

## FAMILY NEWS

Another week filled with many different aspects of life. Alison and David Baker, we stand with you in prayer and support, for the loss of Alison's father.

And in the same week, we celebrate with the young people who are and who were filled with joy and the presence of God last weekend!

We look forward to hearing God's voice speaking through you in our service on Sunday 7th July - as we know that in life and death, and in all that is between - Jesus is THE way THE truth and THE life

Please pray this week for...

Judith, Simon, Alice, Thea and Victoria.

Kirstie Ricketts.

Thelma Bickford.

Jean Barnicoat.

Cherry Sutherland.

Lin and Brian Gray.

Jean Edwards.

Julie and James Bright.

Matt Webster.

Anne Brown.

Eli Kirollos

Ted Robson

Andy and Lyn Lewis need prayers for their son

Anne and John Dawson.

Kim Ewins and family.

Daphne and David Lockett.

Alex Westwood (Lin's grandson)

Rita Price and her family.

Florence Barr as she recovers at home.

Elizabeth Billingham.

Margaret Harrison sends her love and wishes to thank everyone for all their prayers and thinking about her. She misses everyone very much and sends her love to all.

Gwen Eyre would like to express her thanks to all at PBC for their continued prayers.

Her daughter Liz is recovering from surgery which went well. Gwen asks that you continue to lift the whole family up, especially Liz for complete healing. Thank you.

Thomas (Tina and Roy's son) for his mental and physical health.

Jack and Sylvia as their daughter Anne has recently been diagnosed with cancer.

Bette Lomas, wishes to thank everyone for their prayers over the past few weeks.

She is back home now, but facing a long recovery. Please continue to pray for her and Paul during this difficult time.

Please continue to pray for... Peter Lawrence; Fred and Shirley Stapleton; Dot and Roy Bagnall; Ron Godfrey; John Stone; and Diane Radford, Nora Andrews.

All of these folk have long-standing medical issues and they really appreciate your ongoing prayers.

Let's pray too, for all those in care homes, as well as those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Your prayers are very precious to all of those on this list. Please don't get weary of lifting these people before our living, healing Lord.

*Father, you know the needs of all those who are named here as well as those who aren't. Please shelter them in the shadow of your wings and hear the cry of our heart for each of them. Amen*



# Voice@PBC

## 30th June 2024

### WELCOME and VISION

**We are a Church at the heart of the community in Preston**

**Our Vision is ...**

- P**     **Putting God first**
- B**     **Being Christ's body together**
- C**     **Compassion shared out to others**

You are welcome to worship with us in our service at 10.30am each Sunday morning. Our children and young people leave the service for their own sessions after the first 20 minutes or so. An unsupervised parent led creche is available for under 3s, currently being held in the church cafe due to the lounge being out of action. After the service children and young people can enjoy their own fellowship by joining in with games in the main hall (middle one) or quieter activities in the Doidge hall (top one). Please note that only the Doidge is supervised and we are unable to monitor children outside of this hall or ensure they remain there.

We share communion together on the first Sunday of each month.

If you would like to know more about us, please ask one of our stewards for a contact card and we will add you to our distribution list.

Today is our PBC family service where our children and adults stay together for the whole service.

All our children's groups at PBC will be leading the service and those that went to SPREE will be sharing testimonies and a video from their God filled weekend!!! The theme is - The way, The truth and The life - John 14:6.

Please speak to one of the team if there's a way we could help make our services more accessible to you or to help you feel more included.

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### BANK DETAILS

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### Dates and Events

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	- Prayer Meeting	- 10.30am
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	- Trinity (faith discussion group)	- 7.00 – 8.15pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	- Mummy & Me	- 9.30 - 11.30am
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	- Friends Together, Breakfast at Ocombe Farm (Please note the change of day)	- 9.30 - 11.30am
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	- Garden Cafe	- 9.00 - 1.00pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	- Preston Food Club	- 10.00 - 1.00pm
Friday 5 <sup>st</sup> July	- PBC Toddlers and Babies	- 9.30 - 11.00am
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	- Sunday Service	- 10.30am

### Future Dates and Events

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	- Small Group	- 7.00 - 8.30pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	- Small Group	- 7.00 - 8.30pm

### Communion in July

Next month in July, there will be a change to our normal routine of having communion the first week of every month. Communion in July will be on the 21st, to fit with the focus of that weekend and the series that we are in. It will be back to normal in August on the 4th.

### Inviting a friend, family member or neighbour to PBC on the 7th of July

The 7th of July is an invite service that we are encouraging each other to invite someone to church. The service will be focused on getting to know God.

Please don't worry if inviting someone is hard for you or you find this difficult. Not a problem and no pressure, but we are just trying to encourage each other to step out in faith and invite someone. May God go with you!!!! In our weakness God is strong, God has gone before us!!!

### Investing in God's kingdom at PBC

Back by popular demand, we are going to have another weekend where we focus on investing into what God is doing at PBC. Over the weekend of 20th and 21st of July our focus will be looking at investing what we can in prayer, practical help and financial giving.

Prayer - Please hold the church up in prayer over this time - for the Holy Spirit to fill our space, for protection and for God to speak and guide us in what God is leading us to.

Practical help - If you have any time across the weekend to help that would be much appreciated. We will update timings and how this will work in due course.

However, the practical help that we would most appreciate would be cleaning of the building and gardening/grounds maintenance around the church (with a particular focus on some gates that need maintenance and hedges that need trimming).

Financial giving - There is absolutely no pressure or expectation regarding financial giving to God's kingdom at PBC. However, people have requested the opportunity to have a special offering once a year - this will therefore be facilitated on Sunday 21st July during the morning service

### Paid gardening help required please

Roy and Dot Bagnall are looking to pay for a gardener to do one morning a week.

If you are interested or could recommend someone please get their details from the directory or speak to one of the leaders..



## Small groups

We have two separate new small groups starting at PBC. A Tuesday group and a Thursday group.

The plan -

To meet twice a month -

2nd and 4th Tuesday for the Tuesday group

2nd and 4th Thursday for the Thursday group

7-8.30pm at PBC for both groups

The aim is for the group to establish a relatively set group of people (so people can get to know each other and feel comfortable).

For the group to be a space that is -

Welcoming

Safe to be and to share

Encouraging

Positive

And fundamentally where we can all get closer to God in our faith journeys.

As these groups are new and also the summer holidays are approaching - the plan is to have 3 introductory sessions (1 a month) listed below

### **Tuesday Group**

18th June

9th July

27th August

### **Thursday Group**

27th June

18th July

29th August

And then start twice monthly from September on a regular pattern.

In these first three sessions we will discuss topics, style and how we all want them to run - and most importantly have fun!!

James will be a part of these groups for the first 3 sessions and then for an initial few months (or as short or long as people want) to support the groups development and then step back to support other groups/things (but will always be there to support if needed).

James is really excited for this new season of fellowship and faith and for what God has in store for us. 🙌

If you are interested in either the Tuesday or Thursday group and have not already spoken to James, please get in contact. All are welcome in the initial stages (before the groups become settled) however, it will be based on the first come first served basis as there will be a limit of 10 people per group. If you are unable to make any of the introductory sessions but would like to start from September that will be fine - please do let James know.

Lets all continue to pray for the faith journey and discipleship of us all at PBC

## CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Do you like to sing?

Do you love worshipping our amazing God?



We're keen to add more voices, especially male, to our worship team! If you're interested in joining the team, please speak to Louise or Tina or come along to a Worship Prep session at 7pm on any Wednesday. You can volunteer to be on a rota and sing every month or be on 'stand by' willing to fill in when someone is on holiday or unavailable. Or you may wish to sing just occasionally, once or twice a year? You don't have to be a diva or the next Alfie Boe - all we ask is that you have a heart for lifting your voice up in worship. Thank you .. Louise & Tina

## Prayer WhatsApp

As part of our commitment to prayer at PBC, we wanted to increase our prayer communication and potential for collective response.

Although Malcom and Yvonne Thorpe's emails have been a very helpful form of communication, James, Alison Baker and Malcom have been in communication about adding a WhatsApp group to reach others who find this form of communication easy to engage with.

Therefore, if you would like to be added to the PBC Prayer WhatsApp group, please contact Alison Baker or James .

## The Lounge

The dry rot work in the lounge will now commence on Monday 1st July.

There will be some noise and dust, but everyone is going to work to minimise these. Thank you for your patience. We are excited to have this room back in use for God's kingdom as soon as possible.

## **Week of prayer, fasting, listening and petitioning**

The leadership team felt it was really important to have another focused week of prayer, fasting, listening and petitioning God for all that's going on in our PBC church family.

Therefore starting on Monday 1st of July - Sunday 7th of July we will be having a week with the plan being to engage with - Prayer, Fasting, Listening and Petitioning God

We would love for you to feel like you can participate in any way that you feel led to or you feel able to.

Please feel free to allow God to speak and direct your focus in this time - however we might also suggest two areas of focus from a PBC perspective

1. Healing - with a particular focus on those suffering with ill health in our fellowship and outside.
2. Faith - those yet to know Jesus or on the early stages of a faith journey

We believe this is particularly pertinent with the increasing amount of ill health in the fellowship, but also with the positive connections we are seeing with those that might be on the journey to getting to know God.

We would like to end this week on Sunday 7th of July (as we start our new series on Know, Grow and Flow) with the encouragement for you to invite someone who is new to church or new to faith to come along on Sunday 7th of July for a welcoming and open service with the focus on meeting and getting to know Jesus.

## **SWBA Conference**

You are invited to the South West Baptist Association (SWBA) Annual Celebration & AGM. Sunday 7th July 2024 at Upton Vale Baptist Church in Torquay. The celebration starts at 1pm with lunch, kindly provided by the Torbay Cluster, followed by the AGM which starts at 2pm. Glenda Chadwick-Down, SWBA's CYF Mission Enabler, will be organising fun and games for children and young people whilst the AGM is in progress.

If you would like more information about this event, please speak to Tina.

## **Men's Breakfast**

The next men's breakfast is to take place at the Four Seasons cafe on



**Saturday 13th July at 9 am.**

Please let Brian Gray know if you are interested in attending

## **FEED A CHILD TORBAY**

Last summer PBC Food Club supported Feed a Child Torbay. A wonderful group of our volunteers produced nutritious homecooked meals for local families to collect from us via a referral from local schools. Costero Lounge, the new cafe bar on Paignton seafront, are fundraising for Feed a Child Torbay throughout June this year. They are asking for donations of non-perishable food and plastic carrier bags. Why not enjoy a coffee in Costero Lounge and support this worthwhile charity with a donation? If you would like to know more about Feed A Child Torbay, please visit their website: <https://www.feedachildtorbay.org.uk>.

Every blessing, Tina x