

*Next Week, ..*Sunday 19th January 10:30am

Family Worship

Bringing God's Word: David Howling

*Join us for pre-service prayer, 9:45 ~ 19:15 am every Sunday in the Rother Hall**This Week, ..***Homegroups:**

Monday 13th evening: Thakeham group
 Tuesday 14th morning: West Chilton group
 Tuesday 14th evening: Pulborough group
 If in doubt, check with your homegroup leader.

**Jelly Beans:**Monday 13th January @ 10:00am, "Water: Up in the air & everywhere"**Friendship Group:** Thursday 16th January @ 2:30 pm, Pulborough Garden Centre**Churches Together:** Sunday 19th January @ 4:00 pm, A service for Christian unity at St. Mary's parish 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.

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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.

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"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool!" **Isaiah 1 : 18**

Mission Statement

Pulborough Brooks Baptist Church, united in faith and empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is:

To grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus,

To love, care for and encourage each other

To help others get to know Jesus through words and actions.



This morning I want to go back to a subject that I spoke about a few weeks ago in the run up to Christmas and look at it in a little more detail. The Christmas story is a story of everybody's plans getting changed. Nobody's life turned out the way that they originally thought it would. Not Mary and Joseph, not the shepherds, not the wise men and certainly not the innkeeper whose stable was turned into a maternity unit.

Scripture tells us that God is in the business of changing people's plans. Proverbs 16:9 says *"We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps."* No matter how carefully we plan things there are times when God seemingly throws a spanner in the works. The reason I want to go back over some of this because I feel that it's important to mention that not every problem that we face comes from God.

We cause problems for ourselves, and sometimes other people cause problems in our lives that have nothing to do with God's will for our lives. We live on a broken planet and nobody's perfect. We've all sinned. We've all made mistakes and we certainly shouldn't blame God for all the problems in the world. But sometimes God intervenes because He wants to do something special in your life.

So what do you do when God changes your plans? Well, firstly you need to pay attention. God changes your plans in order to get your attention. God changes your plans because he has a better plan for your life. And God changes your plans that you might learn the most important lesson in life – How to trust Him!

David



Devoted to Scripture

"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken"

Psalm 55:22, NIV

Devoted to Prayer

Heavenly Father, you let us see and feel your great goodness toward us. Grant us the inner help to be victorious in our Saviour, rejoicing to be by His side with faith and loyalty and with the strength of soul that frees us from all burdens by laying them in your hands. Hear us, as together we pray to you. All we ask and long for, all our concerns down to the very smallest, we lay in your hands in the one great request that your name be glorified on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Devoted to Each Other

Pastoral Team: If anyone has or feels a need for help from the Pastoral Team, please feel free to contact Louise Twilley 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.

Jelly Beans

Our programme for the next seven weeks is entitled 'What a wonderful world'. We will be working through Genesis chapter 1. Last Monday the children pasted a picture of the world and then literally painted their hands around it making it look as though the world is held in their hands. Over the next weeks we will be considering small initiatives to help save our planet. Please continue to pray for our Jelly Bean families. Thank you.

Betty