

Dates for your diary:

- Jelly Beans Toddler Group:** Next meeting: 19th February - "Dog Years".
Friendship Group Meeting: 2:30pm Wyevale Garden Centre,
Thursday 22nd February
Village Market Bread Stall: Next market: 24th February

Visit from the Pastoral Team: If anyone feels a need for pastoral help 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/



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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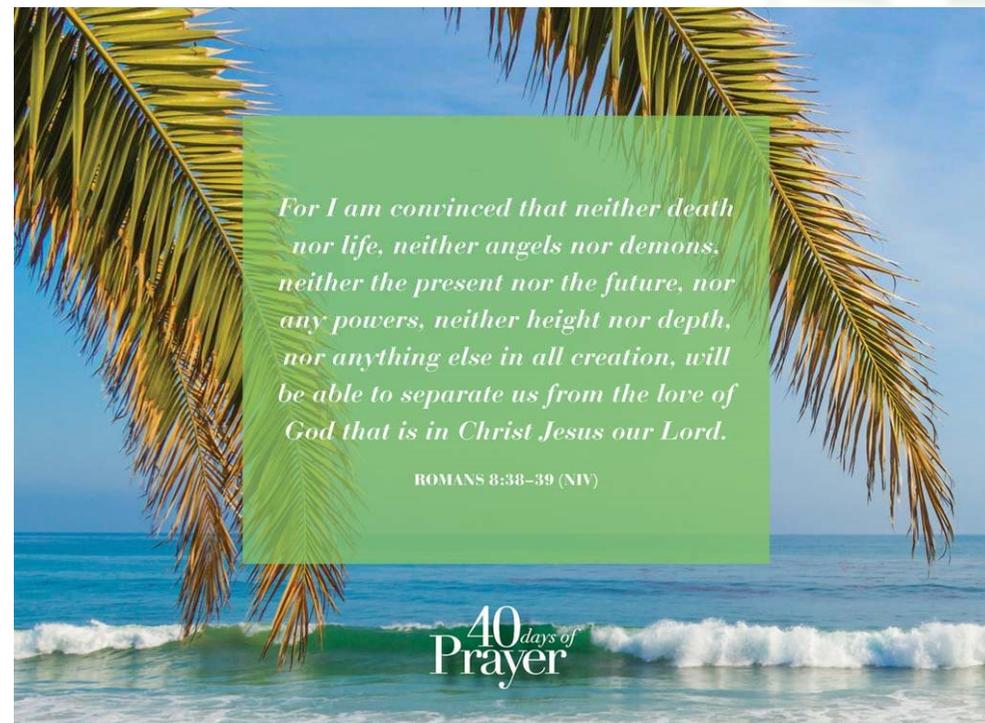
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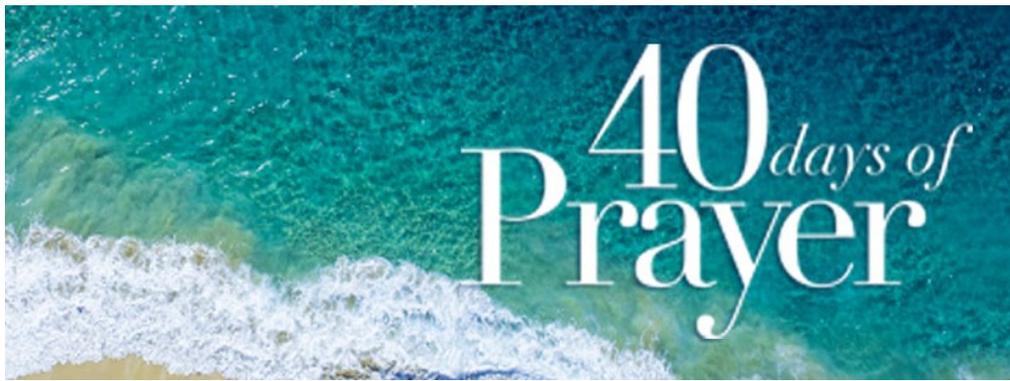
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Welcome!



There is an inbuilt desire in every human being to pray; it's what makes us human. So you would think that prayer would come naturally, but it doesn't. Perhaps this is why there are so many books and articles on prayer because everybody has this desire to pray but nobody feels that they know how to pray adequately. No matter how long they have been a Christian everybody knows they could be better at praying. Even the apostle Paul, the man who wrote half of the NT, experienced times when he didn't know what to pray for (Romans 8:26). When it comes to prayer, we are all in the same boat.

This is why it is so vitally important that we have a balanced Biblical understanding of prayer. Without it, it's so easy to get it wrong and end up frustrated and discouraged with our prayer lives. When we get it wrong then prayer becomes a burden not a blessing, it becomes a duty rather than a privilege. Prayer is not a magic formula, it's not a fire extinguisher, it's not a tug of war with God, nor is it a ritual to relieve guilt. Prayer is the means by which we deepen our relationship with our heavenly Father.

Did you know that God loves to talk to you about absolutely anything? He has adopted you into his family and as one of his children he loves you more than you can possibly know and he just longs for you to be closer to him. That's what we do when we pray. We draw closer to God so that we can get to know him better. Prayer is a conversation, not a ceremony. It's about relationship, not ritual.

Prayer is not meant to be a performance (Matthew 6:5-8) you don't have to use flowery language or fancy phrases. You don't have to sound spiritual and you don't have to use religious clichés. God is not interested in those things. God just wants you to talk to him from the heart.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



This weeks Home Groups

See your homegroup leaders for details.

Next Sunday, 25th February 10:30am

Family Worship Service

Bringing God's Word: in David's absence:
Rev. David Rollings

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

Homegroups

During the run-up to Easter, Homegroup studies are coordinating with Sunday sermons studying Rick Warren's series on '**40 Days of Prayer**'. This week we're looking at Session 2, "**How to Pray with Confidence**".

A programme of classical music to celebrate Spring

Will be performed at URC, Lower St.

Pulborough URC on Saturday 10th March 2018 at 3.00 pm

Including music by Vivaldi, Beethoven, Dvorak

Tickets to include light refreshments

All monies raised will go to Dimbleby Cancer Care and Church Charities

Tickets from Hugh Scott hughscott69@gmail.com : 07400 608 416

Adults £10 : OAPs £7.50 : Children £5

Devoted to Prayer

Lord, let everything I do this day and in the week ahead come from You and be inspired by You. I long to be closer to You. Help me to remember that nothing is important in my life unless it glorifies You in some way. Help me to rely on You for help and remind me that what you desire is that I walk closer to you. Amen.



'But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me'

2Cor 12:9