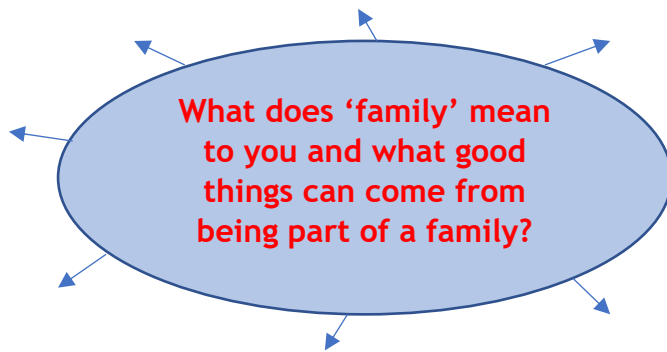


**Lord's Supper Celebration 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**Value #8 – “We are Family and are involved in each other's lives.”**  
**(Acts 2:42, 44, 46)**



Children with play dough - make a family and act out what families do together!

- **Looking at the verses below, what 'family values' did the Church in Jerusalem have?**
- “They devoted themselves... to fellowship” (v.42)
  - “All the believers were together and had everything in common” (v.44)
  - “Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God.” (v.46-47)

➤ **What does the research below tell us about the church being a family of faith?**

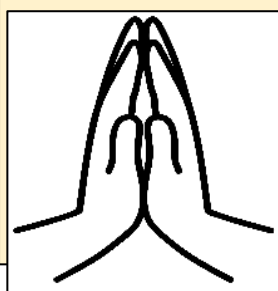
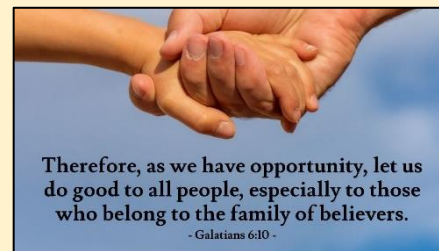
**"90% of adults attending church had also attended as children"**  
John Walker, "Last Chance Saloon", 2011

**"When asked how they came to faith, 6% cited Alpha, Christianity Explored or similar course; 54% cited growing up in a Christian family or church environment"**  
"21st Century Evangelicals" Research by Evangelical Alliance, 2012

**"If people belong in their 20s, they will probably stay for the rest of their lives – but if they don't, it will be hard to bring them in."**  
Church Growth Research Programme Church of England, 2014

➤ In what ways have you had a positive experience of being part of the family of God at PBC?

➤ What are our family weaknesses at PBC and how do we work on them?



➤ Pray on your tables that we might grow as a God's household (1 Tim 3:15) together more and more.



## PBC CHURCH VISION AND VALUES

Our vision is:

**"Growing Lifelong Disciples of Jesus Christ, by being a Christian, Caring, Community"**

January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	"Growing Lifelong Disciples of Jesus Christ"
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Our values are:

### **A Christian Church (Acts 2:42-47)**

February 26 <sup>th</sup>	1. The <b>Bible</b> as God's Word is our ultimate authority (v.42)
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	2. <b>Christ</b> crucified is our primary hope (v.42)
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3. Our <b>Prayerfulness</b> demonstrates our deep dependence on the Father (v.42)
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	4. The indwelling power of the <b>Holy Spirit</b> enables us to live for God (v.43)

### **A Caring Church (Acts 2:42-47)**

June 25 <sup>th</sup>	5. Our <b>Humility</b> creates unity and a common bond (v.44)
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6. Our <b>Servant hearts</b> follow Jesus' sacrificial example (v.44)
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	7. Our <b>Generosity</b> looks to meet others' needs in Christ (v.45)

### **A Community Church (Acts 2:42-47)**

September 24 <sup>th</sup>	8. We are <b>Family</b> , and are involved in each other's lives (v.42, 44, 46)
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9. Our <b>Teamwork</b> demonstrates our interdependence in serving Jesus (v.46)
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	10. We are <b>Outward-looking</b> , seeking to reach others for Christ (v.46-47)