

Dates for your diary:

Jelly Beans Toddler Group: Next meeting: 15th January - "Snow Play".

Friendship Group: Meeting at 2:30pm Wyevale Garden Centre, Thursday 18th

Village Market Bread Stall: Next market: 27th January

Visit from the Pastoral Team: If anyone would like to receive a visit from the Pastoral Team, please feel free to contact John Watson, Barbara Morgan, Jill Jones, Maureen Watson or Karen Banner or via the Church Office at any time.

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 at the entrance to 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.



If you would like to know more about our church and what it means to be a member, why not pick up one of our 'Get Connected' leaflets; that should tell you all you need to know about becoming a member of PBBC.

Church Information

And finally...

If you would like to know more about our church or arrange a visit from our Pastor, please complete a form and place it in the offertory box.



Our Pastor, Rev'd. Dr. David Howling, can be contacted via the church office.

(Please note that David is not available on Mondays)

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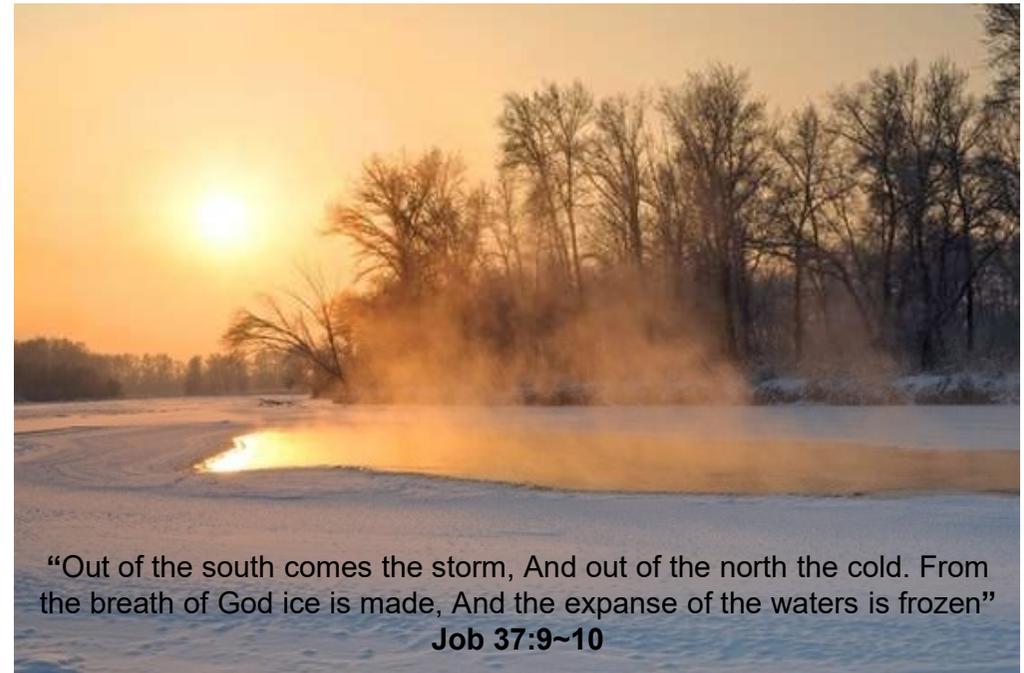
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"Out of the south comes the storm, And out of the north the cold. From the breath of God ice is made, And the expanse of the waters is frozen"
Job 37:9~10

Welcome!



The exciting thing about the parable of the growing seed (Mark 4:26-29) is that it teaches us something of the unique power of the Word of God. You see, just as a seed has life in itself, so the Word of God is infused with life and power. The nature of the soil, the weather, and the cultivation of the plant all play their part, but the secret of the growth is in the seed itself. It's the same with the Word of God, as the words of the old hymn remind us; *'I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing men of sin, Revealing Jesus through the Word, Creating faith in Him.'* We know that the Word is the power of God to salvation to everyone who believes (Romans 1:16).

The Word of God is effective because it is 'alive and powerful' and gives people what they need, not what they want. It has been said that "Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself but because it contradicts them." The Word of God is not a spiritual backscratcher (2 Timothy 4:3). Rather it's a spiritual scalpel that exposes our innermost thoughts (Hebrews 4:12). It's what James calls a 'mirror' that shows us who we are, warts and all (James 1:22-25). The Word of God is effective because it gets right to the point.

This parable reaffirms our faith in the Bible. Whatever opposition there is to the word of God, we can still declare with Isaiah; *"The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it."* (Isaiah 55:10-11). The Word of God is powerful, because it is guaranteed by God. God's Word will accomplish his desires and purposes, - it will get the job done!

David

Devoted to Meeting Together

This weeks Home Groups

See your homegroup leaders for details.

John & Maureen's Tuesday morning group in Storrington will re-start on 16th January .

The Thursday group meeting at Peter & Jill's will re-start on 25th January

Next Sunday, 21st January 10:30am

Family Worship Service

Bringing God's Word: David Howling



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

Volunteers Required

On Saturday 10th February there will be a breakfast open to all 4 churches in Pulborough. All will be welcome and a full English breakfast will be served at 8:00am. Tickets cost £7-50 each. Please see Richard as he needs a few volunteers to help with catering and set up. More details to follow.

Week of Prayer

Friday 19th Jan 12:00 noon at St Mary's

Sunday 21st 4:00pm at URC

Wed 24th 7:30pm Village Hall - PBBC Central Prayer Meeting

Thurs 25th 9:30am at St Crispin's

A Lent Course entitled '*On the third day*' will start at the URC on Feb 26th and the following 4 Mondays at 7:30 pm .

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, Enlighten my mind with truth; inflame my heart with love, inspire my will with courage and enrich my life with service. Pardon what I have been, sanctify what I am and order what I shall be. Thine be the eternal glory and mine the eternal salvation through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.



"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

Galatians 3:26