

Dates for your diary:

Jelly Beans Toddler Group:
Friendship Group Meeting:
Village Market Bread Stall:

Next meeting: Monday, 30th April, 'Green Up'
2:30pm Wyevale Garden Centre, Thursday 3rd May
Next market: 26th May

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 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.



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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Week 17

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Welcome!



It's really important that we learn how to recognise when God is speaking to us. Because when God speaks to us, He speaks directly to us, about our current situation, about things we need to know or things we need to change. It's also extremely important that we know how to discern when it's God who is talking to us. Last week we looked at 4 tests that we can apply to confirm whether or not a thought, an impression or an idea comes from God. This week we are going to look at 3 more.

The fifth test is this; **Does it Concern my Responsibility?** God often uses our brothers and sisters in Christ to confirm things to us, and sometimes He uses us to confirm things to them. But we need to be very careful that we don't assume that God wants to talk to us about other people. Satan loves to discredit the Lord's work by tempting Christians to assume God's role. So if it's not your responsibility, it's better to keep your thoughts to yourself.

The sixth test concerns **Conviction verses Condemnation**. Conviction comes from God when He wants to encourage us to do better. Condemnation comes from the enemy who just wants us to be bitter. God convicts us to build us up and to make us step up! The enemy condemns us to make us give up! God does not speak to his children with a voice of condemnation, so anytime you feel that way you know that's not God's voice. God will never attack your values. Of course He will point out your sin because He loves you (Rev. 3:19), but He will never condemn you (Romans 8:1).

And the final test is this; **Do I Sense God's Peace About it?** If you feel pressured, if you feel overwhelmed, if you feel confused about a decision that you're trying to make, that's a sign that you are caught up in yourself and not really focusing on God's voice. God's peace comes to those who truly listen, recognise and obey His voice.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



This weeks Home Groups

See your homegroup leaders for details.

Next Sunday, 6th May 10:30am

Family Worship Service

Bringing God's Word: Andy Morgan
Chichester Baptist Church.

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

Link to Hope

Would you like an evening of fun and food, whilst supporting a great cause for just £10?

Ask Richard about 'Friday Night Live' in Worthing

May 11th, 7:30 to 10pm.

The Big Brekkie

is on Saturday, May 12th 8:30 am to 11:00 in the village hall.

No tickets required, just turn up, eat, enjoy and make a donation.

Come and enjoy a great breakfast and help Christian Aid Week.

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, Father, I am so sorry for the way I complain about my circumstances. Please forgive me for my bad attitude when things don't go my way. I want to see Your hand in every part of every day - good or bad. Help me learn how to face every storm with confidence, knowing that You really are in control even though I don't always hear Your voice or see Your hand at work. In Jesus Name, Amen



"Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them

Hebrews 7 : 25