

Coming Up

Jelly Beans: Now on holiday until 29th April with the Summer Term programme, 'People Jesus Helped & People Who Help Us'.

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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Cover image: Image of a 'Black Hole'.



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Week 15

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The first ever picture of a black hole: It's surrounded by a halo of bright gas

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. *Genesis 1:1-2 (NIV)*

Welcome!



The Jews looked forward to their Messiah and the scriptures provided plenty of details by which they could identify Him. So for centuries they watched and waited. Then Jesus arrived; born of a virgin in the line of Abraham, in the line of Judah, in the line of David, born in the town of Bethlehem just as the prophets had foretold. Sure there was none of the pomp and circumstance that they were expecting. He got off to a bit of a slow start; He was born humbly in a feed trough to a very average family and grew up in the less than average town of Nazareth. He sought no office, He sought no position, He sought no education. He made no friends with the elite, He gathered no army and He had absolutely no strategy to set up His rule.

But He had an air of authority that was unmistakable. He had power over disease, demons, death and nature. And even with all the disappointment about what He wasn't doing, there was still the reality that He had this amazing, divine power (see Matthew 11:1-5). And so gradually their hopes that Jesus might be the Messiah grew. Their collective anticipation reached its peak on the day that Jesus entered Jerusalem for the Passover. They threw their cloaks at his feet. They threw palm branches on to the road. They shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David," They hailed him as their King and their Messiah based on his miracles. They must have hoped that if they could just force the issue that He might be all that they wanted Him to be.

If only they had looked more closely at Isaiah 53!

David

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Next Sunday, 21st April 2019

10:30am – Easter Sunday 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 15** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota:**

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

Looking Ahead

We will hold our *Good Friday service* at 10:30am at Pulborough Village Hall on Friday 19th April.

The monthly *Church Prayer Meeting* will be on **Wednesday 24th April** in the Brooks Room at 7:30pm. Please note the change in date from last week's newsletter.

The Great Family Getaway at Dalesdown will be on the weekend of April 27/28th. This is your opportunity to escape to the countryside and enjoy a weekend of fun family activities... Chariot Racing, Family Art Attack, Workshops, Movie and just time to get away and be together!

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, you are El-Shaddai, the one who has kept me safe through the night and You protect me still. As we start a new day, we pray that You do not leave us and continue Your day-to-day mercy and grace in our lives. Father, build us as an unshakeable wall—so that we may resist the dangers that aim to topple us daily. We glorify Your eternal name and we look forward to the day we ascend to Your Kingdom. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.



“Then He said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.”

Luke 9:23~24