



Church Family News

Many congratulations to **Chris Purcell** for the tremendous amount he raised doing his sponsored walk from Southport to Formby & back. To date he has raised over £900 for the British Heart Foundation as part of his BB Queen's award. Chris was accompanied by **Mike** who has raised an incredible amount over the past few months for Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research. Well done both of you. We are very proud of you.

On Saturday (6th June), little **Nicholas Thomas Bielas-Barnes** is to be baptised at St Maria Goretti Church in Preston. Nicholas is the son of Andrew, one of our Boys' Brigade Officers and we love to see him in church on a Sunday morning.

On Sunday, 7th June, the baptism will take place here in our own church of little **Gracie Rae Elena**, daughter of Katie & Paul and grand-daughter of George & Avril. We pray God's richest blessing on both these little ones and their families.

We have missed **Win Johnson & Ken** from the choir over the past weeks. Win has been quite poorly in hospital and recovery is slow. She and Ken are presently being cared for at Lyndale Nursing Home and we continue to pray for Win's recovery and that she and Ken will be receiving all the help and care they need.

We were sorry to hear that little **Joshua Howard** had to spend several days in hospital recently. This must have been a very worrying time for Glenn and Nicola. Our love to all of you as we remember Joshua in our prayers.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with **Frances Thomas** who is in hospital having undergone surgery. We send you our love, Frances and pray that you will make a speedy recovery.

For many weeks now, we have been praying for **Bill Sutton** and his wife, Pat. Bill has been suffering from an illness which has been debilitating and most distressing. Sadly, Bill passed away today. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with Pat and sons Mark and Kevin and daughter in law and grandchildren as they come to terms with their loss. There are so many happy memories of Bill which many of us have been able to share over the years and we pray that these will be a tremendous comfort to Pat and the family in the days to come.

This is the time of the year when many young people are looking to the future with exams, applications to university, looking forward to employment etc. We have several young people here at Marshside Road currently sitting GCSE & A Level exams. Please

pray for them. This can be a very stressful time and we pray that they will achieve whatever they have set their heart on as they plan for their future.

On May the 23rd **Kayleigh Ryan** celebrated her 19th birthday and **Elena Barton** will be 18 on June 12th. Congratulations to two wonderful young ladies, it has been a pleasure to watch you grow over the years.

Finally, since our church AGM, there have been some changes in our Leadership Team. **Elaine Evans & Jean Howard** have stepped down after serving the church in this capacity for many years. Those of us who have worked with them in the vestry know of their deep commitment and I know they will go on serving the church in other ways. Thank you both. Joining the team is **Richard Cowan, Liz Tomkins, Kirsty Howard & Glenn Howard**. Please pray for the Leadership Team and in fact for all who work so hard for their Lord here at Marshside Road.

God bless.

Dorothy Simpkin