

Jelly Beans: Monday 21st “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious”. On Monday, Jelly Beans will be organising an Under 5’s clothes mart. Mums will bring their used clothes and we will display them for all to browse and choose for re-use.

Central Prayer Meeting: Wednesday 23rd in the Brooks Room at Pulborough Village Hall at 7:30pm. This meeting will be open to members from other Churches as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity programme.

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

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

The **Bread Stall** will be open for business on Saturday 26th within the Village Market.

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

Last week we looked at the first two characteristics of a healthy church. A healthy church is firstly, a church which stands firmly on the truth of the Gospel and secondly, a healthy church has mission as part of its DNA. The third mark of a healthy church is a church whose members are filled with and led by, the Holy Spirit.

You see the ministry of a church is always about the ministry of people, it's never about bricks and mortar. It's about people - that's what a church is! Jesus was very clear that the way that the world should recognise His followers is by the love that we have for each other (John 13:35). Fortunately scripture reminds us what real love looks like (1 Corinthians 13:4-7) as well as what it shouldn't look like (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). A healthy church is filled with Spirit led people with big hearts.

A healthy church is also filled with Spirit led people who stand firm in the faith. You see it's one thing to acknowledge the importance of the Word of God, it's quite another to live it out faithfully and consistently. A healthy church needs Christians who can remain rooted and grounded in Christ even in the midst of a world that is hostile towards them (1 Corinthians 15:58).

A healthy church has Spirit filled people who rejoice in the Lord at all times. Paul writes this in Philippians 4:5, "*Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again, rejoice.*" What makes Paul's proclamation in Philippians 4 even more amazing is that when Paul wrote this he was in jail. So here he is, under arrest, facing an uncertain future and he's just getting happier. You see joy is a choice more than a feeling. It's a decision more than it is a sensation. Joy is an outlook that is based on an up-look. O may the Lord preserve the church from grumpy Christians.

David



Next Sunday, 27th January 2019

10:30am - Family Worship Service
Bringing God's Word: Andy Twilley

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

This is **Week 3** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota**:

See <http://pbbaptist.co.uk/index.php?menu=downloads>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

We have just started the national 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' and there are opportunities to meet with the other churches in the village:-

Sunday 20th St Crispin's at 4:00pm

Wednesday 23rd, our own Prayer Meeting at 7:30pm in the Brooks Room.

Thursday 24th Mass at St Crispin's at 9:30am

Friday 25th at URC at 7:00pm

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, we thank you that we need never feel forsaken. We thank you that we are led and guided by your hand. We thank you for all we have received from you, your care for our bodies, for our material needs and for our inner life. We praise you, O God! Continue to lead us, we pray. Continue to work among us so that we can all see and come to know that the Good Shepherd is leading us.

Amen



"Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.""

John 8:32