

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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He is not here; He has risen, just as He said! Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples, 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you ...' **Matt 28:6~7 (NIV)**

Welcome!



What is remarkable about Isaiah 53 is that it is more than just a prophecy that looks forward 700 years to the death of Jesus. What Isaiah is doing in this passage is looking beyond the cross, beyond our day today, to a time in the future when Israel, as a nation, will turn back to Christ.

One day, says Zechariah (Zechariah 12:10) the Spirit of grace will come upon Israel and when that happens they will look again on the One they've pierced and they will reverse their opinion. Out of their mouths will come the penitent words of Isaiah 53; "We thought" – verse 4 – "his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! But he was pierced for *our* rebellion, crushed for *our* sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed."

Israel's experience will be the same as that of every Christian that has ever lived. They will come to a place that every sinner must come to, to be saved. It's a place in which you understand that you have to change your mind about Christ. It's a place where you recognize the transgressions and iniquities that mark your behaviour and the consequence that has of alienating you from God. And you recognize that there's a problem deep down, profoundly embedded in your humanity. You're a sinner. That's what we have here in this passage. The awakening is stunning. Finally they get it. "Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down... the Lord laid on him the sins of us all."

David



Next Sunday, 28th April 2019

10:30am –Family Worship Service
Bringing God's Word: John Harvey

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

This is **Week 16** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota:**

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

Looking Ahead

The monthly *Church Prayer Meeting* will be on **Wednesday 24th April** in the Brooks Room at 7:30pm.

Also on Wednesday 24th April, Kay Duggan is leading *Parent Talk*, (the primary years) produced by *Care for the Family* for 'Jelly Beans' Mums & carers. Please pray for all concerned.

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, shine your light in us, through us and over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us, may all your plans succeed. May we reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing. Thanks be to you for your indescribable gift! To you be glory and honour, on this Resurrection Day, and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.



"Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

Isa 53: 4-5