



19<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Dear Friends

We are writing to share the news of our Senior Pastor, Wayne Alexander. Wayne met with us (Elders) a couple of weeks ago, sharing where he felt God was leading him.

Wayne feels God is calling him away from PBC. Following this leading, he attended interviews with the Search Team at Tonbridge Baptist Church with a view to taking up the position of their Senior Pastor. The Leadership Team at TBC after a lengthy interview process unanimously decided that they believe God is calling Wayne to be their Senior Minister, when Derek Hills retires in November 2010. Wayne will be preaching with a view on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The final decision will be taken by the TBC members later that week. We expect Wayne to be leaving us sometime in November if the vote for his appointment is positive.

Wayne shared with us that his heart has been 100% for PBC and being called away has been as much of a shock to him as it is to all of us. We are so thankful to the Lord for His provision of Wayne's leading at PBC to this point. It has been a real privilege for us to be blessed with his skills in many areas, including leadership, teaching, music, worship and more. We have also seen him develop immensely in so many other areas. Our experience of him in the church is echoed in the wider community.

We recognise that there have been a lot of changes, however, we in the Eldership Team are united in our excitement of God's plan for our church family here at PBC. God has clearly been preparing the way before us and we are seeing His hand move in so many ways. God has been moving very powerfully in the Elder's meetings; we are being drawn into a new and deeper time of intercession and being strengthened at the same time. Your prayer support for Wayne, for the Church and us (the Elders) would be of great value during this period.

In the light of this news, the Church will be going through the process of forming a Search Committee for a new Pastor in due course, which will include representative members of the church. We will also be seeking the help of the Regional Baptist Union Minister, who offers invaluable support for churches in an interregnum.

We encourage you to join us in tonight's Church Meeting, when we will be sharing further details.

Yours in His service

### ***The Elders***

PBC Elders

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