

## Some other Dates for your Diary:

**Village Market** - Bread Stall; Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 27<sup>th</sup> May.

**Jelly Beans Toddler Group**, Meets from 10:00am on Monday mornings (term time) in the Arun hall.

**Friendship Group**, - currently meets at the Wyevale Garden centre in Pulborough, from 2:00pm-3:30pm on Thursday afternoons.

**Visit from the Pastoral Team:** If anyone would like to receive a visit from the Pastoral team, please feel free to contact John Watson, Barbara Morgan, Jill Jones, Maureen Watson, or Karen Banner 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/](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 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 don't you 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 (available from the tea bar) and place it in the offertory box.

**Our Pastor**, Rev'd Dr. David Howling, can be contacted on 01903 741709 (please note that David is not usually available on Mondays)

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5<sup>th</sup> March 2017

# Pulborough Brooks BAPTIST CHURCH



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# Welcome!

# Got questions about life



## Alpha Sunday 5: How can I Pray?

I came across an interesting story not too long ago. In this story a man arrives in a city one cold morning. As he gets off the train, he sees that the station is like any other station except for one thing - everyone is barefoot. No one wears shoes.

He notices a barefoot taxi driver. "Pardon me," he asks the driver, "I was just wondering why you don't wear shoes. Don't you believe in shoes?" "Sure we do," says the driver. "Why don't you wear them?" asks the man. "Ah, that's the question," the driver replies. "Why don't we wear shoes? Why don't we?"

At the hotel it's the same. The receptionist, the bell boys, everybody is barefoot. In the coffee shop he notices a well dressed gentleman at a table opposite him. He says, "I notice you aren't wearing any shoes. I wonder why? Don't you know about shoes?" The man replies, "Of course I know about shoes." "Then why don't you wear them?" asks the stranger. "Ah, that's the question," says the man. "Why don't we? Why don't we?"

After breakfast he walks out on the street in the snow but every person he sees is barefoot. He asks another man about it, and points out how shoes protect the feet from cold. The man says, "We know about shoes. See that building over there? That's a shoe factory. We are proud of that factory and every week we gather there to hear the man in charge tell us all about shoes and how wonderful they are." "Then why don't you wear shoes?" asks the stranger. "Ah, that's the question," says the man.

Dr. Robert E. Goodrich told this story in his book, "*What's It All About?*" Then he asks, "Don't we believe in prayer? Don't we know what prayer could mean to our lives? . . . Of course we do; we know about prayer. So why don't we pray? Why don't we? Why don't we?"

*David*

## Devoted to Meeting Together



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March**, Alpha Sunday, Light breakfast served from 10:15am

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March**, Jelly Beans Toddler group, 10:00-11:30am.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**, Friendship Group, 2:00pm Wyevale Garden Centre.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March**, Family Worship Service with Communion, 10:30am, Arun Hall.

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

## Devoted to Prayer

What various hindrances we meet.

In coming to a mercy seat;  
Yet who that knows the worth of prayer,  
But wishes to be often there.  
Prayer makes the darkened cloud withdraw,  
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw;  
Gives exercise to faith and love,  
Brings every blessing from above.

Restraining prayer, we cease to fight;  
Prayer makes the Christian's armour bright;  
And Satan trembles, when he sees  
The weakest saint upon his knees.  
While Moses stood with arms spread wide,  
Success was found on Israel's side;  
But when through weariness they failed,  
That moment Amalek prevailed.

Have you no words? Ah, think again,  
Words flow apace when you complain;  
And fill your fellow creature's ear  
With the sad tale of all your care.  
Were half the breath thus vainly spent,  
To Heav'n in supplication sent;  
Your cheerful song would oft'ner be,  
"Hear what the Lord has done for me."

*William Cowper (1779)*