

Jelly Beans: Monday, 25th March; “**Hand in hand for Mother’s Day**”

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 27th April 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 Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all he has made. All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you. Ps 145: 9~10

Welcome!

MARKS of a HEALTHY CHURCH

Jesus said to his disciples, “*If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.*” (see Matthew 16:24-26) Throughout the ages, the gospel has been carried to the ends of the earth by people who gave up their lives for the sake of the gospel, for the sake of Christ, for the sake of the church. That kind of sacrifice is the benchmark of the history of the church, but the idea of sacrificing yourself for the benefit of others is just not on anybody’s radar anymore.

A healthy church needs people who understand that discipleship is not a solitary venture but a team pursuit in which everyone has a purpose. This is why Paul talks about the local church as a body in which everyone has a part to play and every part matters (1 Corinthians 12). We each come to Christ alone, but in coming to Christ we do not remain alone; we are simultaneously constituted into the corporate body of believers.

When we find ourselves disconnected, we find ourselves powerless. We need people around us so that we might encourage and build each other up. When we are in meaningful relationships with one another, we each bring our unique perspective and experience to our knowledge of Christ’s love. It is only by working together that we are able to fully grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ (Ephesians 3:18). It takes Jesus to call a disciple, but it takes a church to make one!

David



Next Sunday, 31st 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 12** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota:**

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

Looking Ahead

Monthly prayer meeting on Wednesday 27th March, at 7:30pm in the Brooks Room.

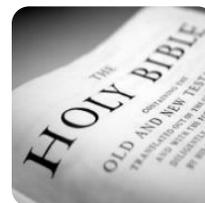
Mothering Sunday is next week on 31st March.

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*”.

Church Members Meeting & AGM will be on Wednesday 10th April in the Brooks Room from 7:30pm.

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, Help us not to despair of our inner life even when life around us rages as if it would suck us down into its whirlpool with no way out. Watch over us, we pray, in hours of temptation, so that we may remain under your care. Watch over us also so that we have hope and joy in you, assured that your goal for us all is true life from above, a new life in our Lord Jesus. **Amen.**



“But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

Jer 17:7-8