

Jelly Beans: Monday 4th “Chinese Whispers!”

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

Members Meeting: Wednesday 6th February in the Brooks Room at the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

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

The next **Bread Stall** will be on Saturday 23rd February 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.

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Welcome!

MARKS of a HEALTHY CHURCH

A healthy church needs people who are led by the Spirit, who have tender hearts and a gentle touch. Nowhere in the life of a Church is this more important than when it comes to dealing with conflict. The fact is that we are all sinful people and we have a habit of making a mess of the good things in our lives and this is particularly true when it comes to relationships. A healthy Church needs people who know how to deal with disagreements and conflicts in a way that is healthy, in a way that builds people up and strengthens community.

Jesus' advice was very clear, very simple and very unambiguous - "If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offence." (Matthew 18:15) And by the way, says Jesus, the reason you need to do this is not so that you can win the argument, it's so that you can win that person back as a friend. It's always more rewarding to resolve a conflict than to dissolve a relationship.

Obviously how you go about this is going to make a big difference in how successful you are at resolving the problem and winning back your friend. Before you jump in with both feet and making things worse, you need to start by examining yourself. This is important because the Bible says that there are two causes of conflict; self-centeredness (James 4:1) and pride (Proverbs 13:10). It's always a good idea to take these particular planks out of your own eye before you tackle the speck of dust in your friend's eye (Luke 6:42).

Remember to speak the truth tactfully and season your words with grace and love. Focus on fixing the problem rather than fixing the blame and remember it's not the relationship that you are trying to dissolve, it's the conflict.

David



Next Sunday, 10th February 2019

**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.

This is **Week 5** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota**:

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

Devoted to Mission

Thank you so much to all those who so generously supported the gift day for Simon. The total raised to date is £1540 which is absolutely brilliant. Having said that, it's not too late and if anyone still wants to make a donation, please see Barbara.

Regular donations can be made through:-

www.latinlink.org.uk/appeal/simon-howling

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, my life is like a brief breath or a fleeting shadow. How could You even notice me? That You care what I believe, what I think and what I do, is hardly imaginable. That You listen to my prayers is unbelievable. That You watch over me is incredible. That Your Son died for me, and calls me every day to live in faith and eternal life, is mind boggling. Your salvation opens my eyes, opens my heart, and life itself becomes a miracle. Praise You O God.

Amen



"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