

*Next Week, ..*Sunday 9th February 10:30am

Family Worship & Communion

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 3rd February @ 10:00am, "Swimmers & Fliers"**Homegroups:** Monday 3rd evening: Thakeham group
Tuesday 4th morning: West Chiltington group
Tuesday 4th evening: Pulborough group
If in doubt, check with your homegroup leader.**Friendship Group:** Thursday 6th February @ 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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"The night is almost gone and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light!" **Rom 13 : 12 (NASB)**

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.



Many Christians pursue their own particular form of discipleship by prioritising those areas in which commitment is appealing and steering well clear of areas where it will be costly. However, Jesus is Lord, so we are not really at liberty to pick and choose. As God's children we are called to Christlikeness. Such a call resounds throughout eternity and is part of God's plan for our lives. Ephesians 1:4-5 reminds us that even before the foundation of the world God chose us to be part of His family. Being part of His family, as expressed in Romans 8:29 and 2 Corinthians 3:18, is to be transformed into the image of Christ.

At the fall, humanity lost much of the divine image in which we have been created. But God has restored it in Christ. Conformity to the image of God means to be like Jesus, and Christlikeness is what God has had in mind for us, even before we were born. To this end the Holy Spirit is at work in us, transforming us into His likeness (2 Corinthians 3:18) and whilst we are not there yet, we know that one day we will be like Him in glory (1 John 3:2).

Before that day we still have a lot of work to do. Being Christ-like means being Christ to the world. We are called to be like Christ in His humility and service. Looking after no. 1 was never at the top of Jesus' priority list. Jesus was the complete opposite of selfish, He was not 'me' centred. He went out of His way to help people. He fed the hungry, healed the sick and helped the needy. He looked at others with compassion, love and justice...not pity, shame or distaste. Jesus did not say 'come and serve me', He said 'come and I will teach you how to serve others!'

We are called to be like Jesus in His love and His obedience to the will of the Father. And we are called to be like Jesus in His mission. I could go on because there are many other ways in which we are called to imitate Christ, but I'm sure that you can think of those yourselves.

David



Devoted to Scripture

“For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem’s sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.”
Isa 62 : 1 (NIV)

Devoted to Prayer

Heavenly Father, we worship you for you come to meet us everywhere and you reveal your glory on earth. May we be worthy of you, people who can represent you with our whole being. Give us the strength to endure, even through struggles and temptations. Be merciful to us at all times through Jesus Christ our Saviour. May we remain body and soul in His hands, that at last we may come to you, our Father in heaven, as your true children, reborn through the Holy Spirit. 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.



Church Members Meeting

The first Church Members Meeting of 2020 will be held on 12th February in the Brooks Room at 7:30pm. Apart from the regular Church business, if you have any points for discussion please forward to David or Peter by February 5th. This will allow time to prepare and distribute the agenda. If time permits, there may be a further opportunity to raise additional matters at the end of the meeting.