

Some other dates for your diary:

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

Jelly Beans Toddler Group - Meets from 10:00 am on Monday mornings (term time) in the Arun hall. The next session will be on Monday 22nd 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/



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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Welcome!



What is worship about?

Every Sunday we get together for what we call 'Morning Worship'. With a word like '*worship*' possibly in the 'jargon' category, perhaps we need to think what the word really means.

The word *worship* appears formally in the legal system – Your *Worship* – and in the Anglican marriage service – with my body I thee *worship*. However, it can also be used informally to represent an obsession or passion; 'Dad *worships* Manchester United' or 'Mike just *worships* that girl'. So it's often used to indicate a strong feeling about someone or something.

As Christians we often link worship to places; we come to a building to worship, and many events in the building are described as 'worship'. In recent times, we've increasingly linked worship to music; we may have a time of 'corporate worship'. We may even choose our church (place of worship!) on the way that worship is led – too modern, too old fashioned or maybe just right. We often go where it feels right and we enjoy it.

When speaking to the woman at the well in John 4, Jesus says that there is traditional worship and true worship. He says that traditionally certain locations may have been places of worship, but that soon the place won't matter – in fact he declares boldly that true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Suddenly worship is not about places or activity, it's part of an ongoing relationship with a heavenly Father. He also says that Father wants true worshippers – surely for a reason greater than just God's self edification?

I have often heard people say after a morning service 'Did you enjoy the worship?' when maybe worship should be something greater than just enjoyment. Perhaps we need ask Father if He enjoyed true worship this morning! As we shift our focus from *how* we worship to *who* we worship, maybe we'll find worship serves a greater purpose than we thought....

Simon

Devoted to Meeting Together



Sunday 21st May, Family Worship Service ,
10:30am, Arun Hall.

Wednesday 24th May, Prayer Meeting in the Brooks
Room, Village Hall 7:30 pm

Thursday 25th May, the Friendship Group will be meeting
at the RSPB Café, Wiggonholt. 2:00pm – 3:30pm.

Sunday 28th May, Family Worship Service,
10:30am, Arun Hall.

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

Devoted to Prayer

Loving God, we ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit to help us pray as we ought.

We ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice and oppression: for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty.

We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain; for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement.

We ask for the peace and joy of your Spirit for those living in the shadow of war and violence; for those eaten up by guilt and anxiety.

We ask for the guidance and strength of your Spirit for those uncertain how to use their time, talents and gifts; for those tempted to do what is wrong.

We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit for those reaching out to comfort the distressed; for those reaching out to others with the Good News of Christ.

Loving God, we ask for the assurance of your Spirit to know your presence with us in our daily lives: in our relationships; in our work and service; in our worship; in our times of joy and pain. In Jesus' name: Amen

(Posted on the Church of Scotland's 'Starters for Sunday' site)



All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 2 v.16~17 NIV