

**Jelly Beans:** Monday 18th Half term holiday – no meeting.

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

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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/](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 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

If we could do what pleased God the most based upon what we read in scripture, what would it be and what would the church look like? When it comes to worship, it's so easy for us to fall into the trap of wanting to do what pleases ourselves that we forget to ask; what pleases God?

When you ask that question you don't have to look too far to find the answer. A good place to start is with the greatest commandment – *'love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength'* – obviously God wants us to love Him, He wants us to be passionate about our relationship with Him. He wants us to be people who are utterly devoted to worshipping Him. God is not interested in egotistical (Luke 18), hypocritical (Mark 7) or ostentatious (Matthew 6) worship. The type of worship that God is looking for comes from hearts that are serious about being in His presence (Psalm 51).

God is looking for people who are not only devoted to Him but also devoted to one another. Jesus set the standard for that love when he said; *"Love one another other just as I have loved you!"* (John 13:34-35). Do you realise that when Jesus gave his disciples this new commandment it was during the last supper? It was just before he broke bread and poured out wine saying; 'this is my body, broken for you, this is my blood shed for you...' That's how much He loved us!

The kind of worship that pleases God is worship that is focused on Him and demonstrates our devotion to Him. Worship that pleases God is worship that unites us in love and proves to a watching world that we are truly His disciples. Worship that pleases God is worship that makes a difference. It turns cold hard hearts of stone into warm, loving hearts of flesh.

*David*



*Next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019*

**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.*

This is **Week 7** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota**:

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

## *Simon Howling*

Following last Sunday's commissioning, please remember Simon in your prayers as he travels to Trinidad, Bolivia to start his 2 year placement with Latin Link. Please also continue to pray for Karen & David especially as they continue their recovery from illness.

## *Further ahead –*

David has prepared his workshop on Christian Grandparenting to be held at the village hall which will be on the morning of Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March. We are inviting folk from the other churches and places are limited so **please let me know** if you'd like to come.

## *Devoted to Prayer*

Father God, You know what I long for and what disappoints me. Comfort me on those days when I feel disappointed and hurt by what this world has to offer. Help me to remember that You are the only Perfect Love and the One I must keep my eyes upon. Thank You for Your demonstration of sacrificial love for me and remind me that no one on earth could express that kind of love toward me. You truly are the One I must seek above any other. In Jesus' Name,

**Amen**



"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.."

**Jn 13:34-35**