

Jelly Beans: Monday, 18th March; “Look!” & Toy Swap.

To whoever left an envelope for Betty last week: *You know who you are: thanks to your generosity, Jelly Beans Toddlers have a new ball pit and plastic balls. Thank you.*

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.

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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The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:12

Welcome!

MARKS of a HEALTHY CHURCH

The major problem of this world is spiritual in nature. It manifests itself sociologically, economically and has all kinds of offshoots in terms of its fruit, but it only has one root! That which comes from the spiritual breakdown of a culture that has turned away from God (2 Chronicles 15:3-6). The breakdown, the regression and the chaos of our society can only be addressed by a church that has Christ at its head. The only hope for our society is for the church to be what its head created and purposed it to be.

Key to our understanding of the purpose of the church is Matthew 16:18-19. In these two verses Jesus defined the church as those called out from this world ('Ekklesia' means 'called out ones') to be a little bit of heaven a long way from home. The church is 'where the values of eternity are resident in the locations of history' ~ Dr Tony Evans. That's why a healthy church needs Christ at its head in order to reflect the character of heaven.

When the church is truly being what Christ purposed it to be even the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. When the church is being what Christ called it out to be then it holds the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. Keys are what give you access to your house, to your car, storage locker, etc. It's the way you get into something (see Isaiah 22:22). This is why we need Christ as the head of the church because without Christ we don't have the keys to the kingdom. We might have plenty of other keys but the keys of this world don't fit that lock. A healthy church has Christ at its head, it has the keys to the Kingdom and Heaven will back its every move (Matthew 16:19).

David



Next Sunday, 24th March 2019

10:30am - Family Worship Service
Bringing God's Word: David Howling

Have you finished your homework from last week? Did you read Romans chapter 1 every day?

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

This is **Week 11** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota:**

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

Further Ahead

Next Sunday, 24th March, there will be another visit from a convoy of cars to the Lower Street car park. They are due at 11.40am and leave at 12.30pm for Storrington. The car park will be closed early that morning and access to Brooks Way from Lower Street will be closed ~10.30am. The barrier will be manned but they have been advised that we will be holding our service in the Village Hall.

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. The last 10 tickets are available from Barbara and cost £8 for adults & children. Any remaining have to be returned to MacMillan next week. Bring your own drinks & nibbles!

The PACT Spring Lecture on 5th April at St. Mary's, Petworth will be at **6:00pm** and presented by Damian Hinds MP, Minister for Education, on "*Developing Character Through Education*".

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, you are my strength. Hold my hand in my weakness and teach my heart to trust. With you, there's nothing to fear, nothing to worry about. Hold me tight in your embrace so that I can be stronger than the challenges in my life. **Amen.**



"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
Romans 8:28