

Jelly Beans: Monday March 4th; “Exploring pancakes”

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.

Fellowship Lunch: After our Sunday service on **March 17th**, we will have a Lent Fellowship Lunch of soup & bread rolls. Do book this in your diaries now.

The next **Bread Stall** will be on Saturday 23rd 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/



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

HEALTHY CHURCH : HEALTHY DISCIPLES

There are so many different frames of reference you can use to consider what makes a healthy Church. When I last preached, we affirmed that the plural of “Disciple” is “Church” so this becomes an important pointer: if we aren’t healthy disciples, then we certainly won’t be a healthy Church. But we are still left with the question: what constitutes a healthy Church? So we ask another question: When Jesus said “I will build my Church” what did he have in mind, and are WE what he had in mind? Until we answer that question, we similarly won’t be able to know if we are healthy or not! What’s more, simply knowing what makes a healthy Church doesn’t make a healthy Church!

This morning we are going to grapple with some of these questions as we explore a Greek word which gets to the root of being “Church”. It is a word which all too often loses its meaning in translation becoming an insipid deviation from its original intention. The word: “*Fellowship*”. And before we close, we will also consider how this could work itself out in practice.

Andy

News from Bolivia

I’ve been in Trinidad for just over a week and feel very settled into my new home. Have met some really great people who I’m pleased to already call friends. Have had a chance to see all the ministries in action, youth group, football outreach, after school clubs and Sunday church and have started to get an idea as to how things operate. Really excited about the potential to grow God’s kingdom here and feel blessed to be a part of what’s going on.

Simon



Next Sunday, 10th March 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 9** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota**:

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

This Week

The Leadership team meet on Friday evening, so please pray for them as they seek God’s will for His Church here.

Next Week

David has prepared his workshop on Christian Grandparenting to be held at the village hall on the morning of Saturday, 9th 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.

Further Ahead - Barn Dance

On 30th 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!

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, we come to you with thanks for you alone are our help. Again and again you have shone your light on us and we know that our lives are in your hands. Protect us, Lord, that the light of true life may shine more brightly and we may praise your name with our whole hearts. Be with us this day and this week, O God, and touch our hearts with your Spirit.

Amen



“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”

2 Tim 1:7