and families across
the UK. Christmas greeting cards to your Church friends can be
displayed in the Church. We only ask for a donation towards
Spurgeons which can be put in the box at the back of the Church.**

Little Staughton Baptist Church: Prayer for revival at 9.30am on
the first Saturday of each month.
Coffee morning from 10.00 am – 12 noon on the first Wednesday of
each month, to which we are all invited.

Prayer Diary for December 2024

December roads for prayer Hawkins & Lakeside

1 st Services at 10.30am & 6pm	2 nd Coffee morning
3 rd Ann Burditt	4 th Lara & John Campbell
5 th Audrey Clarke	6 th Teresa Cooper
7 th Derek & Maureen Greenwood	8 th Janet Gould
9 th Sue Harper	10 th David Hawthorne
11 th Mary Hazell	12 th Joyce Jones
13 th Tony & Chris Kybett	14 th Pearl & Brian Lanham
15 th Our friends at Little Staughton Baptist Church	
16 th Drop-in Coffee morning followed by Soup & Carols	
17 th Jon & Joan Magee	18 th Pauline Moody
19 th Neil & Nicky Pateman	20 th Howard & Ann Purser
21 st Victoria Sandiford	22 nd Marjorie & Doug Smith
23 rd Bob & Joyce Stammers	24 th David & Isabel Storie
25 th We welcome and worship the new born King	
26 th Terry & Pauline	27 th Amanda & Paul
28 th Jan & David Usher	29 th Jocelyn Walden
30 th Roger Watkins	31 st Tony Whitlock

We wish you a Happy, Prosperous and God filled New Year

January: road for prayer - Roundhouse Drive

1 st Ann Burditt	2 nd Lara & John Campbell
3 rd Audrey Clarke	4 th Teresa Cooper
5 th Services at 10.30am and 6pm	

Please also pray for others in the Church and Community that are not
listed on the diary above. If you would like to be added or have a
particular need please see Tony

Next newsletter out on 5th January 2025

Ministry concerns

In addition to being your Pastor, preacher and presenter of God's Word. I
was called to have a vision and the initiative to find ways of reaching out to
the world with the gospel and to give a good representation for Perry Baptist
Church. I appreciate your prayers as I do that in ways such as the following:
Sundays 1st, 15th & 22nd December at 6am Black Cat Radio
Sundays 8th & 29th December at 6am and 6.30am Black Cat Radio
Tuesday 10th December Great Staughton Coffee Morning. (Please note that
there is an open invitation for us all to attend