

11th June 2017

Some other dates for your diary:

Village Market - Bread Stall: Saturdays; 24th June; 22nd July; 23rd 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 5th 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**.

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/



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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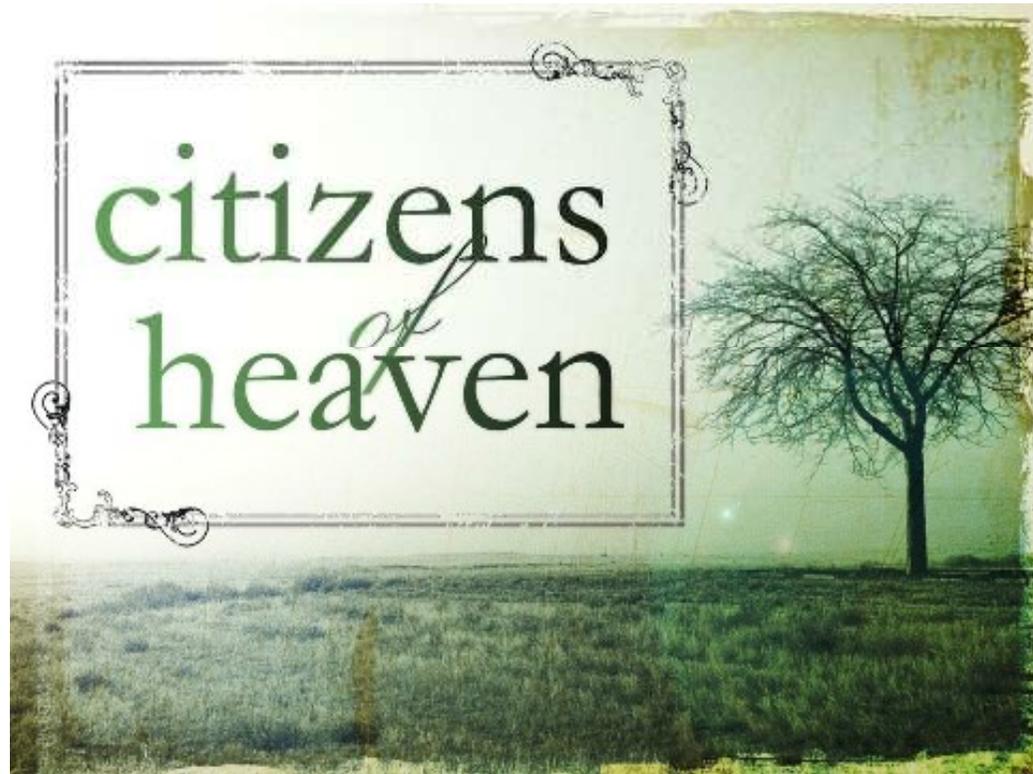
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Welcome!

Devoted to Meeting Together



**GOD IS
FAITHFUL**

When Jesus first came across the disciple that we call Matthew, his name was Levi and he was sitting in a tax collectors booth just a stones throw from Jesus' home. You see, Levi was a tax collector, and Capernaum, being on a busy trade route between east and west, was the perfect place to collect taxes. Levi had purchased a tax franchise, which allowed him to charge taxes on anyone passing by his booth. Provided that he sent a certain amount to Rome but he could charge whatever he wanted and keep the extra as personal profit.

Tax collectors were known to overcharge people, taking bribes from the rich and extorting the poor. It's not surprising that tax collectors were very wealthy men, but their wealth came at a great personal cost. Though Levi was Jewish, he was despised as a traitor because he worked for the hated Romans. Counted alongside murders and thieves, tax collectors were not allowed to give testimony as witnesses because no one trusted them. Levi was an outcast from his community, a disappointment to his family, and excommunicated from his religion. By choosing this particular profession Levi had turned his back on his family, his nation and his God. According to the Rabbis, there was no hope for a loser like Levi. Fortunately for Levi, Jesus didn't see it that way.

When Jesus looks at people, he sees potential. When Jesus looks at you he knows you're a mess but he also knows that you matter to him. He sees what no one else can see. He sees your guilt and shame but he also sees the plans and purposes that he has for you. Others may remind you of your past but Jesus sees your future. When Jesus saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at his tax collector's booth he looked past the sin and saw a servant. That is what Jesus sees when he looks at each one of us.

David



Sunday 11th June, Family Worship Service 10:30am, Arun Hall.

Thursday 15th June, the Friendship Group will again meet at the **Wyevale Garden Centre, Pulborough** 2:00pm – 3:30pm.

Sunday 18th 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 was a general election this past week!

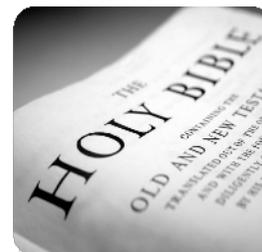
Did you pray concerning who you should vote for? Did you pray for the right overall result? Did you pray enough?

My guess is that not many of you will have predicted what has happened, no party with an overall majority which makes our prayers so much more important.

- Pray for our political leaders at the outset of this new parliament, that they might work for a fairer and more equitable system especially for those who are most vulnerable and disadvantaged.

- Pray that they might recognise Britain's responsibility in an unstable and increasingly perilous world and work to ensure safety and justice for those threatened with religious persecution.

- In any event – PRAY.



"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour."

1 Timothy 2:2-3