

Some other Dates for your Diary:

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

Jelly Beans Toddler Group, Meets from 10:00am on Monday mornings (term time) in the Arun hall. The next session will be on Monday 8th May.

Friendship Group, - Meet up for a cup of tea and a chat from 2:00pm-3:30pm on Thursday afternoons at the RSPB café Wigenholt.

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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I can do
all things
through Christ
who
strengthens
me.
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Welcome!



Faith is never something just to be talked about. It is something that must be demonstrated in the way we live. It has been said that 'if you don't live it, you don't believe it.' And there is a clear biblical basis for that statement. James said, "I will show you my faith by my good deeds." (James 2:18). The story in Mark 2:1-12 demonstrates this principle. Mark tells us in verse 5 that; "Jesus saw their faith". Most people would say, "You can't 'see' faith. Faith isn't in the physical, visible realm." But it is. And Jesus saw the faith of these four men. What was it that he saw?

To begin with, Jesus saw four people with faith enough to care. They weren't in need of a special blessing from the Lord, but they had a friend who was, and they went to a lot of trouble to get him that blessing. Caring about people only has meaning when we are doing something. We need to have the same kind of faith. We need to be a people who care about one another, and who care about the physical and spiritual needs of the world around us.

Secondly, Jesus saw in them a faith that wouldn't quit. They had a faith that refused to die in the face of obstacles. You see, our failures generally lie not so much in the obstacles and problems that we face but all too often in our lack of faith. The Lord's work has not always been accomplished by talented people or intelligent people or strong people. But it has always been done by people who believed in the power of God, who did what they could, relying on God to supply the rest.

And thirdly, Jesus saw people who wanted to share Christ. The four men in this story were men in good health. They didn't need a special blessing from the Lord, but they brought someone who did. And that should be our goal as Christians. Indeed, what greater compliment could be given than to say, "they brought people to Christ"!

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



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

Thursday 4th May, the friendship group will be meeting at the RSPB Café, 2:00pm – 3:30pm.

Sunday 7th May, 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

Heavenly Father,

I pray for _____, that you may grant him/her a spirit of wisdom and revelation and insight into mysteries and secrets—in the deep and intimate knowledge of you, having the eyes of his/her heart flooded with light so that he/she can know and understand the hope to which you have called him/her, and to know how rich your glorious inheritance is in the saints.

I pray that _____ walks, lives and conducts himself/herself in a manner worthy of you, fully pleasing to you and desiring to please you in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing and increasing in the knowledge of you. I pray that he/she may be invigorated and strengthened with all power by your Spirit to exercise every kind of endurance and patience, perseverance and forbearance with joy.

I believe the good work you began in _____ will continue, right up to the time of Jesus' return, perfecting it and bringing it to its full completion in him/her, in Jesus' Name.

Amen.



*"See, God has come to save me.
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
The Lord God is my strength and my song;
he has given me victory."*

Isaiah 12:2