

Coming Up

Jelly Beans: 13th May at 10:00am – ‘Thank you for Doctors’

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 25th May at 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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Welcome!



I think it's fair to say that the whole of Christianity is built on the resurrection. If there is no resurrection, there is no salvation, no forgiveness, no heaven and no hope. You cannot pull the resurrection out of the structure of Christianity without it collapsing completely. If there is no resurrection, there is no Christianity so the resurrection matters!

It matters because if Jesus did not rise, then God lied, and all those who represented him lied, and there is no sense in believing a lie - our faith is worthless and we are to be pitied more than anyone (see 1 Corinthians 15). The resurrection matters, not just from a purely theological standpoint, but from personal perspectives too.

It mattered to the women who went to the tomb early in the morning to wash the body of their Lord. It mattered to them because Jesus was not just another face in the crowd, He was their beloved friend. It mattered to the chief priests because of the lengths that they had gone too to get rid of Jesus. It mattered to Thomas, because he could not bring himself to believe it unless he had seen the risen Jesus for himself. It mattered to him because the risen Christ brought certainty where there was doubt (John 20:24-29).

It mattered to the disciples whom Jesus walked alongside on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32) because it brought them new insight and understanding. And it mattered to the rest of the disciples because the Risen Christ empowered them with the Holy Spirit and sent them out to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19).

The resurrection matters to us too because everything that we hope for hinges on it.

David



Next Sunday, 19th May 2019

10:30am –Family Worship Service
Bringing God's Word: Rev Dr David Howling
Followed by Church Picnic

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

This is **Week 19** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota:**
See <http://pbbaptist.co.uk/index.php?menu=downloads>

Looking Ahead

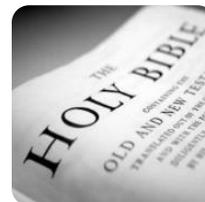
A working Party is planned to help Fiona with her garden in the morning of the 18th May at 10am. If anyone would like to help, just turn up on the day and bring some gardening tools if you have any.

On 19th May, we will be having another **Fellowship Lunch**, this time a picnic! Do make a note in your diary to join us and don't forget your sandwiches!

Tickets for the Big Church Day Out can be purchased online at the cheapest group rate by going to <http://bcdo.group/2019/the-hub>

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, may we never forget that we are yours and that your love never changes, regardless of time. This is the day you have made and in every moment we will rejoice for you have taken our sin and shame and made us your children! In Jesus' name, Amen.



"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)