

*Next Week..*

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 10:30am  
Family Worship

Bringing God's Word: David Howling



Join us for pre-service prayer, 9:45 ~ 10:15 am every Sunday in the Rother Hall

*This Week..*

**Latin Link:** This mornings offering will be going to support Simon Howling and the work that he is doing in Bolivia.

**Jelly Beans:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> "Time for a Rest!"

**Homegroups:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> evening: Thakeham group

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> morning: West Chiltonington group

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> evening: Pulborough group

(If in doubt, check with your homegroup leader.)

**Prayer Meeting:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Brooks Hall

**Friendship Group:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. @ 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/](http://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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# Pulborough Brooks BAPTIST CHURCH

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"Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest Is a faithful messenger to those who send him, For he refreshes the soul of his masters."

(Proverbs 25 : 13)

*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.*

# CHRIST-EXALTING MARRIAGE



Have you ever noticed how difficult it is to find examples of great marriages in scripture? Right from the very start, Adam and Eve made a bit of a hash of it. Abraham and Sarah loved each other deeply, but Abraham was willing to let her be taken by another man to save his own skin. Not exactly a great role model. There are some couples who on the face of it seemed to have very promising relationships but scripture doesn't give us all that much to go on.

Take for example Mary and Joseph. Joseph was a righteous man, Mary was favoured by God above all other women. If any couple should have had a great marriage surely it must have been Mary and Joseph. Scripture tells us that they raised Jesus in accordance to their traditions, going to the synagogue and attending the temple worship when they were supposed to. But it gives us no information at all about the relationship that they had with each other.

I suppose on the one hand we should be thankful that we don't have to compete with someone in the Bible for the title "Most Godly Marriage." Scripture helps us in this regard to understand that every marriage, even ones where both people love God and love one another, still have their ups and downs, failures and achievements. Instead what God has done is shown us the best way by modelling it for us in Christ's relationship with His church.

Paul puts it like this; *"As the Scriptures say, A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one."* – then he says – *"This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one."* (Ephesians 5:31-32). So just as, as individuals we are to be Christlike, we are to reflect Christ in our behaviour, so for those of us who are married, our relationships with each other should reflect the relationship that Christ has with the church.

*David*

## *Devoted to Scripture*



"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus"

*Philippians 3:13b-14, NIV*

## *Devoted to Prayer*

Father God, living source of all that is eternal in us, we come to you and plead with you to strengthen the gifts you have given us. Grant us the light of life in which we can walk in spite of the many burdens and uncertainties of our earthly life. Protect us from deception and disappointment. Strengthen our hope for your steadfast, firm, and eternal rule in us, in many others, and finally in all people. 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.

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Email: altwilley@gmail.com



There is also a box for prayer requests in the foyer of the village hall. Prayer cards for requests are available with the box.

## **SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Roger Jones will be returning to Pulborough in March to perform his musical Mary Magdalene together with the Pulborough Churches Together Choir.

Tickets will be available from the church office.  
£5 adults, under 16's free

