

## Some other dates for your diary:

**Village Market** - Bread Stall: Saturdays; 24<sup>th</sup> June; 22<sup>nd</sup> July; 23<sup>rd</sup> September.  
Note: No market in August.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**Friendship Group** - Meet up for a cup of tea and a chat from 2:00pm~3:30pm on Thursday afternoons at the **Wyevale Garden Centre, Pulborough**.  
**Note:** The RSPB café will be closed June 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 9<sup>th</sup>.

**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/](http://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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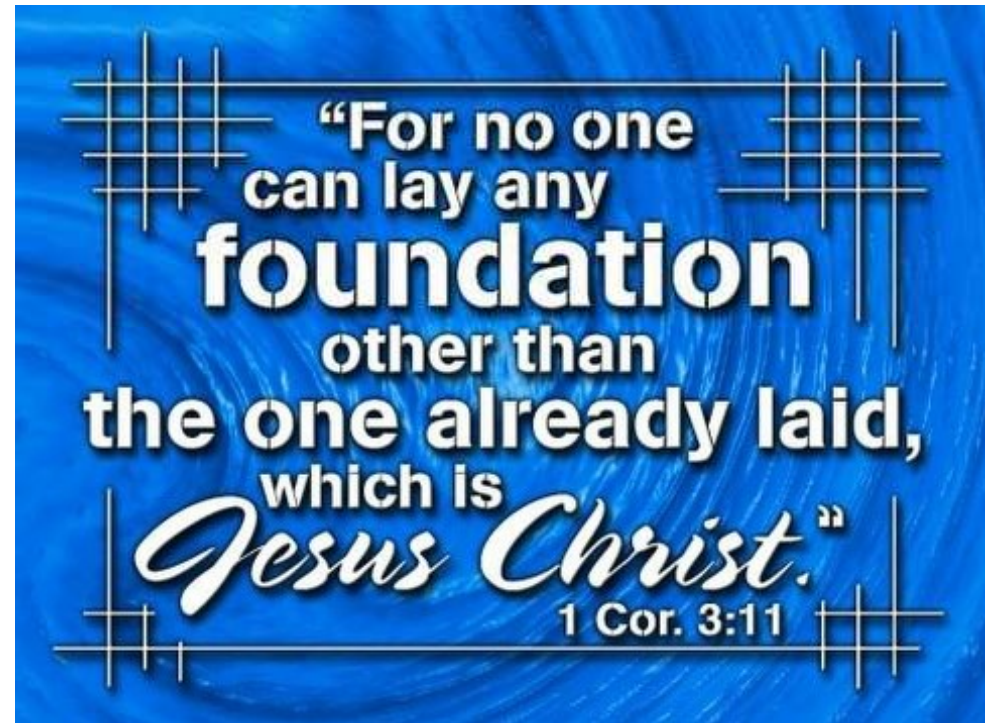
**Church Website:** [pbbaptist.co.uk](http://pbbaptist.co.uk)

4<sup>th</sup> June 2017

# Pulborough Brooks

# BAPTIST CHURCH

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# Welcome!

## *Devoted to Meeting Together*



### **A Secretary's Story – Part 2**

In the newsletter of May 14th, I asked the rhetorical question of why some Christians skip over sections of the Bible. Today I ask “Do you believe what you read?” ‘Yes, of course!’ is the reply, but ...really? We’d all agree when Jesus said that He is ‘THE way, THE truth & THE life, NO ONE comes to the Father but by ME’. Jesus says he is the ONLY way to the Father in heaven, not just one of many ways or even one of a few. His way is the only way. Now that may sound rather ‘exclusive’ and not politically correct nowadays, and that is His claim. But the Good News is that His way is open to all, it just needs to be accepted.

Yet many Christians still fillet the Bible because some parts seem ‘uncomfortable’. They may claim that certain passages were written ‘just for that time’ or were cultural, not intended for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. But the Bible is not a bag of ‘pick & mix’ sweets. We can’t select only the parts we like and leave aside, ignore or disbelieve others. And any medicine is much less effective if diluted because we don’t like the taste!

Of course, we recognise that some parts of the Bible are poetical and not literal or historical and that can complicate matters but God is God for ALL time, for ALL cultures and the Bible makes it abundantly clear that nothing is to added or taken away (Deut 4:2, Rev 22:18, etc.).

So to return to my analogy with crime fiction, if you don’t like a particular section so don’t read it, it can so easily lead to a misunderstanding of the whole novel. So it is with the Bible, but the consequences will be much more serious.

*Peter*



**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**, Family Worship Service  
A light breakfast will be available from ~10:15 onwards  
~10:30am, Arun Hall.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June**, the Friendship Group will be meeting  
at the Wyevale Garden Centre, Pulborough 2:00pm –  
3:30pm.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June**, 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*

It probably won’t have escaped your attention that there is a general election coming very soon!

- We can and must pray for the election of MPs and ministers who know God and who seek to do His will.
- We can pray for the repeal of laws that have been passed and yet are against God’s Word.
- We can pray for leaders in all the nations of the World of every tribe & tongue – for those who don’t know God or who worship false gods. After all, Jesus came to save all mankind, not just ‘a few’, not just ‘some’, not even ‘most’ but ‘ALL’.
- We can pray that the election will be free from external interference from those who may seek to affect the outcome for their own purposes.
- In any event – PRAY.



“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Matthew 6 v9-13 and others*