

# *PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH*

*Newsletter June 2025*

Dear All

It is a privilege to write for this month's edition of the Newsletter. Every month is full of surprises of some kind or another and as we start the month there is a sense in which we all need to be ready for anything. The late Cilla Black was well known for singing "Life is full, full of surprises." She was so right on that aspect, and for each of us we should be prepared for that. 2,000 years ago the early church was met with the greatest surprise of all as the Holy Spirit descended upon them and empowered them to be witnesses of the Lord Jesus. Not long before, they were a group of nervous frightened young people who had no sense of hope at all. Suddenly everything changed and they began to see how the Lord had transformed them. All seems impossible till our Lord reveals just what could be possible.

This month we will be celebrating Pentecost once again. It is the birthday of the church internationally. Like the early church we may also be wondering how we can do all that is expected of us. We are only human after all. Yes, that is true but our Lord is the Master of surprises. Are we ready to be at the heart of the surprises just as the early church was?

Jesus last words at the ascension were, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1 verse 8) Those times when we say impossible, when we think we can never manage, our Lord wants us to hear the same words. It is in His name and His power that we are to be His witnesses, beginning in our village and to the ends of the world.

May you know God's power as you seek to be a witness of the risen Lord.

Peace to you all

From your Pastor and friend,

***Jon Magee***

## **Services and Meetings in June**

Sundays: Service at 10.30am each week Communion on 15<sup>th</sup>  
Evening service at 6pm on 1<sup>st</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> July

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jon is preaching in Luton and Chan Abraham is leading our service.

**'Drop-in' for tea/coffee** and chat 10.00 am to 12 noon on the first and third Mondays of each month: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June

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 – this month it will be on 6<sup>th</sup> June

If you were not in Church on Sunday and want to know the venues, you need more information or transport please contact the Deacons

### ***Buckden and District Churches Together***

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June "A Joyful Pentecost Picnic" from 2pm at Buckden Towers. See poster on notice board.

***Line Dancing:*** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **Future dates:**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July Church Meeting at 2.30pm in the Church

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July BBQ at Tony's home at 4.00 pm

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 'Drop-in Summer Special' with free ploughman's lunch

Please pray for the meetings as well as people on prayer diary.

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## **Prayer Diary for June 2025**

Roads for prayer in June: Moat lane, Roman way & The Drive

1 <sup>st</sup>	Teresa Cooper	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Drop-in Coffee morning
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maureen & Derek Greenwood	4 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Gould
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Harper	6 <sup>th</sup>	David Hawthorne
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Hazell	8 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Jones
9 <sup>th</sup>	Friends at Little Staughton Baptist Church		
10 <sup>th</sup>	Tony & Chris Kybett	11 <sup>th</sup>	Pearl & Brian Lanham
12 <sup>th</sup>	Magee family	13 <sup>th</sup>	Pauline Moody
14 <sup>th</sup>	Neil & Nicky Pateman	15 <sup>th</sup>	Minister & Deacons
16 <sup>th</sup>	Vicky Sandiford	17 <sup>th</sup>	Marjorie & Doug Smith
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Joyce Stammers	19 <sup>th</sup>	David & Isabel Storie
20 <sup>th</sup>	Terry & Pauline	21 <sup>st</sup>	Amanda & Paul
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jan & David Usher	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jocelyn Walden
24 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Watkins	25 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Whitlock
26 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Burditt	27 <sup>th</sup>	Lara & John Campbell
28 <sup>th</sup>	Audrey Clark	29 <sup>th</sup>	EBA Regional Ministers

*Next newsletter out on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025*

## **Secretary's Ponderings**

As I write these few notes I can't help but reflect on the last month!

The blessings which were ours in the fellowship.

First there was the eightieth anniversary of VE day. It was good to have a celebration Service and a memorial drop-in coffee morning and lunch. I think we all enjoyed the time of thanks and reflection.

Then the next weekend we had the visit of Dave and Mandy Scott-Morgan, not forgetting Alan. A wonderful time was had by all and I know that all enjoyed the wonderful singing and testimony from Dave and Mandy. I was especially pleased that those I invited were so appreciative. Several people commented that of the celebrities we have had, this group was the best. We have to remember that life goes on and we are not able to have these people every week. We do however have our own celebrity every week in our Minister, Jon. If you are able to go, the Pentecost Picnic should be good.

May God Bless you all

***Tony***

## ***Ministry prayer requests***

When I first began this monthly item it was pointed out to me that you will know some of what I do pastorally but there maybe other matters that may not be seen so well. So I do appreciate your prayers as I carry out regular pastoral visits. In addition I do take the opportunity as much as possible to reach out to those in the locality and share about the Lord and the work of the church. I value your prayers in all of that. In addition, it is important as your Pastor that I develop a good relationship with any neighbouring clergy without compromising how we as a church stand. With your prayer support this has been happening. As you will be aware as part of that growing relationship the incumbant Clergy in Great Staughton spoke to me of an open invitation to our congregation to join them in their monthly coffee morning and men's breakfast. I appreciate that we may not all be able to attend as well as giving our best in Perry but I will have failed in this aspect of my responsibility if I do not pass this invitation on. Please pray for me as I seek to honour the importance of relating to others.

In addition please note the following ...

Every Sunday I will be on Black Cat radio at 6am and also 6.30am on the 8<sup>th</sup> June. This is an opportunity for our church to reach beyond our walls with the Good News. When I was called to Perry it was including using my initiative in presenting the gospel. As per the first paragraph, I will attend the Gt Staughton Coffee Morning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of June and Men's Breakfast on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. I will also be visiting Crosshall Primary School on 26<sup>th</sup> June. Please pray for all aspects of finding ways to meet with the community.

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