

Some other Dates for your Diary:

Village Market - Bread Stall; Saturday 25th March, 22nd April, 27th 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/



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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Jesus said; "those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

John 4:14



Welcome!

FOLLOWING JESUS

As Jesus went about his ministry, '*follow me*' was a constant refrain in his message. At the beginning of his ministry, he called his first disciples with the command, "*follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people*" (Mark 1:17). As his ministry progressed, he told the crowds, "*If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me*" (Mark 8:34). At the end of his earthly ministry, he recommissioned the repentant Peter with the words, "*follow me*" (John 21:19).

But what does it mean to follow Jesus? Following Jesus begins when we respond to his call to repent and believe the gospel. The Good News that God loves us and has taken the initiative to reconcile us to himself awakens us to God's grace and puts within us the desire to worship Him. And so it should for worship is a fitting response to God's grace towards us in Christ. But we must not fall into the trap of thinking that worship is all there is to being a Christian.

Stuart Murray put it like this; "Jesus is our example, teacher, friend, redeemer, and Lord. He is the source of our life, the central reference point for our faith and lifestyle, for our understanding of the church, and our engagement with society. We are committed to following Jesus as well as worshipping him."

When we turn our attention to what the Bible shows us about how to actually follow Jesus in daily life, several things stand out immediately. We are to follow his example, to obey his teaching, and live our lives by a new standard. But more than that, Jesus calls us to follow him so that he might make something of us – so that he might show us how to fish for people! The fact is, that every one of us must be about the business of catching men and women for Christ. As Charles Spurgeon once wrote; "*you are not perfectly following him, unless in some degree he is making use of you to be fishers of men.*"

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



Sunday 12th March, Family Worship Service with Communion, 10:30am, Arun Hall.

Monday 13th March, Jelly Beans Toddler group, 10:00-11:30am.

Thursday 16th March, Friendship Group, 2:00pm Wyevale Garden Centre.

Saturday 18th March, Quiz Night, 7:30pm Arun Hall.

Sunday 19th March, Family Worship Service, 10:30am, Arun Hall.

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

Devoted to Prayer

Merciful God,
You call us to follow;
to turn away from our own selfish interests,
and to take up our cross and follow after You,
even if the path is difficult to see,
or is heading in a direction we would never have chosen for ourselves.

Forgive us for being so quick to question
and so hesitant to follow.
Help us to see with the eyes of faith,
rather than from our own human point of view.

Teach us to follow without fear,
knowing that You are always with us,
leading the way.
Amen.



Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."

Matthew 16:24-25