

House Group contacts: If you'd like to join a midweek group, call:

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**A very warm WELCOME to Pershore Baptist Church!**

*"We are a Church whose purpose is to encourage and enable all people to experience a closer relationship with God"*



If you are a visitor to our Church today, please stay for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee after the service. We welcome children of all ages to our services – please feel free to move around with them during the service if you need to! There is a crèche and various Junior Church groups (for ages 0 – 13 years) for your child/ren to join in if they prefer. You may go out with them to settle them into a group and then return to the main service. During worship, please sit or stand as you choose.

<p><b><u>NOTICE BOARD</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING:</u></b>  <b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm</b>                  Please do your best to attend!  <i>(Agenda and minutes of last meeting available at back of Church)</i></p>	
<p><b><u>CONGRATULATIONS</u></b>                  to Vicky and Grace on their baptisms this morning – may God richly bless you both as you continue your walk with Him.  <i>A warm welcome to all their friends and family who have come specially to witness their step of obedience and faith.</i></p>		<p><b>THANK YOU</b> to all those who came to support Open Doors last Sunday. A total of £142 has been raised so far and will go towards their work in Iran.</p>
<p><b><u>TIME TO PRAY – HEBA event</u></b>  <b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 10am to noon</b>                  Fernhill Heath, Catshill and Alcester Baptist Churches will be holding prayer sessions ... More details from the HEBA website.</p>	<p><b><u>Synergy BBQ:</u></b> to say 'Thank you' to the team, please come to a BBQ at Hampton Hall, 4.30pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June.</p>	
<p><b><u>Prayer requests:</u></b>                  We continue to pray for :  <i>Mary and Alan Taylor as Alan struggles with pain from the infection in his foot; Tim &amp; Emily Wood as they face decisions regarding George's forthcoming surgery; all those on the prayer diary for this coming week, and all we know who are in need at this time.</i>   <i>It is our goal as a Church to extend the love of Christ to each other and show that everyone is a valued part of the Church family. To this end, please contact Jacqui John with any specific prayer requests you may wish to be included in the weekly news sheet so we can offer prayer support as a family on a daily basis throughout the week.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Rising Stars at Croome</u></b>                  A recital of young musicians on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Tickets £10. Box Office 01905 371006</p>	
<p>Items for <b>July issue</b> of the Messenger to Mary Taylor by <b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>. Please contact Mary on 01386 751244 or <a href="mailto:mary.taylor26@tiscali.co.uk">mary.taylor26@tiscali.co.uk</a></p>		

Fixed notices for week beginning Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2010		
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am       7-9.00pm	<p><b><u>Morning Worship and Baptismal Service</u></b>                      Preacher: Mark Jennings                      Reader: Eileen Merry                      Welcome: Andy Smith &amp; Claudine Mee                      Washing up: Eammon &amp; Kath Canning</p> <p><b><u>Music &amp; Praise Evening</u></b></p>
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30-3pm <b>7.45pm</b>	Little Fishes <b>Prayer Meeting at Church – ALL WELCOME!</b>
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> June	7.45pm 7.30pm	<p><b><u>House Groups:</u></b> <i>(see back page for contact details)</i>                      Main Street, Pinvin                      Holloway Drive</p>
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> June	10-11.30am   7.45pm	Babygrow <p><b><u>House Group:</u></b> <i>(see back page for contact details)</i>                      Ganderton Court</p>
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am-12.30	Babytalk
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am       6.00pm	<p><b><u>Morning Worship with Communion</u></b>                      Preacher: Mark Jennings                      Reader: Val Harvey                      Welcome: Muriel &amp; Wesley Adamson                      Comm Prep: Steve &amp; Jacqui John                      Comm Servers: Johns, Tracy Wheeler, Eileen Merry                      Washing up: Paul &amp; Pam Rayner</p> <p><b><u>Evening Worship</u></b>                      Preacher: Steve John                      Reader: Dave Dixon</p>

For more information about our church, please contact Mark or one of the Deacons:  
**Minister: Rev. Mark Jennings (01386) 556088 (please avoid Wednesdays)**  
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Items for printed notices to [notices@pershorebaptist.org](mailto:notices@pershorebaptist.org) or 'phone Jacqui John on 01386 555318 by noon Thursday please.

### **What is Believers' Baptism all about?**

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

Normally baptism takes place by full immersion in water as part of a public act of worship. It signifies the end of our old life and of being born again to new life in Christ. It speaks of repentance and cleansing, or being united with Christ in his death and resurrection and of witnessing to the call of God upon our lives. As the Apostle Paul says, 'We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.' (Romans 6:3,4). Baptism is also about receiving God's Spirit for service in the church and in the world. It is often accompanied by the laying on of hands as a sign of commissioning and by being received into membership of the church.

There are many reasons why believers choose to be baptised:

**Jesus set an example:** Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). Therefore, to be baptised is to be obedient to the path set out by Jesus.

**Jesus commands us:** In the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) Jesus says '*All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*'

**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). There are other examples of baptism throughout the book of Acts which suggests believers' baptism was an integral part of early church life.

*To be baptised is a way of opening ourselves to God's blessing and of expressing our commitment to lives as disciples of Christ. If you would like to explore, without pressure, the possibility of being baptized, please speak to Mark or one of the Deacons.*

#### **The Lectionary readings for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June are:**

1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a; Psalm 42 & 43; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

**IN BRIEF ...** As a Church, we run numerous groups on Sunday mornings and through the week to cater for as many age groups and interests as possible. These include: Junior Church, Youth, IMPACT, Women's Own, CAMEO/Dining Group, Men's Breakfast, Thursday Club, Sports Plus, Badminton, Baby Talk, Baby Grow, Little Fishes and several house groups. We also organise various social events during the year such as swimming, barn dance, quiz and chips, games evening ..... and more! To find out more, please ask one of the Deacons, look at the notice boards in the hall, or pick up a copy of our church magazine, the Messenger.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....**

**TONIGHT: Music & Praise Evening: 7-9pm** in Church. Everyone warmly invited to take part or come along and listen. Details from Francisca Hooper.

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> June: Women's Own:** 2pm in the lower schoolroom. Open Communion Service. All welcome.

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> June: Church Members' Meeting:** 7.30pm in Church. Please do your best to attend!

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup> June: Youth Bible Study:** 7.15-8.45pm at the Tisdall's.

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> June: Thursday Club:** 7.30pm in the lower schoolroom. Come and discover history – Roman Times! All welcome. Details of the club from Eileen Merry.

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> June: Open Doors Prayer Meeting:** 7.45pm. All welcome to come along and pray for persecuted Christians worldwide. Please speak to Allan Hitchman or Ken Porter for details of venue.

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> June: Youth Cafe:** 7-9pm in Church. See Becca Harrison or Josh Hart for more info.

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> June: IMPACT Youth Service:** 7 for 7.30pm in Church. All youth and young at heart welcome!

#### **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK ...**

May God stride out before you on your journey through life and through prayer; may Jesus, your playful brother, pace you with his holy way to the end; may the Holy Spirit greet you at each corner and cuddle you securely always. Amen

Please pray for Mark as he is away Monday to Thursday on a Ministers' Conference at Hothorpe Hall. *In his absence, please contact one of the Deacons if you are in need of assistance.*