

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 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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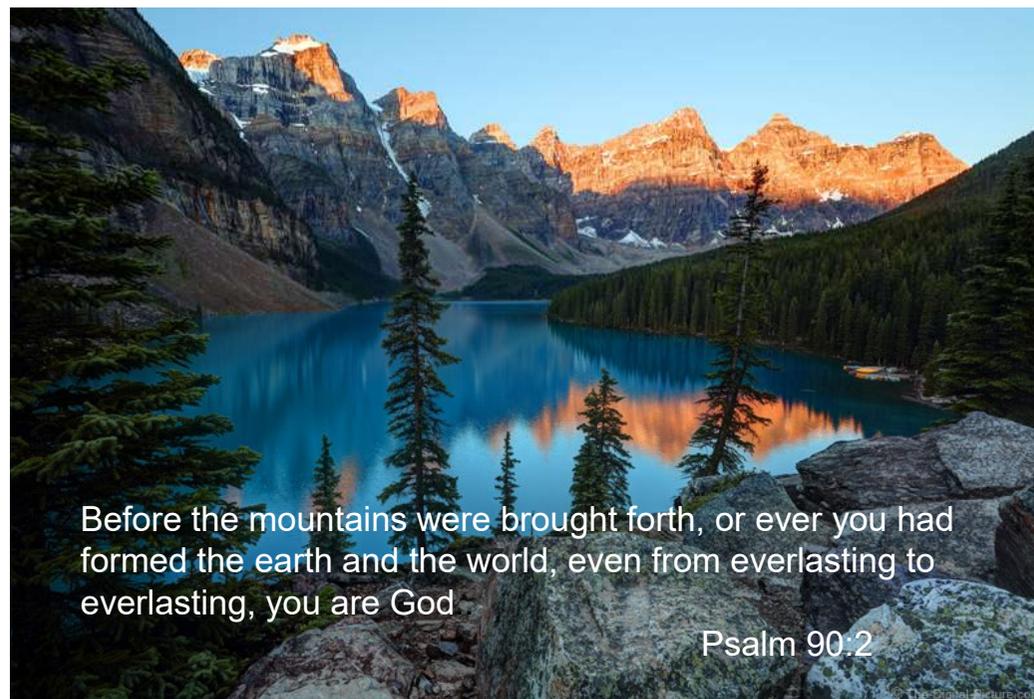
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Welcome!

Got questions about life



Alpha Sunday 8: What does the Holy Spirit do?

In John 3:3–8 Jesus declared; “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born again.” “How can anyone be born in old age?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they can’t enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but Spirit gives birth to spirit. You shouldn’t be surprised by my saying, ‘You must be born again’. The wind blows wherever it pleases.” ‘You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.’”

When you become a Christian, when you encounter Jesus, it’s tempting to think that you’ve done it, that you’ve arrived! But actually, no, you haven’t arrived – it’s just the beginning! Just like when a baby’s born, that’s not the end – that’s the beginning. And so it is when the Spirit of God comes to live in a man or woman, that’s the beginning. It’s the beginning of a new life. So what happens? What does the Holy Spirit do?

Well to begin with, the Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. I find this absolutely amazing. That God should adopt us as sons and daughters into his own family. The highest status that you can have in life is to be a son or a daughter of God. Not only that but we get to call God ‘abba – daddy’, as a sign of the closeness and intimacy of our relationship with Him.

And there is so much more that the Holy Spirit does for us. The Spirit doesn’t just bring us into the relationship of being a son or a daughter of God; he helps us to develop it, to grow in it, to grow closer to our Father in heaven. He helps us to pray, helps us to understand the Bible and opens our eyes to see God more clearly and he transforms us ‘with ever-increasing glory into the likeness of Jesus’. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



Sunday 6th August,

Alpha 8 - Family Worship Service with a light breakfast from ~10:15am, Arun Hall.

Homegroups

Tuesday 8th at Peter & Jill’s (Pulborough). Any changes will be notified by the Homegroup leader. Other groups are in recess for the summer!

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

Sunday 13th August,

Family Worship Service with Communion 10:30am, Arun Hall.

Men: Do join us for a gentle evening walk leaving at 7:30 pm from the car park of the White Horse Pub, Mare Hill Road, RH20 2DY on **Monday, August 14th**. Return to the White Horse ~9 pm where refreshments can be purchased.

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

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, sometimes life is hard and gets me down and I find it difficult to see things to be thankful for. Open my eyes to see the gifts that you’ve given me in my life. I’m going to start by thanking you for loving me so much that you came to earth to die for me so we can live together forever.

Amen.



““But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.””

1 Samuel 16:7