

## Some other Dates for your Diary:

**Village Market** - Bread Stall; Saturdays 27<sup>th</sup> May, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Wiggonholt.

**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/](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 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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7<sup>th</sup> May 2017

# Pulborough Brooks BAPTIST CHURCH



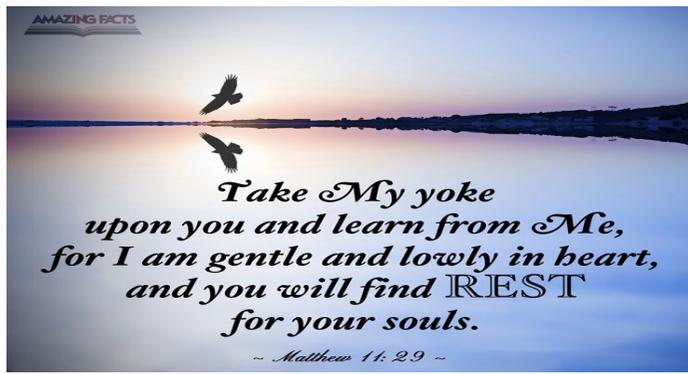
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BE STILL,  
AND KNOW THAT  
I AM GOD.

~ Psalm 46:10 ~

# Welcome!



### A Deacons Diary.

Phew, almost there, we have made it through the week, Saturday morning beckons and a tempting cup of coffee is a welcome distraction. The week has been varied, not too much travel but plenty of meetings with clients, customers, colleagues, not to mention church members and precious time with the family.

We prepare differently for all these meetings, whether it's good news we are celebrating or a problem to be solved and a positive resolution to be found. This week I would like us to consider what we can learn from how Jesus engaged with three people we meet in the Gospel of John: Nicodemus from the Jewish council, the lame man at the pool of Bethesda and finally the Samaritan woman at the well.

In each of these narratives the story has some slight differences and some common themes which we will hopefully learn from and put into practice. Jesus made himself available to people in need. His objective was simple, to explain that people need a relationship with God and that he is the Messiah. His methods varied from intellectual argument to simple questions and statements but in each case there was openness, honesty and compassion not to mention a few direct challenges for good measure.

Any encounter can make a lasting impression; our challenge is to make it a positive one!

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Phil 4 v 13  
Yours in Christ

*John*

## Devoted to Meeting Together



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**, Family Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 am, Arun Hall.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**, the Friendship Group will meet at the RSPB café, 2:00 pm ~3:30 pm.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**, Alpha 7, light breakfast served from 10:15 am, Arun Hall.

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

### Petworth Area Churches Together - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

#### 'HOPE IN A CHANGING WORLD'

Dr RUTH VALERIO

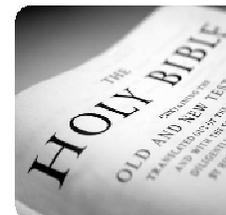
The Spring Lecture will be held in St Mary's, Petworth GU28 0AD at 7.30pm.

Ruth has a senior position with Tearfund as Global Advocacy and Influencing Director. Previously with A Rocha UK, she held the post of Churches and Theology Director .

Her Christian faith and spirituality are central to her life, and from this bedrock comes a deep desire to work for social justice, equality and ecological flourishing.

This should be a fascinating talk and will be followed by wine and nibbles. No booking required; free entry.

Further details from [Geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com](mailto:Geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com) or 01798 342151.



*"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