

Dates for your diary:

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| Jelly Beans Toddler Group: | Next meeting: Monday, 4 th June, 'Feathered Friends'. |
| Friendship Group Meeting: | 2:30pm Wyevale Garden Centre, Thursday, 7 th June. |
| Village Market Bread Stall: | Next market: 23 th June. |

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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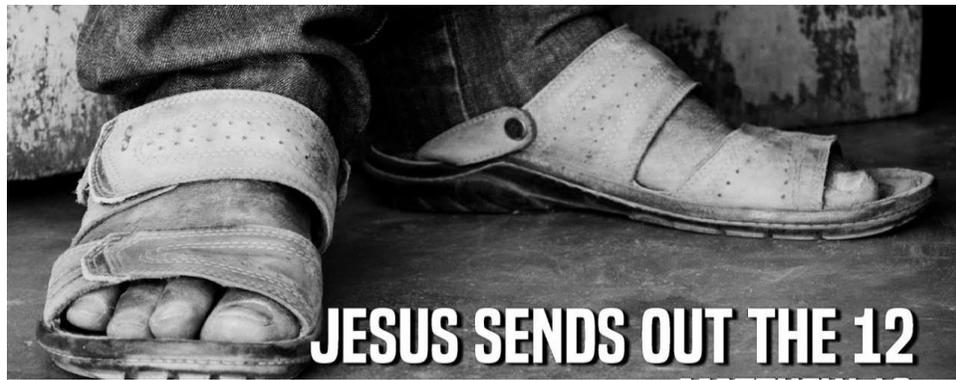
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Welcome!



JESUS SENDS OUT THE 12

John the Baptist, who was six months older than his cousin Jesus, was not just another prophet in the OT tradition. He was the greatest of all the prophets. When Jesus spoke about him he said; *“I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist.”* (Matthew 11:11a). John was a humble servant of God who certainly did not see himself as “great”—he did not see himself as worthy enough to baptize Jesus or even to carry his sandals. However, he was filled with the Spirit of God from the moment that he was conceived and was a fearless - some might say, confrontational - preacher (see Matthew 3:7-8). In fact it was his confrontational style of preaching that got him locked up.

Why Mark interrupts his narrative on the sending out of the 12 to bring us up to date with what happened to John is an interesting question. Perhaps Mark wanted to warn his readers about the weight of a guilty conscience or the destructive power of pride or the importance of being doers of the word and not just hearers – all good lessons to learn. But I suspect that Mark’s purpose is to portray the death of John as a foreshadowing of the death of Jesus.

Like Jesus, John is executed by the civil power. Like Pilate, Herod hesitates to harm his prisoner but finally does so for fear of the consequences if he does not. Like the chief priests who demand and engineer Jesus’ death, Herodias finally gets her will with John. Like Joseph of Arimathea, the followers of John bury their leader. Mark has placed this story here in the midst of the account of the disciples mission, because he wants his readers to remember that the ministry of Jesus and his disciples has to be seen in connection with Jesus’ execution. Just as John’s life and ministry pointed to the life and ministry of Jesus, so his death pointed to the ultimate price that Jesus himself would pay in order to ransom humanity from the power of sin and death.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



This weeks Home Groups

See your homegroup leaders for details.

Next Sunday, 10th June 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.

Next Week:

Next Sunday, 10th June from 1pm to 4pm, St. Mary’s School will hold their annual fayre and PBBC expects to share a stall with our friends from ‘Splash’.

Advance Notice:

Our AGM will be held at 7:30pm in the Brooks Room at Pulborough Village Hall on Wednesday 13th. Do mark this important meeting in your diaries NOW.



Christian Vision for Men will hold “The Gathering” in a field near Swindon June 22nd ~ 24th.

It’ll be out of this world!



Don’t miss the church picnic / BBQ with fun, games and food Saturday, 30th June from 10am at Dalesdown.

Devoted to Prayer

“Father God, help me - to find faith in the midst of the chaos. Give me the desire and ability to see You, hear You, talk to You and give thanks to You. And as I do, I pray that I will draw nearer and nearer to You and that my faith will multiply exponentially as I understand in new and deeper ways. Amen.”



“But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD’s love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children’s children — with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.”

Psalm 103:17~18