

*Next Week, ..*Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am

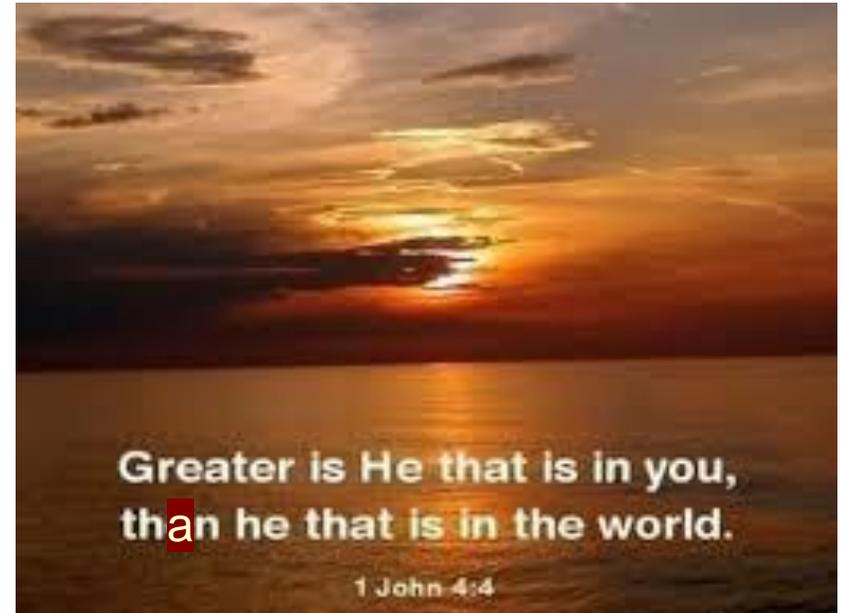
Online Family Worship

Bringing God's Word: David Howling

*This Week, ..*

# Pulborough Brooks

## BAPTIST CHURCH

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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, all meetings are cancelled until further notice. However, we will be holding our Sunday service 'online' at the usual time of 10:30am. Details to follow.

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.

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*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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*Mission Statement*

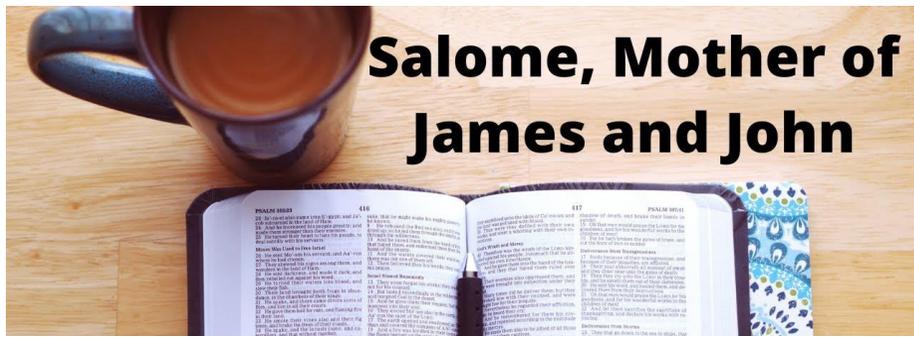
*Pulborough Brooks Baptist Church, united in faith and empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is:*

*To grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus,*

*To love, care for and encourage each other,*

*To help others get to know Jesus through words and actions.*

# Salome, Mother of James and John



The Bible is full of amazing women whose lives were filled with the Holy Spirit and who had a significant influence on their children. Women like Eunice and Lois, the mother and grandmother who blessed Timothy with a solid foundation in God's Word. In fact there can be no better start in life than a life of faith in God generated by the examples of godly parents and grandparents.

The passage that we are going to look at this morning introduces us to a woman called Salome – the mother of James and John. Salome was bold and faithful, a mother who only wanted the best for her children. But her ambition, wrongly directed put her at odds with Jesus (see Matthew 20:20-28). Salome had not yet grasped the true nature of the kingdom that Christ had come to unveil. Jesus knew that the crown of thorns would have to come before the crown of glory. Salome wrongly thought that her sons could bypass the difficult stuff and go straight to the glory. She wanted a share in their master's reward for them but had not considered that they must first share in his suffering. No wonder that Jesus' reply was *'you don't know what you are asking'*.

I wonder how often we make this same mistake. How often do we say things in our prayers without first counting the cost? How often do we ask for things to be granted to us without reflecting on the demands that God might make on us in order for that particular prayer to be answered? It is right that we should ask God to make us better people, but are we prepared to be sanctified by any process that God in His wisdom may call on us to pass through? Are we ready to be purified by affliction, drawn nearer to God through sickness and sorrow? God never promised that following Him would be easy. But He did promise that He would never leave us (Deuteronomy 31:6), that He would keep us from being overwhelmed (Isaiah 42:2) and that He would bring us through the other side with a stronger, more mature and complete faith (James 1:2-4).

*David*

## *Devoted to Scripture*



“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”

**Revelation 12:10-11, NIV**

## *Devoted to Prayer*

**Lord our God**, in praise and thanksgiving we look toward your kingdom and the reign of Jesus Christ in your kingdom. We rejoice that you make Him Lord not only in heaven but also on earth, where He will gain the victory. Men will become good and will love one another and they will find peace when everything is done according to your will. For the time must come when, on earth as in heaven, your will is done everywhere and in everything. Be with us with your Spirit so that we may stand firm as your children until the moment comes for us to exult: Up out of all grief and trouble! Up from evil and death! Up to you, our Father in heaven! Praise to your name today while we are still groaning. Glory to your kingdom. Glory to Jesus Christ our Saviour, whom you have given us. Amen.

## *Devoted to Each Other*

**Pastoral Team:** If anyone has or feels a need for help from the Pastoral Team, please feel free to contact Louise Twilley or via the Church Office at any time.

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There is also a box for prayer requests in the foyer of the village hall. Prayer cards for requests are available with the box.