

Dates for your diary:

- Jelly Beans Toddler Group:** Next meeting: 16th April
Friendship Group Meeting: 2:30pm Wyevale Garden Centre,
Thursday 5th April
Village Market Bread Stall: Next market: 28th April

Pastoral Team: If anyone feels a need for help from the Pastoral Team, please feel free to contact John Watson, Barbara Morgan, Jill Jones, Maureen Watson or Karen Banner or via the Church Office 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 not 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 and place it in the offertory box or contact the church office.

Our Pastor, Rev'd. Dr. David Howling, can be contacted via the church office.

(Please note that David is not available on Mondays)

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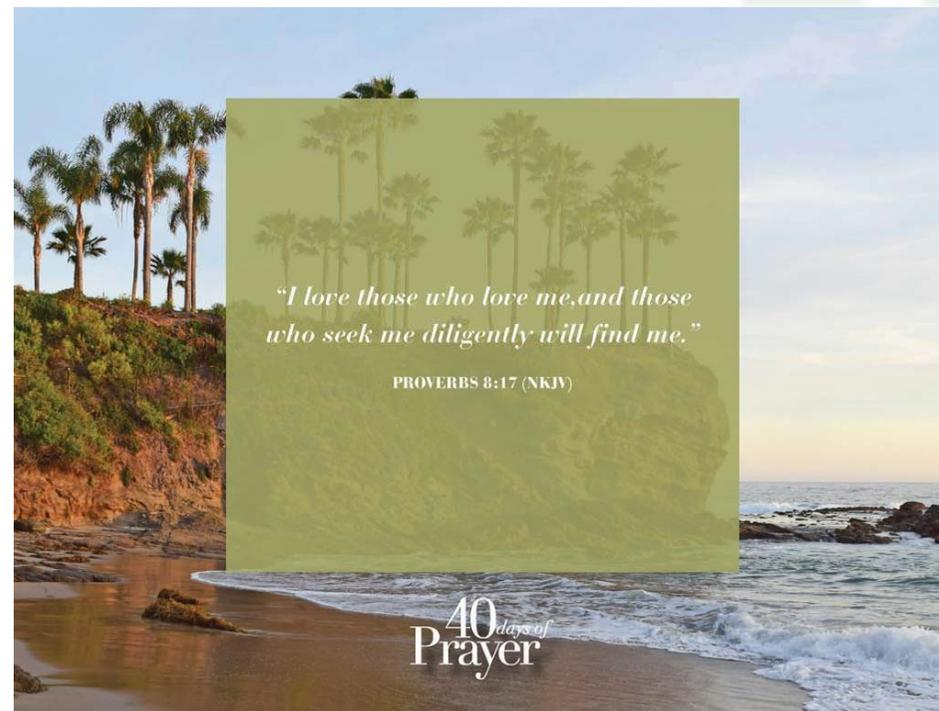
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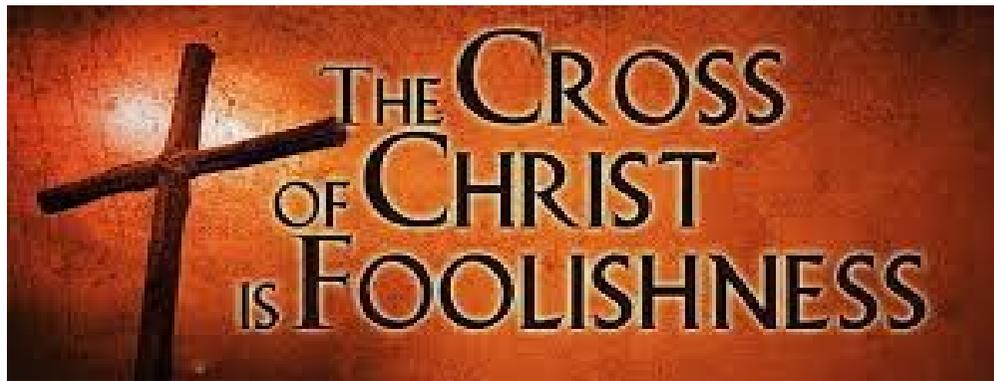
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Welcome!



The apostle Paul wrote; *"The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God."* (1 Corinthians 1:18) To those who don't believe in Jesus, it seems like a foolish thing to believe in Jesus, but once you experience the power of God, you realize that is just what the cross is - the power of God.

Paul reminds us of an essential truth of the gospel: God did not save the world through its own wisdom. Our world is polluted, our family lives are disintegrating, our economy is in tatters and our society is broken. Why? Because men and women have refused to accept the wisdom of God and prefer to listen to the wisdom of the world. The sobering reality about worldly wisdom is that it's totally inadequate when it comes to salvation.

It was not through cleverness or wisdom or intelligence that anyone has come to Christ, including any of us. It is often tempting to think that when the gospel was preached to us, we were intelligent enough to grasp it, smart enough to recognize it for what it was. As tempting as such thoughts may be, however, none of us came to the gospel by intelligence. We came because of God's power working in *"the foolishness of the message preached."*

Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome; *"When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."* (Romans 5:6-8). This is what the world calls "foolishness" but what God has been pleased to call "wisdom." What do you call it?

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



This weeks Home Groups

See your homegroup leaders for details.

Next Sunday, 8th April 10:30am

Family Worship Service

Bringing God's Word: David Howling

Advance Notice

Our 'Church Members Meeting' will be held on Wednesday, 11th April at 7:30pm in the Brooks Room at the Village Hall. Do put this in your diaries.

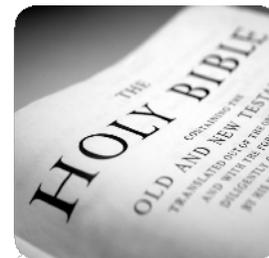
Join us for pre-service prayer 9.45-10.15am, every Sunday, in the Rother Hall.

Link to Hope 2018

It's not quite that time of year yet (but it will come!) when we ask all of you to prayerfully consider filling a shoebox (more than one if you can!) with 'things' ready to be forwarded to less privileged folk in Eastern Europe. This is all done quite painlessly through 'Link' and they will be producing a helpful leaflet in the next few weeks. Link will also be producing a recipe book and are asking for your favourite recipes etc. with photos if possible. Richard will be pleased to answer any questions you may have about 'Link to Hope'.

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for the victory and power in your Name. Thank you that you hold the keys over death and that by your might, Jesus was raised from the grave, paving the way for us to have new life with you. Thank you that you had a plan, that you made a way. Amen.



"He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted."

Isaiah 53: 3~4