

Some other Dates for your Diary:

Village Market - Bread Stall; Saturday 22nd April, 27th May, 24th June, 22nd July
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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Welcome!

Got questions about life



Alpha Sunday 6: How does God Guide Us?

The Apostle Paul says this in Ephesians 2 verse 10; *“You’re God’s masterpiece. He created you anew in Christ Jesus, so that you can do the good things he planned for you long ago.”* In other words, God created you with a purpose in mind. It’s a wonderful truth that God has a purpose for each and every one of us. But how do we know what’s God’s purpose for our lives is? And more importantly, how do we know if we are on the right track?

Well, God guides us in many different ways but there are five ways in particular each beginning with the letters ‘C’&‘S’ The first of these is **Commanding Scripture**: The Bible is God’s guidebook for your life. The psalmist describes God’s Word as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. This is the main way in which God has speaks to us. The second is a **Compelling Spirit**. To be a Christian is to be led by the Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes to live in our hearts, and we begin to hear the voice of Jesus through his Spirit within us. For example, sometimes as we pray or read the Bible the Spirit brings someone to mind and we feel compelled to ring someone, or perhaps drop them an e-mail of visit them. Then there is the **Counsel of the Saints**. God has not left us to fend for ourselves. He has adopted us into his family and brought us into fellowship with one another so that we might be there for each other.

Fourthly there is **Common Sense**. God’s promises of guidance doesn’t save us the trouble of having to think for ourselves. Paul wrote this to Timothy: *‘Reflect on what I’m saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.’* (2 Timothy 2:7). He says, in other words: ‘Use your mind, and as you’re thinking, God will guide you.’ And finally there are what we might call **Circumstantial Signs**. God is sovereign. He rules and reigns in this universe, and he is working out his purposes. Paul says this: *‘We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him and have been called according to his purpose.’* (Romans 8:28)

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



Saturday, 1st April, Men’s Breakfast, 8:00am Rother Hall.

Sunday 2nd April, Alpha Sunday Worship Service, 10:15am, Arun Hall.

Monday 3rd April, Jelly Beans Toddler group, 10:00-11:30am.

Thursday 6th April, Friendship Group, 2:00pm Wyevale Garden Centre.

Sunday 9th April, Family Worship Service with Communion, 10:30am, Arun Hall.

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

Devoted to Prayer

Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them.

Lord, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask.

God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbour: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



“But people who aren’t spiritual can’t receive these truths from God’s Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can’t understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.”

1 Corinthians 2:14