

Some other dates for your diary:

Village Market - Bread Stall: Saturdays 23rd September, 28th October.

Note: No market in August.

Jelly Beans Toddler Group – Summer recess! Will re-start in September.

Friendship Group – Will *not* be meeting 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 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/



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 via the church office.

(Please note that David is not available on Mondays)

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30th July 2017

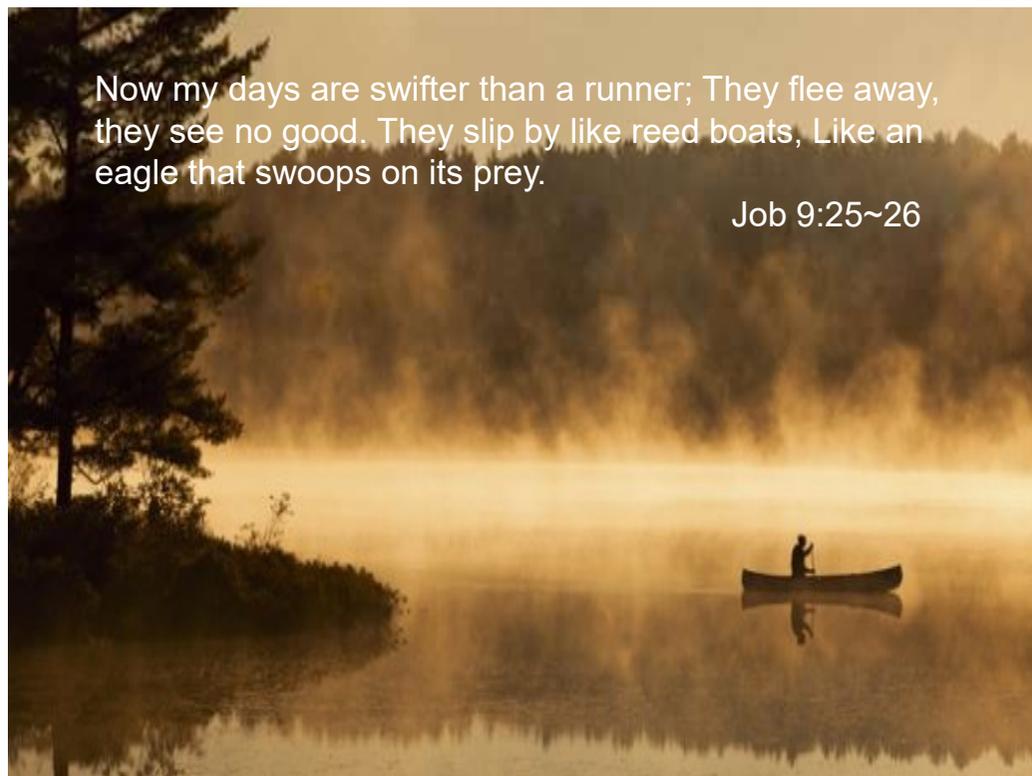
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Now my days are swifter than a runner; They flee away,
they see no good. They slip by like reed boats, Like an
eagle that swoops on its prey.

Job 9:25~26



Welcome!



No one pours
new wine into
old wineskins.

As Jesus went about his ministry he constantly challenged those whose religious practices had gone stale. On one occasion he was confronted with the question of fasting (Mark 2:18). The disciples of John the Baptist and the Pharisees fasted. Jesus' disciples apparently did not and people wanted to know why. So Jesus took the opportunity to explain that he hadn't come to patch up an old religion. He hadn't come to add another regulation; He had come to give us a new covenant, a new communion, and to make us new creations in Him.

'You can't put a new patch of cloth on an old garment' said Jesus, 'you'll just end up making the tear bigger'. Jesus is not into patchwork. He doesn't want to "patch-up" your old lifestyle, he wants to give you a brand new one! Besides, you can't patch sinfulness. You can't just wear some Jesus on your old self, you have to put Him onto a new you! (Galatians 3:26-27)

'Similarly' Jesus explained, 'you don't put new wine into an old wineskin or it will burst and the wine will be wasted.' The traditions that we hold on to can be useful in keeping us focused and pointing in the right direction. They can prevent us from falling into error, but we must never let them make us brittle or inflexible. If we hold on to our traditions too strongly we might fail to see the new things that God wants to do in our lives and miss out on his blessing. A slavish adherence to the way that we have always done things leads to apathy and boredom and sucks the joy out of our walk with Jesus. It leads to lukewarm Christianity – and we know what Jesus thinks about that! (Rev. 3:16)

Fortunately God has put within us a new heart - one made of flesh not stone – into which he can pour his Spirit, stretching our faith, renewing our passion for worship and stirring within us a desire to reach out to the lost. May the wineskins of our hearts always be ready to receive the new wine of the holy Spirit.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



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

Homegroups

Tuesday 1st at Peter & Jill's (Pulborough).
Any changes will be notified by the Homegroup leader.
Others are in recess for the summer!

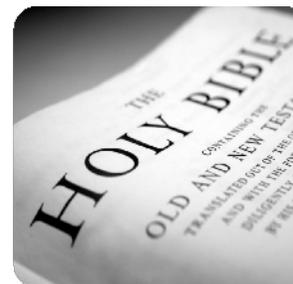
Sunday 7th August,
Family Worship Service, 10:30am, Arun Hall.

The Friendship Group will NOT be meeting in July & August.

*Join us for pre-service prayer 9.45-10.15am, every Sunday, in the Rother Hall lobby.
Please note that our Pastor will be on holiday from 8th – 23rd July.*

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, thank You for Your unfailing love for me, Your blessings, and goodness. Thank You for Your faithfulness to guide me and see me through times of uncertainty, for lifting me up, and setting me on high. Thank You for Scripture that comforts and reminds me of Your promises, plan, and provision. Thank you for taking away my fears and worries, the what-ifs, and reminding me that my help comes from You. Help me be a good steward and to sow wisely. In Jesus Name.
Amen.



"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Hebrews 11:1
