

YOUTH SERVICE

On Sunday 3rd November, the Youth Fellowship gave a presentation on 'Standing up for Justice'. The themes covered were:

- Racism
- Domestic abuse
- Mental health
- Fast fashion



Shannon spoke about racism, which is driven by hatred. Hatred is an extreme dislike or disgust for an individual or group. ***"Darkness cannot drive out darkness only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate only love can do that."*** (Martin Luther King).

1 John 2:11 (NKJV) ***"But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes."*** She challenged the congregation to spend time and research civil rights activists.

Grace and Saffron spoke about domestic abuse. Domestic abuse is a pattern of abusive behaviour towards an intimate partner in a dating or family relationship where the abuser exerts power and control.

Luke 4:18 (NKJV) ***"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed"***. They challenged the congregation to check up on friends and family.



Sienna and Emily spoke about mental health. Having prayer in our lives daily has been proven to have benefits mentally, like bringing relief, reducing isolation and seeing a situation in a new light. It is important to be aware about mental health as it can affect us all, at any time.

Philippians 4:6 (NKJV) ***"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."*** They challenged the congregation to access resources to support their mental health.

Richella and Azaria spoke about fast fashion. Fast fashion is cheap clothing, that is produced quickly in order to meet ever-changing fashion trends and demands through overproduction and exploitation.

1 John 4:7 (NKJV) ***“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.”*** They challenged the congregation to think twice before buying new clothes and consider charity shopping, buying fewer clothes with better quality clothing.



Thanks to all those involved in the Youth Service and to all those who took part in the service.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2024 (SHOE BOX APPEAL)

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local churches worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

Perry Beeches Baptist Church is proud to partner with Samaritan's Purse and support this project, which is the world's largest Christmas project of its kind. The church is also a distribution centre and receives shoe boxes from other churches and organisations on behalf of Samaritan's Purse. A total of 197 shoe boxes were produced.



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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Saturday 30th November, Perry Beeches Baptist Church held its Christmas Fair to celebrate the start of the Christmas season with family and friends.

There were several stalls selling a selection of goods as shown below.



The café served turkey baps with stuffing and cranberry sauce, as well as vegan burgers.



There was story telling about what Christmas is actually about, and there was even a wise man!



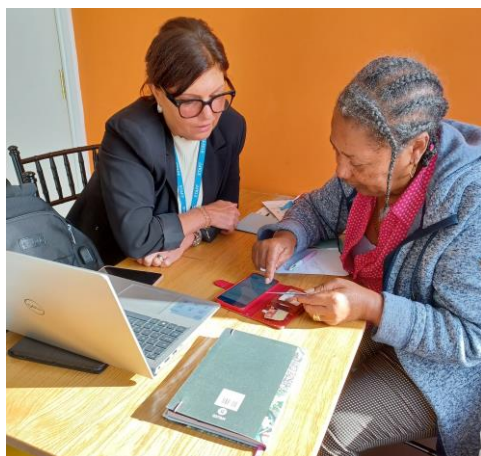
Thanks to everyone who attended the event, the organisers and all those who helped on the day.

YOUTH TRIP

A few weeks ago, Pastor Tracy, Lorraine and Sandra took a group of our young people to Mount Zion Church for a Fulfil event organised by Birmingham City Mission. We had a great evening with a word given to the young people from Clare Williams, founder of Get Real, along with some awesome worship. Get Real is a Christian apologetics organisation that focuses on addressing questions about Christianity, particularly from the Black British community.

DIGITAL SKILLS CLUB

Representatives from Age UK Birmingham attend Perry Beeches Baptist Church Community Hub monthly to provide one-to-one sessions to help 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 digital.champions@ageukbirmingham.org.uk.

FREE HELP AND SUPPORT

If you need help and support with any issues, such as benefits, housing, debt, isolation, etc., a Community Network Support Officer will be available at Perry Beeches Baptist Church Community Hub at 11am to 1pm on Tuesdays to provide information and signposting. Food bank vouchers can be provided. Call Elizabeth on 07597 012598.

DEFIBRILLATOR MACHINE

Perry Beeches Baptist Church now has its own defibrillator machine which is on the wall by the church doors. Defibrillators are devices that apply an electric charge or current to the heart to restore a normal heartbeat. If the heart rhythm stops due to cardiac arrest, also known as sudden cardiac arrest, a defibrillator may help it start beating again. A sudden cardiac arrest is fatal unless treated right away with CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and a defibrillator.



The Deacons will receive training on how to use the defibrillator.

EVENTS COMING UP IN DECEMBER

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 22nd 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

<p>MONDAY 9.30am to 11.30am Toddler Group 1-3pm Fellowship Group 6pm Youth Bible Study (Zoom)</p> <p>TUESDAY 9am to 2pm Perry Beeches Community Cafe 10am to 12pm Food Bank (donations welcome) 7-8pm Bible Study for New Christians</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 9-10am Prayer Meeting (Zoom) 1-3pm Afternoon Bible Study</p> <p>THURSDAY 9am to 2pm Perry Beeches Community Cafe</p>	<p>THURSDAY (continued) 11am Coffee Morning 7.30-8.30pm Bible Study (Zoom)</p> <p>FRIDAY 7.30-9pm Prayer Meeting at Perry Beeches Baptist Church</p> <p>SUNDAY 11am Sunday Morning Service  @perry.beecheschurch 6.30-7.30pm Evening Service (Zoom)</p> <p>ZOOM DETAILS: Meeting Number: 3416748317 Meeting Password: 554593</p>
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DEACONS/TRUSTEES	PRAYER REQUESTS
<p>Chair of Deacons: Pastor Tracy Sweet Secretary: Barbara Quarless (Interim) Treasurer: Angela Bent Worship: Robert Lewis Premises: Antonio Dewar Ministries: Vinnett Madourie Community: Belinda Belle Children & Young People: VACANT Communications & Marketing: Zoeta Brown</p> <p>If you have any concerns, please contact the appropriate Deacon who will endeavour to deal with the issue as soon as possible.</p>	<p>GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS (Psalm 116.1) Do you or a loved one need prayers? You are not alone; we all need prayers.</p> <p>Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Tracy or put in the Prayer Boxes located on the ground and first floors.</p> <p>All prayer requests are treated in strict confidence.</p>
	BAPTISM AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
	<p>If you are interested in Baptism or Church Membership, please speak to Pastor Tracy or Pastoral Deacon Patricia Wright.</p>

BOOKINGS

<p>Call 07766 836939 to book the Church Hall or Meeting Room for any events – Weddings, Funerals, Baby Dedications, Meetings, etc.</p> <p>If you would like to add any announcements, prayer requests, suggestions to this newsletter, please contact Zoeta Brown or Pastor Tracy.</p>

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