

*Dates for your diary:*

**Jelly Beans Toddler Group:** Next meeting: 5<sup>th</sup> February - "Yummy Pancakes".

**Friendship Group Meeting:** 2:30pm Wyevale Garden Centre, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

February

**Village Market Bread Stall:** Next market: 24<sup>th</sup> February

**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/](http://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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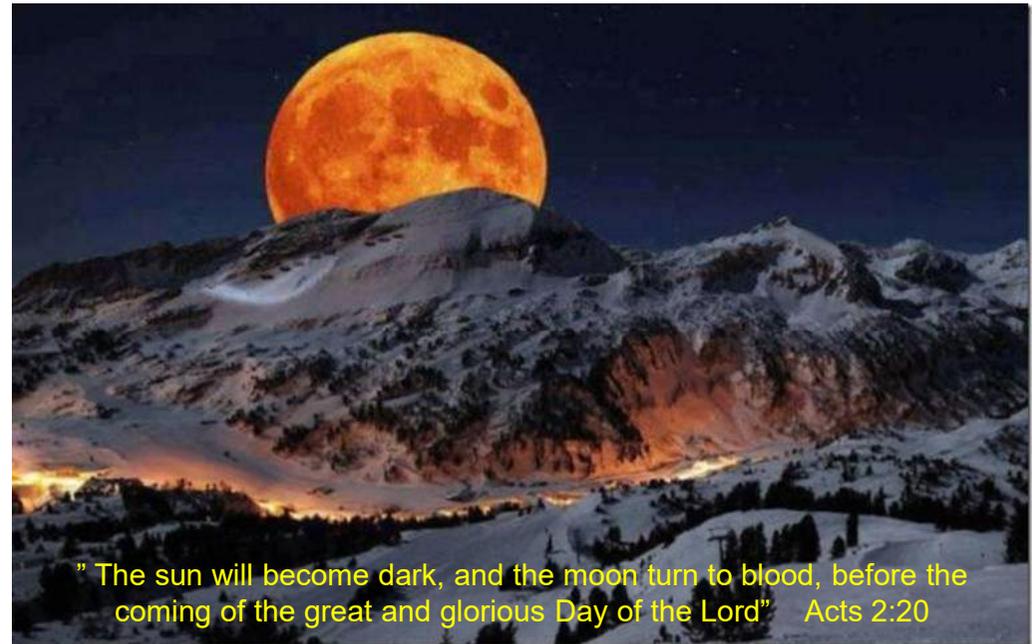
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# Pulborough Brooks

## BAPTIST CHURCH

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"The sun will become dark, and the moon turn to blood, before the coming of the great and glorious Day of the Lord" Acts 2:20

# Welcome!

# JESUS IS THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY

Mark 5:1 tells us that after the storm, Jesus and his disciples “arrived at the other side of the lake”. No sooner had Jesus climbed out of the boat when “a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from the tombs to meet him.” In fact we are told that there was not just one evil spirit possessing this man but a whole legion of them - this man was in a really bad way.

The pitiful condition of this man reminds us that we should never underestimate the destructive power of Satan and his demons. Regardless as to the form that the enemy takes, his only purpose is to steal and destroy (John 10:10). He is at work in our world and whilst sometimes his influence is as obvious and dramatic as a ‘roaring lion looking around for someone to devour’ (1 Peter 5:8) he's just as likely to be working in the shadows, subtly at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God (Ephesians 2:2).

Even with all its wonderful scientific and technological advances and achievements, our society is the same today as it ever was in this man's day: it can't cope with the problems caused by sin and Satan. It doesn't know what to do with them – except try to contain them and hope for the best. Society has no solution to the sin problem, but fortunately Jesus does!

All authority has been given to Jesus by the Father (Matthew 11:27) and that includes authority over all creation - as we saw last week in Christ's calming of the storm (Mark 4:39). It includes oversight and governance over all the affairs of history, over all sickness and disease and even over death itself (1 Cor. 15:54-58). Jesus has authority over the sinful acts of men, he has authority over all things and that includes over Satan and all his demons. “*What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.*” (Mark 1:27). Yes they do. They did then, and they do now!

*David*

## *Devoted to Meeting Together*



### **This weeks Home Groups**

See your homegroup leaders for details.

### **Next Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 10:30am**

Family Worship Service with communion  
Bringing God's Word: David Howling

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

## *Members Meeting*

There will be a meeting for Church Members at 7:30pm in the Brooks Room, Pulborough Village Hall, on Wednesday, February 7th.

## *Breakfast - Saturday 10th February*

Ladies and gentlemen will be welcome to come & listen to Michael Pioli and enjoy a full English breakfast at 8:00am. Tickets cost £7-50 each. Please see Richard Hatt as he needs a few volunteers to help with catering .

## *Dalesdown Retreat Programme*

Dalesdown are offering retreat days in February, March, May and July 2018. Details in the programme leaflets on the table or from Peter Meadows.

## *Devoted to Prayer*

Lord, help me not to lean on my own understanding but in everything acknowledge You so that You can direct my words, thoughts and actions.

In Jesus' Name.



“Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.””

**Mark 9:35**