

Dates for your diary:

Jelly Beans Toddler Group: Next meeting: 22nd January - "Rainy Days".

Friendship Group: Meeting at 2:30pm Wyevale Garden Centre, Thursday 25th

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 or contact the church office.



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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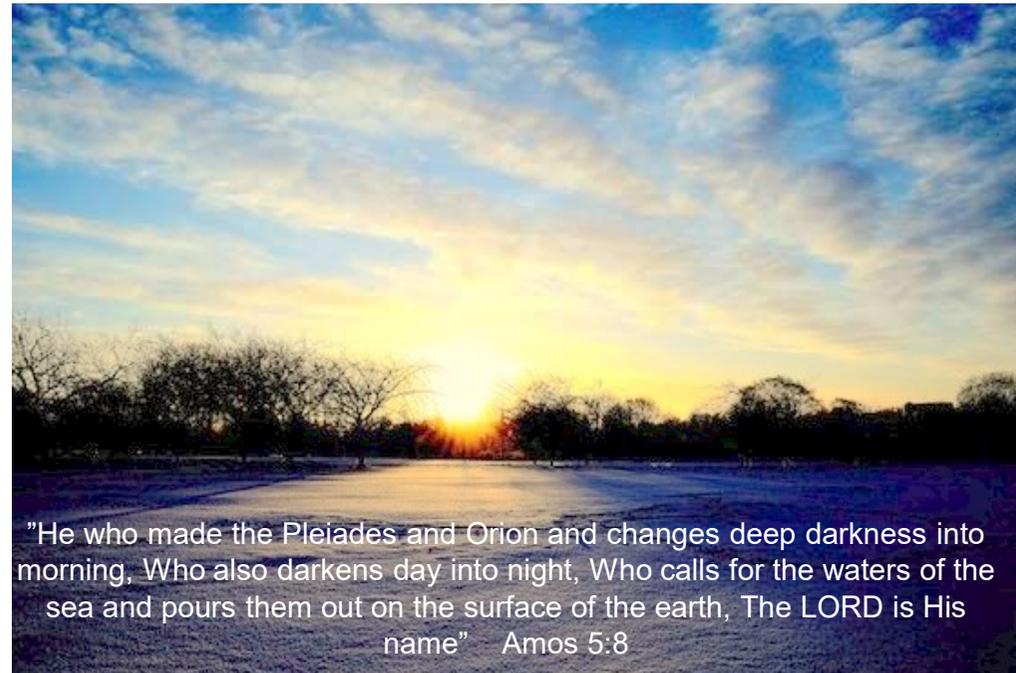
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"He who made the Pleiades and Orion and changes deep darkness into morning, Who also darkens day into night, Who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the surface of the earth, The LORD is His name" Amos 5:8

Welcome!

Parable of the Growth of the Mustard Seed: Mark 4:30-32



The parable of the growth of the mustard seed is the second of two parables in which the Kingdom of God is likened to a seed. In the first, which we looked at last week, we saw how the growth of the seed came from the life within the seed itself. Jesus told his disciples that the growth of the Kingdom of God would occur because of the life and power within the Word of God. (vs 26-29).

In the second of these seed parables, Jesus, using the tiny mustard seed as an illustration of the Kingdom of God, starts to envisage what that seed would grow into. His teaching is striking; mustard is the smallest of seeds (at least figuratively speaking) and so at first the Kingdom of God would appear to be insignificant, powerless and something to be ignored and even scoffed at. But like the towering mustard plant it would eventually become the greatest kingdom of all, giving refuge and protection to all who would embrace it.

The church faced humble beginnings, but quickly grow and expanded. God, through the power of his Word and the activity of the Spirit, added to the church daily. Literally thousands were saved at a time (see Acts). The church quickly spread out, due in large part to persecution, but it spread nonetheless. When Paul was called to take the Gospel to the Gentiles, churches were planted throughout the known world. What began small at Pentecost, quickly grew throughout the world, as the Gospel was preached, souls were saved, and churches were planted.

We are the mustard tree among our generation. I pray we will become strong in the faith, and that our local congregation will become a haven of rest for many – a place where truth continues to be shared, souls are saved and added to the body of Christ, and believers are encouraged and strengthened in the faith.

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, 28th 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 Still 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.

The Week of Prayer Continues

Sunday 21st 4:00 pm at URC

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

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

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

Devoted to Prayer

Father, I am tempted to worry about so many things. We continue to make a mess of the world that You have entrusted to us! Forgive us for focusing on anything or anyone but You. Thank You for Your Word that equips and enables us to live each day. We declare that You are our only hope. Please help us remember that You really are in control. Amen.



“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it..”

1 Cor 10:13