

Dates for your diary:

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

Next meeting: Monday, 11th June, 'Super Dads'.
2:30pm Wyevale Garden Centre, Thursday, 14th June.
Next market: 23th 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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Week 23

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Welcome!



Of all the miracles that are recorded for us by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, only one is recorded by all four gospel writers – the Feeding of the Five Thousand. In John 6:14-15 we are told that this miracle was so significant that those who witnessed it forcibly tried to install Jesus as their king. This miracle was such a powerful demonstration of Jesus' authority that Jesus himself said; 'if the inhabitants of Tyre and Sidon had witnessed it, they would have turned to God in repentance and been saved' (Luke 10:13).

Whilst each of the gospel writers tell us that there were five thousand men present, conservative estimates put the size of the crowd at between 15 and 25 thousand men, women and children. Whichever way you look at it, it was a huge crowd. To produce the sheer tonnage of food to feed that many people was a massive demonstration of Jesus' power and the most exceptional testimony to common grace in the whole of the gospel record.

The big picture here is the idea of God the provider. 'Jehovah Jireh' being the OT name for the God who provides. We see in Christ 'Jehovah Jireh' in both his desire to provide and his ability to provide. John MacArthur makes the point that not only is the creation of the amount of food staggering, but the precision with which it is created is also staggering. Jesus knew exactly how much food to create so that everybody had exactly what they needed to eat and the amount left over was the exact amount needed to fill twelve baskets – one for each disciple. This is our Lord who orders the whole universe with perfect precision. The apostle Paul once wrote '*may God meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus*' (Philippians 4:19). There can be no better demonstration of those riches than the day that Jesus fed so many people.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



This week's Home Groups

See your homegroup leaders for details.

Next Sunday, 17th June 10:30am

Family Worship Service

Bringing God's Word: Frank Hottenbacher

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

This Week:

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.

Also, don't forget that it's Father's Day next Sunday, 17th.

Advance Notice:

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 10:30am at Dalesdown.

Devoted to Prayer

"Father God, As I face a new day, let me take your hope rising with the dawn.
As I face a new day, let me feel your love through the birdsong.
As I face a new day, let me see your promises glittering through my day.
Lord, as I face a new day I turn my face to yours.
That I may taste, feel and see you today. Amen."



"...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Ephesians 3:17-19