

Jelly Beans: Summer break.

Homegroups: check with your homegroup leader for this week's meetings.

Friendship Group: Summer break, we currently plan to restart on 12th September.

There is NO Pulborough Village Market in August so the next **Bread Stall** will be on Saturday 28th September.

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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“Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

Isaiah 1: 18

Welcome!



We are all masterpieces flawed in one way or another and to one degree or another. The image of God in which we were formed has become distorted and corrupted. Holiness concerns the restoration of that image. In his innermost nature, God is holy and to be fully and truly human is to conform to and reflect God's holiness in our lives.

But there's a problem. Holiness is fine for God, but when it comes to ourselves it just doesn't seem to be a very attractive proposition. The most common expression of holiness in everyday use is the phrase, "holier than thou." It's a connotation that is entirely negative; someone who is "holier than thou" is condescending, self-absorbed, moralistic and judgmental. We often think of 'holy' people as being a little bit odd and holiness as the biggest killjoy of all life's pleasures. As St. Augustine once famously prayed, "Lord, grant me holiness, but not yet."

We need to re-examine our assumptions about holiness. We need to re-calibrate our expectations and aim for a better understanding of what it means to be holy. The Bible's direct calls to holiness (Leviticus 11:44; 1 Peter 1:16) are set within the broader context of life with God. It is this life of relationship with God and human flourishing that sets the context for understanding holiness. God's life is abundant, full, loving, purposeful, powerful and compassionate. Scripture shows us example after example of what it means to live with God. Holiness is not about making our lives boring by taking all the fun bits out of it, but helping us to become 'holy' people who model abundant life in Jesus.

David



Next Sunday, 4th August 2019

10:30am –Family Worship

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 30** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota:**

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

Looking Ahead

Now that the summer holiday season is upon us, many events that we normally look forward to are also taking 'seasonal vacations'. So this presents a perfect opportunity to spend extra time in prayer. If you don't know who & what to pray for, pray for ourselves, for local residents, the emergency services, local authority & the new government and for international relations. Just suggestions!

The leaders have their next meeting on **Friday, August 9th** so please pray for them as they seek God's guidance for Pulborough Brooks Baptist Church.

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, thank you for keeping me safe through the night and I pray that today may be a day where I live and move and have my being in you. Lord I pray that the words that come from my mouth, the thoughts that are formed in my heart and the motives behind all my actions, words and thoughts may be pleasing in your sight and honouring to the name of our Lord Jesus. Amen.



"I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands."

Psalm 119:60