

*Next Week...*Sunday 2nd February 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...***Jelly Beans:** Monday 27th January @ 10:00am, "Sun, moon & stars"**Homegroups:** Monday 27^h evening: Thakeham group
Tuesday 28th morning: West Chiltonton group
Tuesday 28th evening: Pulborough group
If in doubt, check with your homegroup leader.**Friendship Group:** Thursday 30th January @ 2:30 pm, Pulborough Garden Centre

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.

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/

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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"Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth!" **Luke 3 : 5 (KJV)**

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.



Plants used as metaphors for spiritual growth are a recurring theme in scripture. Just as roots are essential for plants to have life, a connection with Christ is a necessity if we are to have a full spiritual life (John 15:1-8). A healthy plant must have healthy roots, so in order to grow in Christ-like-ness we must have a healthy connection with our Saviour.

Jesus often spoke of the need to be rooted in good soil. In three out of the four gospels Jesus is recorded as telling the story of a farmer who went out to sow seed. Having plenty of seed to sow the farmer was not very discerning in where he threw it and it went everywhere. In this parable the difference between the plants that fared well and those that didn't, was that the plants that flourished were well rooted in good soil (Luke 8:4-15).

Scripture presents us with a stark contrast between someone who is clearly rooted in God and someone who isn't. The contrast could not be clearer. This is a contrast between two very different world views that's just as applicable today. On the one side we have a picture of someone who relies on their own strength and abilities. This is a natural human tendency and it's the predominant philosophy of those who make the 'Sinatra Doctrine' their way of life. Such people might seem to be fairing well at a glance but looks can be deceiving. Luke 12:21 reminds us that *"a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."*

No wonder Paul writes how important it is, not only that we should build our lives on Christ – much the same way as Jesus spoke about building a house on the rock, but that we should also be firmly rooted in Him (Colossians 2:6-7) Being firmly rooted in Christ is the key to a strong faith, a firm grasp of God's love and a heart overflowing with thankfulness. Trusting in God requires that we remain firmly rooted in Christ.

David

Devoted to Scripture



“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
Rom 8 : 38-39 (KJV)

Devoted to Prayer

Heavenly Father, We rejoice that you rule and guide each of us so that our path in life leads to what is good and genuine and we do not get stuck. Lead us, renew us, and free us to go forward, finding new courage and joy for ourselves and for others. Then we can praise you, your strength and power can be revealed to us, your heaven come down to earth, and your will be done on earth. Here on earth your help shall come to the poor, the weak, the lowly, the sick, and the suffering. May your name be praised! We rejoice in your name. 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.



News from JellyBeans

Alongside our 'What a Wonderful World' programme we are introducing a number of initiatives to care for our planet. Here are some examples:-

- 22 Ways Kids Can Save Water,
- Fight climate change with trees – Plant a tree: 'In memory' or,
- To celebrate a birthday, anniversary, new baby or retirement., say 'Thank you' by giving a tree.

During our next two sessions we will be recycling under 6's children's clothes. No money changes hands, just clothes! Please pray this activity will be a blessing to all those participating.