

18th 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 19th June.

Friendship Group - Meet up for a cup of tea and a chat from 2:00pm~3:30pm on Thursday afternoon (22nd) at the **Wyevale Garden Centre, Pulborough**.

Note: The group will take a break during July & August.

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 available on Mondays)

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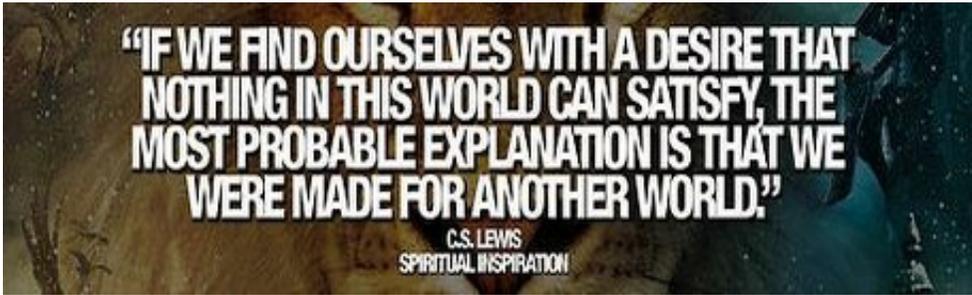
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Welcome!



Why celebrate Fathers Day?

Just in case you hadn't spotted it, today is Father's day. It's a day to celebrate how good our father has been to us and these days we're expected to buy expensive cards and presents. No doubt the local shops and restaurants are hoping we will be generous!!

In reality, things may be very different. There is an assumption that our relationship with our father is a good one, and that we have something to celebrate. That may not be the case for lots of reasons. For some, our father may no longer be alive, or may be away from home and just not around to give treats to. For others, Father's Day is not something to celebrate – there may be a very unhappy relationship for a variety of reasons. And for some people, their father is unknown, having never had a relationship with him for a variety of reasons. Yes, the relationship with our human father is often a fragile and complicated business.

Even Jesus had a complicated relationship with his father. The gospels tell us that Joseph was the legal father of Jesus, not His birth father, and it also appears that Joseph died before Jesus was an adult. The last account we have of Joseph was when Jesus was only 12, so he probably experienced growing up in a single parent family situation. He certainly spent most of his life without an earthly father, and on the cross He asks John to look after His mother Mary because Joseph was long gone. Another Joseph – of Arimathea – performed the fatherly duties in terms of Jesus' burial.

But Jesus was far more focussed on his relationship with His heavenly father. He declares Himself as the Son of God, and when only 12 states that He is about his 'fathers business'. Before miracles occur, He speaks to His Father in prayer, and He frequently goes off on his own to pray and commune with His Father. In the crucial last hours in Gethsemane, He puts His father first saying 'Thy will, not mine'. On Easter Day, He is raised up by His father – He trusted His father with His life!

Our experience of our earthly fathers may be fragile and complicated, but is only a shadow of the relationship we can have with God. Today we'll be thinking about our Heavenly father's goodness to us.

Simon

Devoted to Meeting Together



Sunday 18th June, Family Worship Service 10:30am, Arun Hall.

Thursday 22nd June, the Friendship Group will again meet at the **Wyevale Garden Centre, Pulborough** 2:00pm – 3:30pm.

Sunday 25th June, Family Worship Service, 10:30am, Arun Hall.

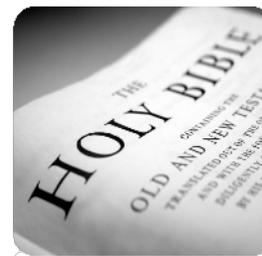
Join us for pre-service prayer 9.45-10.15am, every Sunday, in the Rother Hall lobby

Devoted to Prayer

The country is suffering from the multiple disasters of the last few weeks – particularly terrorism & fires. Whilst we can, and should, uphold in our prayers all those affected by these terrible incidents, we must never forget that God is in control. This is His world and He will not relinquish ultimate control, such is His love for mankind.

Pray for:-

- The victims
- Families
- Friends
- Police
- Fire services
- Ambulance crews & paramedics
- Doctors & nurses
- All those seeking to alleviate the suffering



“Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching”

Hebrews 10: 24~25