

Coming Up

Jelly Beans: 10th June – “Thank you for – Policewomen”

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 22th 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 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.

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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Week 23

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... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.. **Acts 2:4**

Welcome!



We might ask ourselves the question as to what extent the experience of Pentecost should be our own experience. Should this kind of thing be happening in the church today? Indeed since the 1960's some sections of the church have seemingly become obsessed with rediscovering and recreating the extraordinary scene of Acts 2. But such an expectation completely misses the whole point of Pentecost.

You see for a first-century Jew, the day of Pentecost was already established as a significant religious festival. In Greek the word '*pentekostos*' means "fiftieth" and was the fiftieth day after Passover. On one level it was an agricultural festival (Deut. 26:1-11), but it was also the day when they commemorated the giving of the Law. Fifty days after leaving Egypt the Israelites arrived at Mount Sinai, Moses ascended the mountain and came down with the Law (Exodus 19). When we get to the book of Acts, Jesus, who was the ultimate Passover lamb, slain for the redemption of Gods people, ascended into heaven. What came down was not another law carved on tablets of stone, but the Holy Spirit who writes God's Law on human hearts, just as prophesied by Jeremiah (Jeremiah 31:31).

For 1st century Jews, Pentecost was already a reminder of how they were to live as God's people under the Law of Moses. In Acts 2 Pentecost becomes firmly established as the New Covenant between God and His people. A covenant in which we are to live by the Spirit and not under the Law. It's not about establishing a pattern for the way that we are to experience the Holy Spirit. It's about establishing the significance of the role of the Holy Spirit in the New Covenant that Christ bought by his death on the cross.

David



Next Sunday, 16th 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 23** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota:**

See <http://pbbaptist.co.uk/index.php?menu=downloads>

Looking Ahead

We have a **Church Members Meeting** at 7:30pm this coming Wednesday, 12th June in the Brooks Room in the Village Hall. Do try to join us!

Next Saturday, 15th June, is the **Pulborough Duck Race**. We're joining with Pulborough Churches Together to host a stall but we need some help between 4pm & 5pm. Volunteers please contact David or Peter.

Jelly Beans update: From sowing seeds to tender green shoots, please pray that by God's grace we will cultivate relationships worthy of His blessing. "Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!" **Luke 8 v8** Thank you, Betty.

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, may your Spirit work in our weakness until we are aflame with your love and power. Fill the hearts of your faithful with living fire, that we may set the world ablaze; through Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Spirit be honour and praise, now and forever. Amen



"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" **2Tim 3:16-17**