

Dates for your diary:

- Jelly Beans Toddler Group:** Next meeting: 5th March - "Mums Are Special".
Friendship Group Meeting: 2:30pm Wyevale Garden Centre,
Thursday 8th March
Village Market Bread Stall: Next market: 24th March

Pastoral Team: If anyone feels a need for 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



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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Week 9

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*"You will seek me and find me when
you seek me with all your heart."*

JEREMIAH 29:13 (NIV)

40 days of
Prayer

Welcome!



Your understanding of what God is like shapes everything else in your life, and that includes the way you pray. That's why it's really important that we have a proper understanding of who God is because if we don't, prayer becomes a duty and not a blessing. A W Tozer once wrote; *"What comes into your mind when you think about God is the most important thing about you."* – because it affects everything else in your life.

So what is God really like? Well God has many characteristics, he is all knowing – omniscient, he is all powerful – omnipotent, and he is everywhere at the same time – omnipresent. The Bible tells us that God is Holy; God is just, God is kind, God is loving, God is faithful, these are just a few of the many, many characteristics of God. But this morning we are going to look at just one of God's characteristics – we are going to look at the 'Goodness' of God. Why? because it is the goodness of God that is the basis for all prayer. If God is not a good God, you have absolutely no reason to pray.

Because God is good He cannot lie, He cannot do evil, He can only be true to His nature and that is to do good. And so because God is good, His plans for your life will always be good (Jeremiah 29:11). Because God is always good, God gives you what you need, not what you deserve. God demonstrates His goodness through His Grace. Did you know that when God looks at you He doesn't see your sins? He sees the Goodness of Christ! (2 Corinthians 5:21)

And just one more thing; because God is always a good God, He does not say yes to every request. God is not a magic wand or a vending machine. God will never give you anything that's not good for you.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



This weeks Home Groups

See your homegroup leaders for details.

Next Sunday, 11th March 10:30am

Family Worship Service with Communion
Bringing God's Word: David Howling

Advance Notice

Saturday, 17th March from 8:00am

Join us for a day (or part) of prayer & fasting in the River View Room.

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 March, May and July 2018. Details in the programme leaflets on the table or from Peter Meadows.

CVM Curry Night

Advance notice of a curry evening organised through CVM.
Thursday, 15th March. Contact Richard Hatt for details.

In case you hadn't noticed...

Next Sunday, 11th March, is Mother's Day / Mothering Sunday (in UK!)

Devoted to Prayer

Lord, I confess my fears to you. Help me to overcome them by trusting in Your presence and the power that you make available in every task. Help me to worry focus more on admitting my weakness and submitting to the plans that you have for me. In Jesus Name, Amen.



For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Psalms 33:4-5