

## *Dates for your diary:*

- Jelly Beans Toddler Group:** No meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February – half term  
Next meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> February - “Dog Years”.
- Friendship Group Meeting:** 2:30pm Wyevale Garden Centre,  
Thursday 15<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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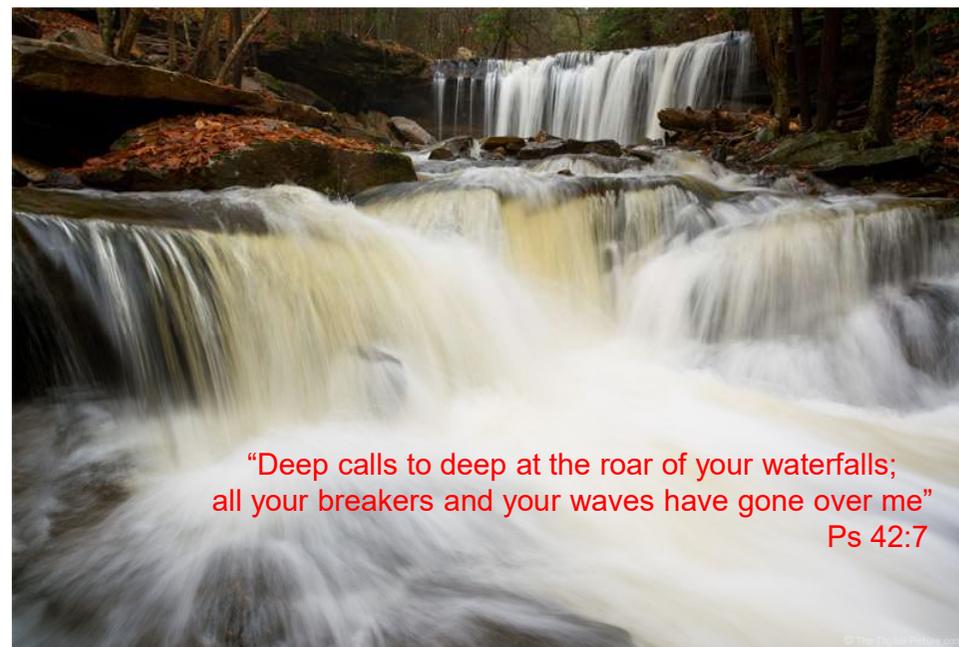
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11<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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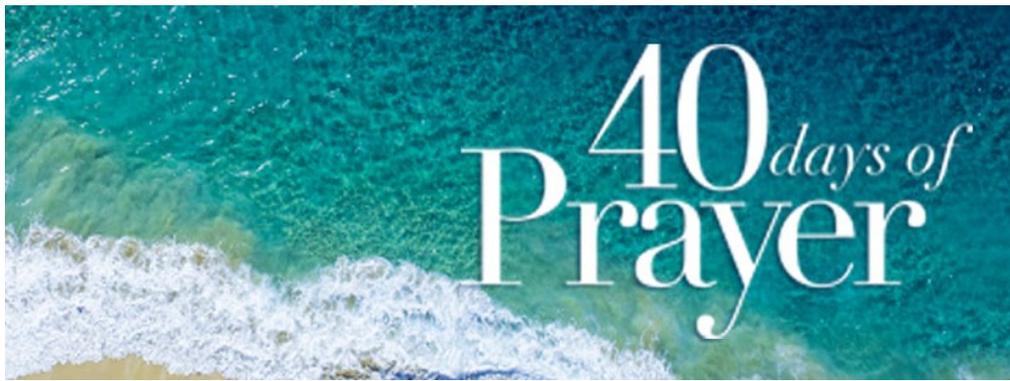
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“Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls;  
all your breakers and your waves have gone over me”  
Ps 42:7

# Welcome!



Most of the bad decisions that you make in your life stem from spiritual immaturity. When we're spiritually immature we make bad decisions. We make bad decisions because we base them on how we feel, and feelings are a terrible basis for making decisions. You see, our feelings are manipulated by our moods, by what we had for lunch, or what somebody posted about us on Facebook, so most of the time our feelings are wrong. Spiritually mature people, on the other hand, make decisions based on truth, not based on feelings.

To become spiritually mature we need to grow. The Bible tells us that spiritual growth is God's will for our lives (Ephesians 4:14). We are not meant to remain as children but we're meant to grow up. This is what our '40 days of Prayer' campaign is all about. It's not just about prayer. It's about developing spiritual habits that will enable us to grow as Christians so that we might be, amongst other things, more effective in our prayer lives.

That's why between now and Easter, we're going to relearn how to 'hear, read, study, memorize, meditate and apply' the Word of God specifically in the area of prayer – because we grow when we feed on the Word of God. We are going to look at the importance of developing good spiritual habits because there are some habits that are non-negotiable when it comes to spiritual maturity. We are going to look at how we can support each other in prayer, because nobody grows to maturity by themselves - we need one another. And we are going to commit ourselves to spiritual growth. Why? because we have a choice! In a year from now we are either going to be much better people, much stronger people, much more mature people than we are now, or we're still going to be stuck in the mud, blown around by whatever the world throws at us, still making bad decisions.

*David*

## *Devoted to Meeting Together*

### **This weeks Home Groups**

See your homegroup leaders for details.

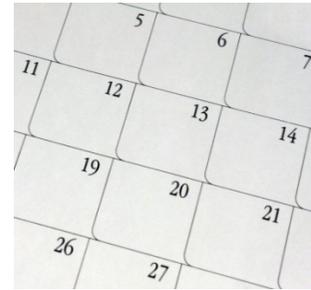
### **14th February**

Ash Wednesday – start of Lent

### **Next Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 10:30am**

Family Worship Service

Bringing God's Word: David Howling



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

## *Dalesdown Retreat Programme*

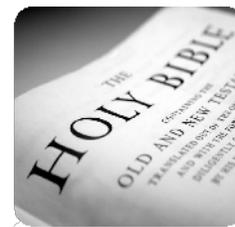
Dalesdown are offering retreat days in February, March, May and July 2018. Details in the programme leaflets on the table or from Peter Meadows.

### *This week ...*

... sees the introduction to our series leading up to Easter on "40 Days of Prayer". Sunday sermons and homegroups will focus on the area of spiritual maturity in our lives. Homegroups will use study / question notes and videos of ~25 minutes each.

## *Devoted to Prayer*

Lord, please give gifts of grace and faith to those members of our community who don't yet know you. Create in them a hunger for you and stir them to respond to your holy Spirit. May whole households in our villages be saved and their homes be filled with your presence. Amen.



"You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbour' and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven."

**Mt 5:43~45**