

**Jelly Beans:** Currently on Summer break, but will be back on Monday 9th September with a new & exciting programme entitled 'Tell Me a Story'.

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

**Friendship Group:** Summer break, we currently plan to restart on 12<sup>th</sup> September.

There is NO Pulborough Village Market in August so the next **Bread Stall** will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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/](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.

### *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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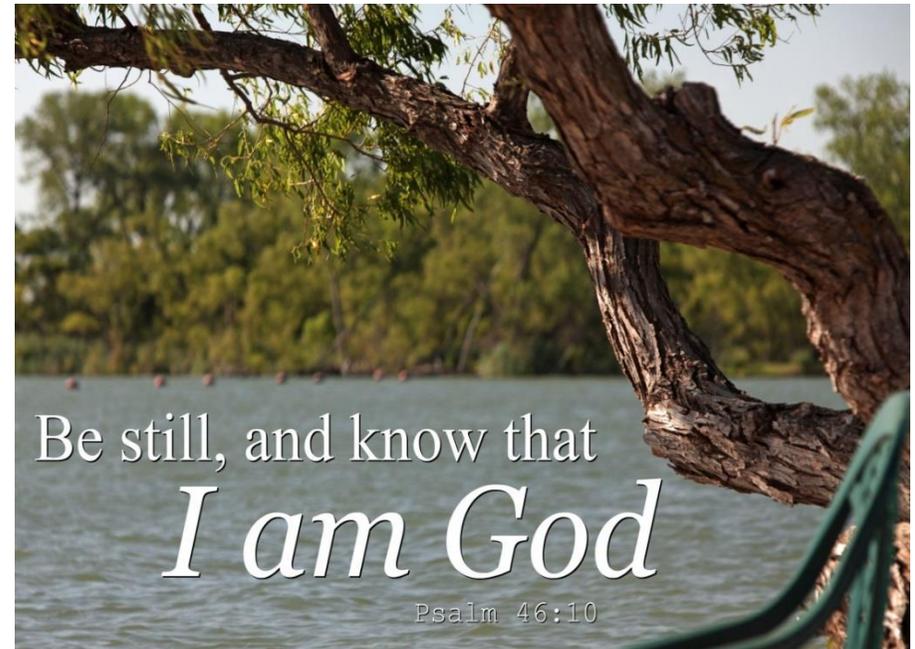
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# Welcome!



Doing things “my” way is not the path to holiness. We have each been united with Christ and are united with one another. Being holy is a whole lot easier when we walk together (see Galatians 3:26-28). This can be a struggle for those who have been shaped by the ideology of individualism. Whilst there is nothing wrong with looking after yourself, living a totally self-centred, narcissistic life in which the wellbeing of others is always secondary to your own is counter to God’s call upon your life.

Relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ are not meant to be based on our own desires for our own personal happiness, rather we are meant to look out for each other’s interests (Philippians 2:3). If we focus on trying to work our way towards God alone, then we will miss out on the depths that God wants to share with us through holy relationships with our fellow Christians (Romans 1:11-12). Being part of God’s family means learning from one another, challenging one another and most importantly, to help one another down the path of holiness, encouraging one another.

Encouragement makes it easier to live in a fallen world in a holy way. Encouragement makes it easier to love as Jesus loved. Encouragement gives hope. Encouragement helps us through times of discipline and testing. Encouragement nurtures patience and kindness. Encouragement makes it easier to sacrifice our own desires for the advancement of God’s kingdom. In short, encouragement makes it easier to live the Christian life – it makes it easier to be holy!

*David*



*Next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019*

**10:30am –Family Worship**

Bringing God’s Word: David Howling

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

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This is **Week 33** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota:**

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

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### *Looking Ahead*

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August** gives us another opportunity to join together as we bring our prayers of thanks and requests to our gracious God for an hour from 7:30pm in the Brooks Room at the village hall. Do join us for this special time together.

### *Looking Further Ahead*

Members are invited to submit (to PM) topics to be added to the agenda for the **Church Members Meeting on 11th September** at 7:30pm in the Brooks Room at the village hall.

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### *Devoted to Prayer*

Father God, thank you for filling our hearts with trust so that we are of good hope. Thank you for giving us courage to face all the questions that come before us and for accepting us again and again when we come to you. You know what lies before us, You know the mountains that have to be moved. You know all the things that frustrate us and try to wear us out and You will take them away. Then your light will shine into all the darkness. We come before You in the name of our precious Lord Jesus, Amen.

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“If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.”

**Romans 14:8**