

Dates for your diary:

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

Next meeting: Monday, 21st May, 'Two Big Lights'.
2:30pm Wyevale Garden Centre, Thursday, 24th 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 20

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Welcome!



Everywhere Jesus went and everything he did amazed those who witnessed it, but there are only two occasions in scripture where we are told that Jesus was himself amazed. Jesus was so amazed at the faith of a Roman officer that he declared that he hadn't seen faith like it in the whole of Israel (see Luke 7:9). Jesus was also amazed at the faith of the people from his hometown, or rather their lack of it – what amazed Jesus was their unbelief (Mark 6:6).

We rightly think of faith as being powerful. After all Jesus said; 'if you have faith that's even the size of a mustard seed it will move mountains' (Matthew 17:20). But unbelief is also powerful. In the garden of Eden it was unbelief that led to the fall of humanity. In the days of Noah, it was unbelief that brought the flood down upon the earth. It was unbelief that caused Moses and a whole generation of Israelites to miss out on entering the Promised Land. And unbelief has set many on the path to a lost eternity.

Unbelief obscures the obvious, elevates the irrelevant and will go anywhere except towards the truth. It was G. K Chesterton who once said "*When men choose not to believe in God, they do not thereafter believe in nothing, they then become capable of believing in anything.*" Unbelief assaults the messenger (Matthew 7:6) and rejects Gods blessing (Mark 6:5). Faith has the potential to move mountains, but unbelief robs it of its power.

Fortunately there is an antidote to unbelief. Romans 10:17 reminds us that '*faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God*'. Unbelief is banished by meditating on God's word and asking for the help of his Spirit. When belief and unbelief collide, we need to turn to the one our belief comes from, the source and object of our faith. Nothing drives away unbelief more surely than a daily walk with Jesus our Saviour.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



This weeks Home Groups

See your homegroup leaders for details.

Next Sunday, 27th May 10:30am

Family Worship Service

Bringing God's Word: David Howling

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

On This Week:

Pulborough Churches Together presents Pentecost 'Songs of Praise' at St. Mary's, Pulborough, TODAY at 4:00pm.

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'Big Church Day Out' at Wiston is on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be ordered until May 21<sup>st</sup> (Monday) using this link:-

<https://bigchurchdayout.com/south/join-us/group-plus/805/chanctonburybcdo>

A weekend ticket for 4~16 y.o. is just £22 and for adults is £28.

### *Advance Notice:*

May 30<sup>th</sup> – Church Prayer Meeting at 7:30pm.

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## *Devoted to Prayer*

Father God, Thank You for Your unfailing love for me, Your blessings and goodness. Thank You for Your faithfulness to guide me and see me through times of uncertainty, for lifting me up, and setting me on high. Thank You for Scripture that comforts and reminds me of Your promises, plan and provision. Thank you for taking away my fears and worries, the what-ifs, and reminding me that my help comes from You.

In Jesus Name, Amen.



"The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

**Zephaniah 3:17**