

Perry Beeches Baptist Church Newsletter

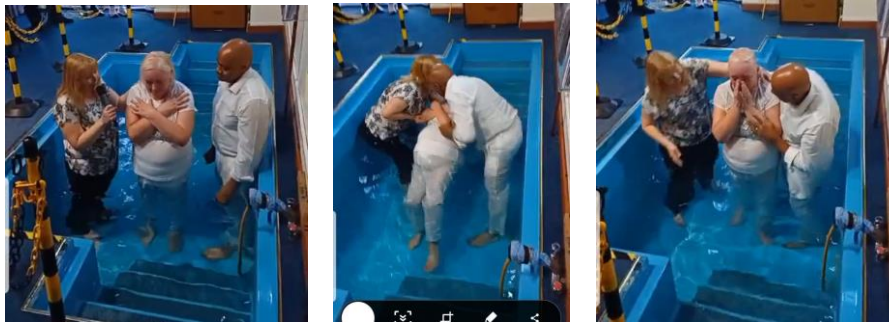
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BAPTISMS

Baptism is a very special moment on the journey of faith. It is a moment when God's presence and blessing meets us, and when we make our personal commitment of faith in Jesus as Lord.

It signifies the end of our old life and of being born again to a new life in Christ. On Sunday 3rd December, Deborah Longe and Linda Kibbler were baptised by full immersion in water by Pastor Tracy and assisted by Deacon Tony Dewar. Baptism speaks of repentance and cleansing, of being united with Christ in his death and resurrection, and of witnessing to the call of God upon our lives. Baptism is also about receiving God's Spirit for service in the church and in the world.



Linda being baptised

Jesus set an example and was baptised by John the Baptist (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). Jesus also commands us in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), "***Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit***".

The early church practised it: On the Day of Pentecost, Peter tells the people to, "***Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit***" (Acts 2:37-38).

Both Deborah and Linda gave powerful testimonies of how they came to faith. It was a wonderful occasion and thanks to everyone who supported them on their journeys and on the day.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Pastor Tracy had the pleasure of welcoming four members of the congregation into membership of Perry Beeches Baptist Church on Sunday 3rd December:

- Deborah Longe
- Linda Kibbler
- Nigel Dunn
- Alice Willis

All four members shared their testimonies with the church and after coming into membership, Pastor Tracy gave each of them a gift bag.

We have a formal church membership because of what the Bible teaches about the nature of the church and of being a Christian. The local church is the Christian's spiritual home and community. In Act 2:47 Luke says, "***the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved***".

Registered Charity Number: 1198329

The Lord is truly blessing his people at Perry Beeches Baptist Church, and may he continue to do so as we seek his face for his vision and the future of his church.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2023

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 209 million shoe box gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories, and pastors and ministries use them to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. The shoe boxes go by plane, ship, river boat, camels, car, motorbike, and the boxes go to some of the remote places in the world and every box counts. In 2023, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoe box gifts to reach another 11 million children. This year, Operation Christmas Child will celebrate its 30th year of ministry.



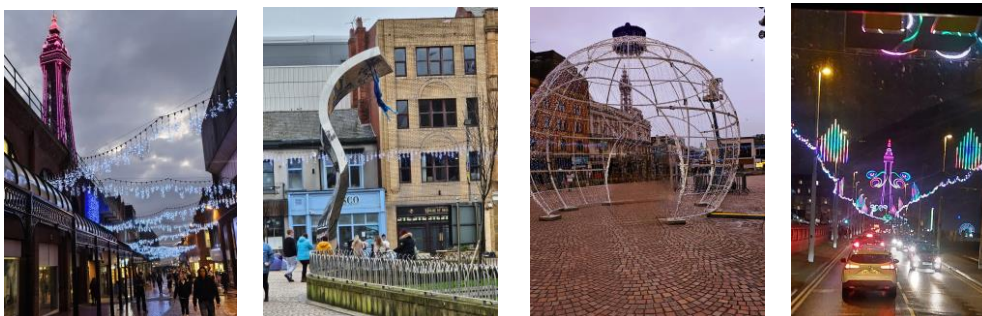
Perry Beeches Baptist Church collecting shoe boxes and packaging for distribution centre

When a child opens their shoe box they are overjoyed and it will have an impact on them all year round. The children are invited to participate in the Great Journey Discipleship Programme. Every shoe box is an opportunity to tell a child about God's love and his son Jesus Christ. If you reach the heart of the child, you will reach the heart of their parents and family, and then you will touch the community.

Every year the Shoe Box Appeal sees tens of thousands of children disciple and we could not do this without all the people taking their time, money and energy packing the boxes. God bless you all.

BLACKPOOL TRIP

On Saturday 18th November members from Perry Beeches Baptist Church and their family and friends went on a trip to Blackpool. This was an opportunity for fellowship and fish and chips! Everyone had a great day and the illuminations were fantastic.



Hopefully we will be revisiting Blackpool again next year. Thanks to the organisers and all those that went on the trip.

EVENTS COMING UP IN DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024

EVANGELISM OUTREACH AT SCOTT ARMS - SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER - Meeting at the Scott Arms Shopping Centre outside Greggs at 10.30am to 12 noon

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY - SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER – 12pm to 2pm at Perry Beeches Baptist Church

CAROL SERVICE - SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER - 11am to 1pm at Perry Beeches Baptist Church.
Refreshments will be available after the service

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - MONDAY 25th DECEMBER – 10am-11am at Perry Beeches Baptist Church

LADIES MINISTRY - SATURDAY 20th JANUARY -Starts at 10am to 1pm at Perry Beeches Baptist Church

WEEKLY SERVICES AND EVENTS

MONDAY

6pm Youth Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY

9am to 2.30pm Perry Beeches Community Cafe

10am to 12.30pm Food Bank

WEDNESDAY

9am Prayer Meeting (Zoom)

THURSDAY

9am to 2.30pm Perry Beeches Community Cafe

THURSDAY (continued)

11am Coffee Morning

7.30pm Bible Study (Zoom)

FRIDAY

7.30pm Prayer Meeting

SUNDAY

11am Sunday Morning Service  @perry.beecheschurch

6.30pm Evening Service (Zoom)

ZOOM DETAILS:

Meeting Number: 3416748317

Meeting Password: 554593

DEACONS

Chair of Deacons: **Pastor Tracy Sweet**
Secretary: **Barbara Quarless** (Interim)
Treasurer: **Angela Bent**
Worship: **Robert Lewis**
Premises: **Antonio Dewar**
Ministries: **Vinnett Madourie**
Community: **Barbara Quarless**
Community: **Belinda Belle**
Children & Young People: **VACANT**
Communications & Marketing: **Zoeta Brown**

If you have any concerns, please contact the appropriate Deacon who will endeavour to deal with the issue as soon as possible.

PRAYER REQUESTS

GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS (Psalm 116.1)

Do you or a loved one need prayers? You are not alone; we all need prayers.

Please send your prayer requests online to admin@perrybeechesbaptistchurch.com or put in the Prayer Boxes located on the ground and first floors.

All prayer requests are treated in strict confidence.

BAPTISM AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in Baptism or Church Membership, please speak to Pastor Tracy or Pastoral Deacon Patricia Wright.

BOOKINGS

To book the Church Hall or Meeting Room for any events – Weddings, Funerals, Baby Dedications, etc. If you would like to add any announcements, prayer requests, suggestions to this newsletter, please contact Zoeta Brown or email: admin@perrybeechesbaptistchurch.com

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