

## Dates for your diary:

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

Next meeting: Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 'Wiggle my Tail'.  
Wyevale Garden Centre, Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2:30pm  
Next market: Saturday, 23<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**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/](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 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

*And finally...* 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.

Please note that David is not available until September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the church office or the Pastoral Team or Andy Twilley for pastoral matters.

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Week 24

# Pulborough Brooks BAPTIST CHURCH

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# Welcome!



*Hello to all at Pulborough Brooks Baptist Church. I will be with you a few times over the period of David's sabbatical. To give my talks a direction I have settled on the theme of "Good habits for godly people"!*

I have thought for some time about the issue of spiritual disciplines. (Perhaps some of you have read the very helpful book by Richard Foster: "Celebration of Discipline") On the one hand it can be so helpful to create frameworks for our Christian life, on the other there is the danger that we treat these frameworks in a legalistic way.

But on the plus side good habits can be great help to keep our lives on track. Jesus had habits, did you know? He went to the synagogue, "as was his custom" (Lk 4:16) and whenever he was with a crowd he had made it a habit to teach them. (Mk 10:1)

We will look at various habits over the next weeks. Habit no.1 for this Sunday is "encouragement". Have you ever thought of making it a habit to be encouraging? On visits to Germany I often feel the contrast between the UK and Germany in this area. While I frequently hear encouraging words in the UK, Germany excels more in "optimising the product". A German boss is often quick to find fault and point it out with the expectation of "better next time". As a culture, this leads to great products but it has its downsides also.

I am deeply impressed and inspired by the example of Barnabas, the "son of encouragement" from the book of Acts. His version of encouragement was so generous, so hands on and so nurturing for younger people around him. Somehow he had made encouragement so much part of his life that it had become his habit. It was obviously part of who he was, so that people gave him a new name: Barnabas, son of encouragement. What a great example to take to heart!

*Frank*

## *Devoted to Meeting Together*



### *This week's Home Groups*

See your homegroup leaders for details.

### *Next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 10:30am*

Family Worship Service

Bringing God's Word: Andy Twilley

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

### *This Week:*

"The Life of Christ" is being presented at Wintershall, 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> June

### *Advance Notice:*

Don't miss the church picnic / BBQ packed with fun, games and food

**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June from 10:30am at Dalesdown.**

Tickets aren't necessary but useful to give to friends etc. and are available from Betty, John & Peter. No charge!

## *Devoted to Prayer*

"Father God, may nothing separate me from You today. Teach me how to choose only Your way today so each step will lead me closer to You. Help me walk by the Word and not my feelings. Help me to keep my heart pure and undivided. Protect me from my own careless thoughts, words, and actions. And keep me from being distracted by MY wants, MY desires, MY thoughts on how things should be. Help me to embrace what comes my way as an opportunity... rather than a personal inconvenience. And finally, help me to rest in the truth. In Jesus' name. Amen."



"When he (Saul) came to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took hold of him and brought him to the apostles and described to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how at Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.."

**Acts 9:26-27**