

PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter May 2025

Dear All

It is a full month that lies ahead of us in May this year. The first thing that comes to mind is the VE day celebrations. It is 80 years since the 2nd world war came to an end in Europe. In 1945 the whole nation was alive to a spirit of celebrations. The war was over. The men were coming home. Yet the key word for many was "peace". I am hoping that in 2025 we will capture that same key word of peace as we celebrate. The hope of those who went before us was peace and our hope today must be the same. Through the years we have failed to achieve peace but it must still be our desire.

Less than a week later we will be pleased to have a visit from Dave Scott-Morgan and his team. (I hope you have got your tickets for what will be an amazing weekend) Dave will be known as a former guitarist with the Electric Light Orchestra (ELO). The evening will feature some of the songs the group was known for but there is more. The evening will reveal what happened when there was an encounter with God. It was indeed a living thing discovering peace with God. Now there is that word peace again. The Bible speaks of peace too.

The Bible offers numerous scriptures relating to peace, emphasizing both inner tranquillity and relational harmony. A key verse includes John 14:27 which promises Jesus' peace to believers. It is there that Jesus says "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." That promise lies with us to this very day.

May you know Gods peace in your life irrespective of our circumstances.

Peace to you all,

from your Pastor and friend,

Jon Magee

Services and Meetings in May

- Sundays: Service at 10.30am each week and also an evening service at 6pm on 4th May & 1st June
- Sunday 4th May: 10.30am Godmanchester worship group leading our service and Jon preaching
6pm VE day celebration service
- Monday 5th May: Special extended Drop-in Coffee Morning.
Commemorating 80 years since VE Day
Followed by free 40s type lunch
- 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 2nd May and 6th 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

'Drop-in' for tea/coffee and chat 10.00 am to 12 noon:
Mondays 5th and 19th May

Line Dancing: Mondays 12th & 26th 10.00 am in Church

Dave Scott-Morgan (ELO): and his wife and team:
Saturday 10th May at 7.00 pm. Free entry but by ticket only

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

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

My heart has heard you say. "Come and talk with me"
And my heart responds, "Lord I am coming" *Psalms 27:8*

Prayer Diary for May 2025

May Roads for prayer: Blyth Green and Rosecroft

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| 27 th April Tony Whitlock | 28 th Ann Burditt |
| 29 th Lara & John Campbell | 30 th Audrey Clarke |
| 1 st May Teresa Cooper | 2 nd Maureen & Derek Greenwood |
| 3 rd Janet Gould | 4 th VE Day Celebration Service |
| 5 th Special "Drop-In Coffee Morning for VE Day | |
| 6 th Sue Harper | 7 th David Hawthorne |
| 8 th Mary Hazell | 9 th Joyce Jones |
| 10 th Visit of Dave Scott-Morgan, Former ELO guitarist. | |
| 11 th Tony & Chris Kybett | 12 th Pearl & Brian Lanham |
| 13 th Magee family | 14 th Pauline Moody |
| 15 th Friends at Little Staughton Baptist Church | |
| 16 th Neil & Nicky Pateman | 17 th Vicky Sandiford |
| 18 th Marjorie & Doug Smith | 19 th Bob & Joyce Stammers |
| 20 th David & Isabel Storie | 21 st Terry & Pauline |
| 22 nd Amanda & Paul | 23 rd Jan & David Usher |
| 24 th Jocelyn Walden | 25 th Roger Watkins |
| 26 th Tony Whitlock | 27 th Minister & Deacons |
| 28 th Parish Council | 29 th Ann Burditt |
| 30 th Lara & John Campbell | 31 st Audrey Clark |

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

Next newsletter out on 1st June 2025

Ministry prayer requests

Assembly at Crosshall Junior School at 9.00 am with Joyce on Thursday 1st May

This month I will be busy with the VE Celebration Service on 4th May and the special Drop-In Coffee Morning on Monday 5th May.

Also, I am helping in co-ordinating and participating in the visit of Dave Scott-Morgan on the weekend 10th & 11th May.

Every Sunday at 6am Black Cat Radio and other Sundays at 6.30am in a rota with other local Ministers

Second Tuesday Great Staughton Coffee Morning

Fourth Tuesday Men's Breakfast at Great Staughton

Not forgetting my Preaching and Pastoral work every week

Thank you for your prayer partnership in my Ministerial work

Jon

Secretary's Ponderings

I hope and pray that you all had a good and blessed Easter. We certainly did in Church with very good services. It was good to have such fellowship during the weekend when we rejoiced in Christ's resurrection and victory over death. My prayer is that we can continue in wonderful communion with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ and in fellowship with each other.

Writing about the fellowship of the Church let us remember those members of the Church and Congregation who are ill at this time. We have friends recovering from a stroke, recovering, being treated, or awaiting surgery for cancer and recovering from falling down stairs. My few aches and pains along with a cold seem trivial in comparison. So please remember them all in your prayers.

As Jon has already written we have a full and busy first half of May before us. May I urge all to support in prayer, help and attendance at these special events. We can all serve our Lord as we participate in any way we can. Especially getting our friends and neighbours to come.

May God Bless you all

Tony

"You are a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in time of trouble. Those who know Your name trust in You, for You, O Lord, do not abandon those who search for You!" Psalm 9:9-10.

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