

## Dates for your diary:

- Jelly Beans Toddler Group:** Next meeting, 10:00am September 10<sup>th</sup> ...  
“Cows in the Kitchen”
- Friendship Group Meeting:** Next meeting, 2:30pm September 6<sup>th</sup> at Wyevale Garden  
Centre, Pulborough.
- Village Market Bread Stall:** Next market: Saturday, 29<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, 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 :-  
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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.



If you would like to know more about our church and what it means to be a member, why not 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 and place it in the offertory box or contact the Church Office.

Please note that David is not available until September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact the Church Office, the Pastoral Team or Andy Twilley for pastoral matters.

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# Welcome!



We talk about blessing, we pray for blessing, we read in the Bible about blessing, but what does it really mean? Does it mean things going well; the health, wealth and prosperity gospel? God's favour? So what does it really mean?

Biblical blessing can be defined as: God giving power to enable someone to do that which they are intended to do. It is God granting the power to do what He wants and intends us to do.

**When we bless God**, we are simply acknowledging Him as the rightful and sole source of all blessing. Through His power *we have all that we have and are all that we are*.

**When we bless others** in the name of God, we are in effect praying that God will send His blessing to them. When we bless we are asking God to bless someone to be successful within God's will and intentions for them. It is also an acknowledgement that we can't do anything without His power. It's not simply a matter of desire, but of design – doing what God intended and designed us for. He tells us what to do in His Word and His blessing is His power given to do it. He gives us commands and He alone is the one who can and does give us the capacity to obey them. God gives the command and the blessing and warns us against forgetting where the blessing comes from.

It is God who gives us the ability and power to be fruitful and successful and we need to remember that. It is the blessing of God that has enabled us to be here, not our own hard work or just good chance. Of course, for us, the greatest blessing we can possibly receive is our Lord Jesus. He is the one who grants everyone access into the presence of the Father because by His death on the cross He has removed the barrier of our sin. The great sadness is that so few accept this the greatest of all blessings.

*Peter pp John*

## *Devoted to Meeting Together*



### *This weeks Home Groups*

See your homegroup leaders for details.

*Next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 10:30am*

Family Worship Service

Bringing God's Word: Frank Hottenbacher

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

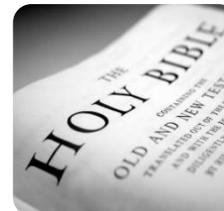
Andy & Louise would like to say "THANK YOU" to everyone who braved the weather and came to our cream tea last Thursday afternoon. Praise God that the rain stopped at 2pm and thank you for all the donations towards the work of Age UK, Horsham District. Just over £150 was raised. *God is good ... all the time.*

### *Looking Ahead*

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, the Storrington Action Group of the Bible Society will host 'Treasures at Home' with Rupert Toovey at the Old School, Storrington. See Peter for more details.

## *Devoted to Prayer*

Father God, I come before you today to say "Thank you" for all you've given me. For my life, my family and friends, for the blessings you gave that I never deserved. For the protection your hand provides and the forgiveness you offer day after day. Lord, you took all my sin and my shame, you took my sickness and healed all my pain. You took my darkness and gave me your light, Father thank you for all you've done in my life and for all the blessings that I cannot see. In Jesus Name. Amen



I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

**Psalm 16 : 8**