

## Coming Up

**Jelly Beans:** Will re-start tomorrow, 29<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> May 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/](http://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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Week 17

# Pulborough Brooks BAPTIST CHURCH

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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!



### *Secretary's Scribbles*

I'm sure that we have all enjoyed the children's stories often featuring Cecil the sheep. One that I like particularly focusses on Webster D. Duck, the Preacher duck. The congregation are wildly enthusiastic during the sermon, they want more of the encouraging message, they can't get enough, but having been told that they can *fly*, they leave church and *walk* home. It seems that they've forgotten the message already, are too busy with other things, don't believe it or choose to ignore it. Leave it to others is also possible!

Compare this to the behaviour of the disciples after the resurrection. They'd been despondent at the crucifixion, then absolutely elated when they realised that Jesus had risen from the dead. In Matthew 28 v19ff, Jesus told them to "Go and make disciples of all nations". Suppose they'd ignored the command, were too busy so left it to others or just forgot! What do you think would have been the consequence? Well, I suggest that you wouldn't be reading this now. You're reading this because at some point in your life someone told you about Jesus and they told you because someone had told them and so on all the way back to the disciples. 2 Tim 2 v2 looks at this in the context of teaching faithful men who will in turn teach others. But if the disciples hadn't obeyed the Lord's command in the first place then the chain is broken almost before it's begun. It's said that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. It doesn't matter whereabouts in the chain that weak link is, if it breaks then the chain breaks. We all, both corporately and individually, have a responsibility before the Lord to obey His command (it never was a suggestion or just a polite request) '**Go** and make disciples of all nations...'. But you knew that anyway, you didn't forget – did you?

*Peter*



*Next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019*

**10:30am –Family Worship Service**

Bringing God's Word: Frank Hottenbacher

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

This is **Week 17** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota**:

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

### *Looking Ahead*

*A working party* is planned to help Fiona with her garden in the morning of 18th May at 10am. If anyone would like to help just turn up on the day and bring some basic tools, if you have any. Thank you.

On 19<sup>th</sup> May, we will be having another *Fellowship Lunch*, this time a picnic! Do make a note in your diary to be with us.

### *Devoted to Prayer*

Father God, come and breathe new life into us. Renew and revive your Church. Call us, again and again, into Your ways of transforming love and mercy. Reform us until we become more like You, for the sake of the world You came to save. Blow away all within us that is unworthy, enliven all that brings hope and joy and fill us again with courage and boldness to proclaim Your gospel. In Jesus' name, Amen.



"It is written: 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'"

**Rom 14:11**