## Coming Up

Jelly Beans: 27<sup>th</sup> May – Half term, no meeting.

**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 22<sup>th</sup> June within 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 www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/pulborough-brooks-baptist-church/ through :-



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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Shortly before His death, Jesus announced to His disciples that He was going away and where He was going they would not be able to follow (John 13:36). When they heard this they were devastated. To allay their fears and to give them some consolation, Jesus said that it was for their benefit that He departed so that He could send the Holy Spirit to them (John 16;7). The point of Jesus sending the Holy Spirit was not to console them and make them feel better. Rather the promise of the Spirit was for power and for strength so that they might take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

A proper understanding of the activity of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament is foundational to our understanding of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. When it comes to the Old Testament there is no-one who was more filled with the Holy Spirit than Moses. So much so that at one point God proposed to take some of the Spirit off Moses and put it onto the rest of Israel's leaders – all 70 of them! (See Numbers 11:16-29).

When this happened, Moses wished that God would pour out his Spirit on every member of the house of God and that all God's people could be prophets. But of course, at this point in history, for Moses this was only a hope, this was only a prayer, a sign, a wish for the future. One day the wish that was expressed by Moses became a specific prophecy by the prophet Joel (Joel 2:28-29). 'There is a time coming', said Joel, 'when God is going to pour out His Spirit permanently' and it was not just going to be particular people for specific activities, it's going to be for everybody. That is exactly what happened at Pentecost and why it is so important to us today.





# Next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

**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.

This is **Week 21** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota**: See http://pbbaptist.co.uk/index.php?menu=downloads

## Looking Ahead

St Mary's School have their Annual Summer Fayre from 12 noon on Saturday, 8th June.

We have a Church Members Meeting at 7:30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> June in the Brooks Room in the Village Hall. Do mark this in your diaries to attend.

Even further ahead, Saturday  $15^{th}$  June is the Pulborough Duck Race – more details when we have them.

### Devoted to Prayer

Father God, thank you for the power of your Word and your presence in our lives. We praise you that nothing is impossible with you, that You are loving and gracious, full of mercy and might. We trust in you alone, to rise up strong on our behalf. Thank you that you are our defender and strong tower, our refuge and our strength. Thank you that you fight for us today and in our weakness, you make us strong. In Jesus' name, Amen



"He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.""

Acts 1 v7-8