

This Week

Jelly Beans starts a new term on Monday 7th with “New Beginnings: All about me - Thank you God for senses” . Betty has a full programme available.

Homegroups also restart this week.

Monday 7th at Colin & Jenny’s (evening)

Tuesday 8th at John & Maureen’s (morning) and at Peter & Pauline’s (evening).

The informal **Friendship Group** will meet on Thursday 10th at 2:30pm. The new venue is **Squires Garden Centre**, London Road (A24), Washington, RH20 3BP

Pastoral Team: If anyone has or feels a need for help from the Pastoral Team, please feel free to contact John Watson or via the Church Office at any time.

There is also a box for prayer requests in the foyer of the village hall. Prayer cards for requests are available with the box.

Shopping online: Don’t forget that you can support PBBC by doing your online shopping through :- www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/pulborough-brooks-baptist-church/



If you would like to support the ministry of PBBC, there is an offertory box available on the table in the hall. If you are a tax payer we can claim ‘Gift Aid’ on your contribution. This is very easy to do, simply use one of the envelopes provided, or speak to Barbara for more information.

Church Information



If you would like to know more about our church, find out what it means to be a ‘member’ or arrange a visit from our Pastor, please complete a form and place it in the offertory box or contact the Church Office.



For pastoral matters, please contact the Pastoral Team or via the Church Office.

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Week 1

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Welcome!



LIFE IN GOD'S KINGDOM
INVOLVES OTHER PEOPLE

The New Year is a great opportunity for us to recalibrate our sights on what is important to us. But have you ever wondered what things are most important to God? If you were to ask God, 'what are the most important things to you?' what do you think He would say? Fortunately we don't need to spend too much time speculating about this as scripture gives us the answer. In fact scripture gives us a whole range of different perspectives which address this particular question (see for example Micah 6:8, Galatians 5:6) and they all point to the same answer.

What matters most in life are not your accomplishments, or your achievements, or your fame, or your wealth. What matters in life is this; that you 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart mind and strength, and that you love your neighbour as yourself.' (Mark 12:30-31) The world needs men and women who are serious about their relationship with Christ and who are deeply committed to that which Christ is committed – to the church! A church full of people who live out the greatest commandment in the power of the Spirit is a force to be reckoned with.

The \$64 million question is; how do we put this into practice? In Colossians chapter 3 Paul has some very practical advice about 'being church'. The first step, says Paul, is to be clear about where your priorities lie. "Set your hearts on things above" (Colossians 3:2) and remember the reason you're here is to play your part in building God's kingdom, not your own. To do that, you need to get yourself under control, put away the bad habits that come naturally to you, put on the garments of Christian grace (see Colossians 3:5-15) and bind them all together with love.

David



Next Sunday, 13th January 2019

**10:30am - Family Worship Service with
Communion**

Bringing God's Word: David Howling

Join us for pre-service prayer 9.45 - 10.15am every Sunday, in the Rother Hall.

Devoted to Meeting Together

Homegroups:

We'd really like to encourage *everyone* (yes, that includes YOU) to join a homegroup for informal Bible study, prayer & share, etc. Currently, we have 3 Homegroups in the Pulborough & Storrington area:-

Monday evenings with Colin & Jenny Gloster in Pulborough

Tuesday mornings with John & Maureen Watson in Storrington

Tuesday evenings with Peter & Pauline Meadows in Storrington

If you're not sure which group is most appropriate for you, contact the group leaders or the Church Office for additional details.

Devoted to Prayer

Lord, You make all things new, You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. **Amen**



"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." **Micah 6:8**