

FAMILY NEWS

This week we have been encouraging each other to attempt to make more time and space to be in God's presence. We have been worshipping and praising God, listening to God, asking God and making room for God.

Some of the verses we have been focusing on are below :

Philippians 4:6-7 Proverbs 3:5-6 Matthew 16:18-19

The Leadership Team had a great time of worship and prayer this week and look forward to sharing some reflections with you, but we also look forward to hearing any feedback from you - stories, images, words, thoughts or comments that you feel might be from God.

Thank you for engaging with this.

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 Kirolos

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 and her family.

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.

Please continue to pray for Bette and Paul Lomas as she recovers at home.

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

2nd July 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.

We are starting a three-week series today called KNOW, GROW, FLOW. Today James will be exploring John 4:5-26 and Luke 15:11-32 as we seek to KNOW Jesus for the first time or closer than we have before.

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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Dates and Events

Tuesday 9 th July	- Prayer Meeting	- 10.30am
Tuesday 9 th July	- Trinity (faith discussion group)	- 7.00 – 8.15pm
Wednesday 10 th July	- Mummy & Me	- 9.30 - 11.30am
Wednesday 10 th July	- Craft Club	- 10.00 - 12.00
Thursday 11 th July	- Garden Cafe	- 9.00 - 1.00pm
Thursday 11 th July	- Preston Food Club	- 10.00 - 1.00pm
Friday 12 th July	- PBC Toddlers and Babies	- 9.30 - 11.00am
Sunday 14 th July	- Sunday Service	- 10.30am

Future Dates and Events

Tuesday 9 th July	- Small Group	- 7.00 - 8.30pm
Thursday 18 th 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.

Thank You

A massive thank you to everyone for praying for my husband (Mike) and myself over the last four years ... the power of prayer has definitely pulled us through and after four major operations in four years!! Mike is in a good place and I am praying we stay there for a very long time ... because of this we are coming off the prayer list ... thank you again for all your concern and love ... keep praying and God bless you all mightily. 🙏

Wendy

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



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

9th July

27th August

Thursday Group

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

Work has started on the lounge and is going well!!!

Please be careful of the temporary partition in the Garden café foyer. We are seeking to minimise flow between the church and the garden café space, during this time. There may still be some noise and dust over the next week or two, sorry about this, thank you for your patience. We really look forward to having this exciting new space back soon.



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



Craft Club

The next Craft Club is on Wednesday 10th July in the Garden Café 10.00 am.

Everyone is welcome – just bring your own craft, it could be knitting, crochet, card making etc. Or you could try something new!

