# **Perry Beeches Baptist Church Newsletter**

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## **MOLDOVAN MISSION**

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, Mark McCormick, Chief Executive Officer of the Moldovan Mission, gave a presentation on the Moldovan Mission and the work they are doing serving the Lord in the Republic of Moldova.



Moldova is Europe's poorest country.

Over 900 villages and towns have no evangelical church.

Mark and Mari McCormick responded to this need and have been serving the Lord in Moldova since 1994.

The Lord has used them to build a team of 12 church planters. Between them they have planted 28 churches and started 13 new works to date.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:8-10 (NJKV)

Each £25 aid pack allows a family of four to survive for between 2 and 4 weeks. On delivering a pack our planters ask if the recipient would like to hear a message from the Bible. If not, we leave the pack, pray and move on. The Lord is guiding the Moldovan team to plant evangelical churches in 200 towns or villages by 2040.

Details on how to give to the Moldovan Mission can be found on www.moldovanmission.org

## NORTH BIRMINGHAM SMALL CHURCH HUB: GIFTING WORKSHOP

The North Birmingham Small Church Hub held a gifting workshop. Twenty people attended the Gifting Workshop hosted at Perry Beeches Baptist Church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October.



The workshop was based on the 5 gifts from Ephesians 4:11-12 (NKJV):

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"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...."

All attendees were asked to complete a 'Ministries and Gifts' questionnaire, to think about the different truths about themselves. The results of the questionnaire highlighted where each attendees' strengths were, e.g. Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Shepherd and Teacher, plus Organiser and Helper. From these results attendees were put into the respective ministry groups and plans were made for each ministry.

We look forward to seeing the ministries at Perry Beeches Baptist Church grow.

# **DIGITAL SKILLS CLUB**

Tracy from Age UK Birmingham attended Perry Beeches Baptist Church Community Hub on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, to start monthly one-to-one sessions helping people to improve their digital skills, which includes phones, tablets and computers.



Are you looking to improve your digital IT skills or learn how to stay safe online? Topics covered include:

- Learn to use your devices
- Staying safe online
- Social media
- And much more

Why not come along to our friendly and informal Digital Skills Club where you can grow your confidence and expand your knowledge.

For your one-to-one session, bring your devices with you or borrow one from us.

To book an appointment or for more information please contact us on 0121 437 0033 or email <u>digital.champions@ageukbirmingham.org.uk</u>.

# **HARVEST SUPPER**

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, over 40 members of the Church attended in the evening to join in a Harvest Supper – it was a bring and share event.





A Harvest Super is a community meal which traditionally celebrates a successful harvest, and for Christians, the provision God has made for us. The book of Ruth begins with Naomi and Ruth leaving a land of famine, and travelling to a place where there is food to harvest and they can 'glean' from Boaz's field.



There was also music by some of the Worship Team, including Robert, Chris, Belinda and Sarah.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the delicious food, and special thanks to Robert our Worship Leader who made a huge pot of vegetable soup. God bless you all.

## **HARVEST SUNDAY**

The Church celebrated Harvest Sunday, or Harvest Festival, on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Harvest Sunday is a day to give thanks for the harvest and the good things in life.

Church members celebrated Harvest Sunday by:

- Bringing in produce from their gardens and allotments
- Singing hymns
- Praying
- Donating food to the Church Food Bank (pictures on the right)



Harvest Sunday is also a time to consider the environment and our responsibility for it. As part of the service, we also opened the Garden of Remembrance, which Robert created below:

The Remembrance Garden was created in memory of Molly, a former Deacon, organ player, ladies fellowship lead and Sunday school teacher at Perry Beeches Baptist



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Food Bank, which will enable the Church to continue its community-based outreach project to help individuals and families facing food insecurity.

## **MESSY CHURCH**

A good time was had by all who attended Messy Church during October half term.

The theme was light and our craft activities were based around this theme.



Our story time was all about Patch the Pumpkin and showing kindness. We shared with the children how Jesus is the light of the world and we celebrate light, not darkness.



After story time, we all had a lovely lunch together, pizza and many treats in our animal lunch boxes.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the day – we couldn't do it without you.



We look forward to the next Messy Church in the New Year.

#### **EVENTS COMING UP IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (Shoe Box Appeal)** - **MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> to FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** Drop boxes off at Perry Beeches Baptist Church by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November between 10am to 3pm.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR – SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

12 noon to 4pm at Perry Beeches Baptist Church. Bring your family and friends to celebrate the start of the Christmas season with our festive fair

## EVANGELISM OUTREACH AT SCOTT ARMS - SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER

Meeting at the Scott Arms Shopping Centre outside Greggs at 10.00am to 12 noon

#### CAROL SERVICE - SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER

6.30pm to 8.00pm at Perry Beeches Baptist Church. Refreshments will be available after the service

# CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER

10am-11am at Perry Beeches Baptist Church

WEEKLY SERVICES AND EVENTS		
MONDAY	THURSDAY (continued)	
9.30am to 11.30am Toddler Group	11am Coffee Morning	
1-3pm Fellowship Group	7.30-8.30pm Bible Study (Zoom)	
6pm Youth Bible Study (Zoom)	FRIDAY	
TUESDAY	7.30-9pm Prayer Meeting at Perry Beeches Baptist Church	
9am to 2pm Perry Beeches Community	SUNDAY	
Cafe	11am Sunday Morning Service 🎦 YouTube @perry.beecheschurch	
10am to 12pm Food Bank (donations welcome)	6.30-7.30pm Evening Service (Zoom)	
7-8pm Bible Study for New Christians	ZOOM DETAILS:	
WEDNESDAY	Meeting Number: 3416748317	
9-10am Prayer Meeting (Zoom)	Meeting Password: 554593	
1-3pm Afternoon Bible Study		
THURSDAY		
9am to 2pm Perry Beeches Community		
Cafe		

DEACONS/TRUSTEES	PRAYER REQUESTS
Chair of Deacons: <b>Pastor Tracy Sweet</b> Secretary: <b>Barbara Quarless</b> (Interim) Treasurer: <b>Angela Bent</b>	GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS (Psalm 116.1) Do you or a loved one need prayers? You are not alone; we all need prayers.
Worship: Robert Lewis Premises: Antonio Dewar Ministries: Vinnett Madourie 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	<ul><li>Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Tracy or put in the Prayer Boxes located on the ground and first floors.</li><li>All prayer requests are treated in strict confidence.</li></ul>
	BAPTISM AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP If you are interested in Baptism or Church Membership, please speak to Pastor Tracy or
with the issue as soon as possible.	Pastoral Deacon Patricia Wright.

#### BOOKINGS

Call 07766 836939 to book the Church Hall or Meeting Room for any events – Weddings, Funerals, Baby Dedications, Meetings, etc.

If you would like to add any announcements, prayer requests, suggestions to this newsletter, please contact Zoeta Brown or Pastor Tracy.

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