

# PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

*Newsletter March 2025*

Dear All

These days we have so many special days that are advocated but I was absolutely amazed to recently discover one particular special day that's coming up in March. It is called WORLD SLEEP DAY! Yes, you read that correctly. World Sleep Day is Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2025. Those advocating it say sign up for updates to get the new theme, toolkit, and delegate sign-up form as soon as they're public and to take up ACTION. I really am not sure what kind of action they expect us to take on a sleep day but that's what they say. Nor am I sure that it is healthy to have just one day of sleep in a year.

Having said that, the Bible certainly advocates rest. Rest is important to your spiritual walk with the Lord and many Christians today don't appreciate the value of rest or keeping the Sabbath day holy. Rest allows our mind, body and soul to renew and start with even more strength and focus. Scripture is filled with God's promises to provide rest when we seek Him. God is an endless source of peace and strength and He created us to need Him! The following Bible verse will inspire you to slow down and find rest, even if for a moment in God's presence. Jesus said "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11 verse 28) The rest that the Scriptures speak of is about an opportunity to be renewed and strengthened and it is not intended to be just one day in the year but everyday.

May you know God's rest in your life as you are renewed and strengthened in our Lord.

Peace to you all

From your Pastor and friend,

***Jon Magee***

## **Services and Meetings in March**

- Sundays: Service at 10.30am with Communion on 16<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> March: Evening Service at 6.00pm  
9<sup>th</sup> March: Rev John Smith preaching as  
Jon is preaching at Little Staughton
- 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 each month  
March: 7<sup>th</sup>; April: 4<sup>th</sup>

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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March

### **World Day of Prayer**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in our Church. All welcome  
This is a joint service with St Andrews' group of Churches - please support!

**Line Dancing:** Mondays 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am in 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

As we have more people attending Church on Sundays and at other times, the prayer diary is beginning to get full each month. So please pray for the meetings listed above as they happen and at any time during the month

Prayer "Make me walk along the right paths" Ps. 119:133  
Answer "The steps of a good person are directed by the Lord"  
Ps.37:23  
Corrie ten Boom from Prayers and Promises for every day

## **Prayer Diary for March 2025**

1<sup>st</sup> March Roads for prayer: Blythe Green & Rosecroft  
2<sup>nd</sup> Services at 10.30am & 6pm.      3<sup>rd</sup> Drop-in Coffee morning  
4<sup>th</sup> Ann Burditt      5<sup>th</sup> Lara & John Campbell  
6<sup>th</sup> Audrey Clarke      7<sup>th</sup> Teresa Cooper  
8<sup>th</sup> Maureen & Derek Greenwood      9<sup>th</sup> Janet Gould  
10<sup>th</sup> Sue Harper      11<sup>th</sup> David Hawthorne  
12<sup>th</sup> Mary Hazell      13<sup>th</sup> Joyce Jones  
14<sup>th</sup> Tony & Chris Kybett      15<sup>th</sup> Pearl & Brian Lanham  
16<sup>th</sup> Magee family      17<sup>th</sup> Pauline Moody  
18<sup>th</sup> Friends at Little Staughton Baptist Church  
19<sup>th</sup> Neil & Nicky Pateman      20<sup>th</sup> Vicky Sandiford  
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> Terry & Pauline  
25<sup>th</sup> Amanda & Paul      26<sup>th</sup> Jan & David Usher  
27<sup>th</sup> Jocelyn Walden      28<sup>th</sup> Roger Watkins  
29<sup>th</sup> Tony Whitlock      30<sup>th</sup> Mothers on their day.  
31<sup>st</sup> Deacons' meeting.

April Roads for prayer; Bakers Way, Duberly Close, East Perry.

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

*Next newsletter out on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025*

### **Ministry concerns**

Sundays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March: at 6am Black Cat Radio

Sundays 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March: at 6am and 6.30am Black Cat Radio

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March Great Staughton Coffee Morning. (Please note that there is an open invitation for us all to attend)

17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March: I will be at the EBA Ministers Conference

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Mens Breakfast at Great Staughton (Please note that there is an open invitation for all men to attend)

Thank you for your prayer partnership in my Ministerial work

**Jon**

## Secretary's Ponderings

It was a busy day for some in the Church on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. In the morning we had our weekly prayer meeting and then in the afternoon the Church AGM and Members' meeting. It was really good to see a good turnout for the meetings.

The AGM showed that we had a good year. There has been a steady increase in the Sunday morning congregation, although not in membership but this is increasing soon this new year. It would be good for these increases to continue.

We have been busy during the year with good attendances at our twice monthly coffee mornings. We had two special mornings with a Ploughman's lunch then at Christmas Soup and Carols! Both enjoyed by all. Also, a BBQ, Harvest Supper and a Fish & Chip supper. Plus raising £720 for Macmillan Nurses.

One of the highlights of the year was the visit of the Hebron Gospel Group which includes Helen Shapiro.

The financial report was reassuring as we had a good year. Although we must not be complacent if we are to continue to have a Minister. Our reserves will let us do so for a few more years which is reassuring.

Jon gave a Pastoral report and I was re-elected to the diaconate and also for me to continue as Secretary and Treasurer for the next year. The Minutes of the Meetings are available on the Church Website (Members section)

Lets continue to work and pray for the future of God's Church here in Perry. Let 2025 be a year of personal commitment and revival!  
May God Bless you all

**Tony**

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