

**Jelly Beans:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, “Flavours to savour”

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

**Central Prayer Meeting: Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Brooks Room**

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> March 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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# Pulborough Brooks BAPTIST CHURCH

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# Welcome!

# MARKS of a HEALTHY CHURCH

There is one model for the church that does not appear anywhere in the Old Testament, but you will find it throughout the New. It appears in Paul's letters to the churches in Rome, Corinth, Colossae and Ephesus and it is the metaphor of the church as the body of Christ. So important is this model that for a church to be a healthy church, it needs to understand what it means to be 'the body of Christ'.

The apostle Paul reminds us that only Christ has the right to rule as the head of the church (Colossians 1:17-18a). The rest of us need to be content with being part of the body of Christ. This is who we are. This is our role. This is how we are uniquely identified in the New Testament – and what a tremendous privilege it is. Each of us has been called by God into His eternal kingdom, into His eternal family. We have been given all the riches of Christ poured out in grace, both now and forever, and the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. No wonder Paul says, "I beg you to walk in a manner worthy of this calling" (Ephesians 4:1).

Unity in the body comes through the 'oneness' to which we have all been called (Ephesians 4:4-6) and is demonstrated through the bond of peace as we love one another and make allowances for each other's faults (Ephesians 4:2-3). This unity is effective only because it is a unity of diverse parts. Each of us has been given a special gift through the generosity of Christ (Ephesians 4:7) that we are to use for the good of the whole body. As John Piper explains; "*We must not get hung up on naming our gifts. The thing to get hung up on is, "Are we doing what we can do to strengthen the faith of the people around us?"*"

*David*



*Next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019*

**10:30am - Family Worship Service**

Bringing God's Word: Andy Twilley

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

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This is **Week 8** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota**:

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## *Jelly Beans update*

Tomorrow we resume our 'All about Me' sessions by thanking God for our sense of taste. You should also know that Jelly Beans has received a very generous gift to enhance our work in the community. Please join with Jelly Beans and "Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!" **2 Corinthians 9v15.**

*Further ahead –*

David has prepared his workshop on Christian Grandparenting to be held at the village hall 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. Peter.

## *Barn Dance*

On 30<sup>th</sup> March, we will be supporting MacMillan Cancer at a Barn Dance at the Village Hall from 7:00pm to 10:30pm. Tickets cost £8 for adults & children and are available from Barbara. Bring your own drinks & nibbles!

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## *Devoted to Prayer*

Father God, teach us to love others the way you first loved us. As we build relationships with others, let them see you in the extent of our generosity, the authenticity of our kindness and the depths of our love. All those things are only possible through you, the God who abides with us and calls us friends. **Amen**



"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

**Matt 6:33~34**