

PORTON BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Showing Love, Showing Christ, Showing His Way

February 2019



“This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.”

1 John 4: 10-11

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday John preached on the story of 'The Boy Jesus in the Temple. How, at the age of twelve, Jesus went up to Jerusalem, with his parents, for the Feast of the Passover.

After the feast, when his parents started their return journey to Nazareth, Jesus stayed behind and Mary and Joseph only discovered his absence after a day. Naturally they hurried back to Jerusalem and, eventually, found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. The teachers were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When a child goes missing all parents are beside themselves with worry, so Mary's rather sharp question to Jesus is not surprising. But so is his answer. "Don't you know I have to be in my Father's house?"

We don't have to go to Jerusalem to be in our Father's house – it is here in Porton, and we are all invited to meet with Him here, and with His Son Jesus.

These words by Francis Ridley Havergal, though old, give us God's word of promise for the coming year.

"All I have is thine," saith He!
"All things are yours," He saith again;
"All" the promise for thee
Are sealed with Jesus Christ's "Amen"
For the coming Year

Your Friend,

Bernard

Wendy's Spot

As you will see from the calendar, the church meeting on February 5th will start the earlier time of 6.00pm. We will be serving pancakes from 5.45., hope to see you there!

From Mercia

Thank you to those of you who have given me used postage stamps. I will accept them at any time so don't wait until Christmas to give them to me. Keep saving all year round please.

Thank you in advance, Mercia

For Prayer

Small Baptist

Please remember the following members of our 'Small Baptist' family, a network of churches with membership, mostly, in single figures.

3 – 9	West Haddon, Northants	Tabernacle, Pen-y-garn, Pontypool
10 – 16	Porton, Salisbury, Wilts	Windley, Nr. Belper, Derbys
17 – 23	Dyke, Nr. Bourne, Lincs	
24 – 2 Mar	Holbeach, Nr. Spalding, Lincs	Oakdale, Nr. Caerphilly, South Wales

These are small churches witnessing God's message in their communities. Details of their prayer needs can be found in the small Baptist leaflet in church.

Worldwide

The continuing civil wars in the Middle East and their impact on the rest of the world, through terrorism.: the civil unrest in Venezuela and Zimbabwe; the mine disaster in Brazil.

National

The continuing deadlock in Parliament over Brexit.

For people struggling with the cost of living; agencies like the Trussel Trust and other charities as they seek to bring relief..

Local

Our fellow Christians in the Bourne Valley: Peter and the members of the Team; our friends of the Bourne Valley Methodist Church; for our local Schools- Gomeldon and St. Nicholas.

The Church and Friends

The Church Meeting on the 5th, that we may be guided in our decisions by the Holy Spirit, and not follow our own ideas or prejudices.

Birthdays

2nd Ben : 4th Katherine : 14th Valerie : 16th Joey Larkham :

25th Harry & Marcus : 28th Bernard

CHURCH CALENDAR
February 2018

Sunday	3rd	10.30am	Morning Service – Mrs. Pam Pointer
Tuesday	5th	6pm	Church Meeting – with Pancakes.
Sunday	10th	10.30am	Communion Service – Rev. Paul Corson
Wednesday	13th	2.15pm	Wednesday Fellowship – TBA
Sunday	17th	10.30am	Morning Service – Douglas Parish
Sunday	24th	10.30am	Communion Service – John Lodge

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