

Jelly Beans: Monday 14th. “Chatterbox” . Betty has a full programme available.

Homegroups – check with your homegroup leader for this week’s meetings.

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

Youth Work: John Harvey (and others) will be taking our younger folk (8 yrs +) for ten pin bowling and supper at Horsham on Friday evening. Do pray for a safe and enjoyable outing.

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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Welcome!

MARKS of a HEALTHY CHURCH

There are those who would write off the local church as something that is past its sell by date and is no longer relevant to 21st century society. I profoundly disagree. I am passionate about the local church. I find myself in complete agreement with Bill Hybels that 'there is nothing like the local church when it is working right'. That's why we are investing our time between now and Easter looking at what it means to be effective in playing our part in building God's Kingdom here in Pulborough. To do that we need to be a healthy church and healthy churches share a lot of the same characteristics.

To begin with, a healthy church stands firmly on the Word of God with no concession. The gospel of Jesus Christ and the commandments of God must stand as firmly in our church as they stand in heaven (Psalm 118:89-91, 93). 1 Timothy 3:15 describes the church as 'the pillar and foundation of the truth'. It is the responsibility of the local church to preach the truth, to proclaim the gospel, even to the ends of the earth – without conceding a single point of the truth.

The second mark of a healthy church is a church which has mission as part of its DNA and is intentional about reaching non-believers with both words and deeds (James 2:14-16). After all, you can't love your friend without being there for them when they need help and you can't love your friend without talking to them about Jesus. I'm not talking about preaching a 30 minute, 3 point sermon covering everything from creation to the rapture. It's not about getting the whole gospel out in one conversation. It's about paying attention to what God is doing and being the next link in the chain that leads to their salvation.

David



Next Sunday, 20th January 2019

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.

Reminder from the treasurer:

To all those who very kindly support the Church and have signed gift aid declarations:

It is important to remember that the individual donor must be paying sufficient tax on their income(s) to cover all the tax which is reclaimed by the Church and other organisations.

If this ceases to be the case, please let Barbara know to prevent any overclaim of the tax.

Devoted to Prayer

Lord, Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every day. We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honoured by our lives and that others would be drawn to you. In Jesus' name. **Amen**



"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

John 15:4