

20th August 2017

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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Welcome!



Why God Is So Much More

The people of Israel were at the foot of Mount Sinai, they found themselves standing at the foot of God's presence. Moses had gone up the mountain to receive instructions from God. The people were given instructions and were to wait for Moses to return. However, the people got tired of waiting for Moses and they asked Aaron "make us gods who shall go before us." (Exodus 31:1 NIV)

As I read this passage not long ago I couldn't help but laugh in wonder at how the Israelites could be at the foot of the presence of God and turn so easily to a false god. But soon my laughter turned to sadness as the question came into my head, "Don't we do the same?" We are blessed to be constantly in the presence of God and yet how quickly do we turn from Him? How often do we turn to worldly things to place our hope and trust?

The people of Israel lost their passion for God and looked to a golden calf to worship, we need to guard our lives so we don't do the same. God is so much more than idols could ever be, He is so much stronger, so much greater and so much worthier of our praise than false gods and idols could ever be. God is so much more.

Simon H.

Devoted to Meeting Together



Sunday 20th August,
Family Worship Service ,10:30am, Arun Hall.

Tuesday 22nd August
Homegroup at Peter & Jill's (Pulborough).
Any change will be notified by the Homegroup leader.
Other groups are in recess for the summer!

Wednesday 23rd August,
Church Prayer Meeting
7:30pm Brooks Room, Village Hall

Sunday 27th August,
Family Worship Service, 10:30am, Arun Hall.

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

Sunday, 3rd September

This will be a special baptismal Sunday and it is likely that the whole service will be held at Fittleworth Evangelical Church from 10:30am (<http://www.schoolaneec.org.uk/findus.htm>)

Although arrangements have not been finalised, it is expected to include a 'Bring & Share' lunch and post-lunch activities.

Please enter this into your diaries NOW and details will be confirmed as soon as possible. If you will need, or can offer, transport, please contact Peter Meadows.

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, help me to find faith in the midst of chaos every morning. Give me the desire and ability to see You, hear You, talk to You, and give thanks to You. And as I do, I pray that I will draw nearer and nearer to You, and that my faith will multiply as I understand in new and deeper ways that You are everything I ever hoped You would be. And so much more. Amen



"Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God."

2 Corinthians 7 v. 1