

27th August 2017

Some other dates for your diary:

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

Jelly Beans Toddler Group – Summer recess! Will re-start on September 11th at 10:00.

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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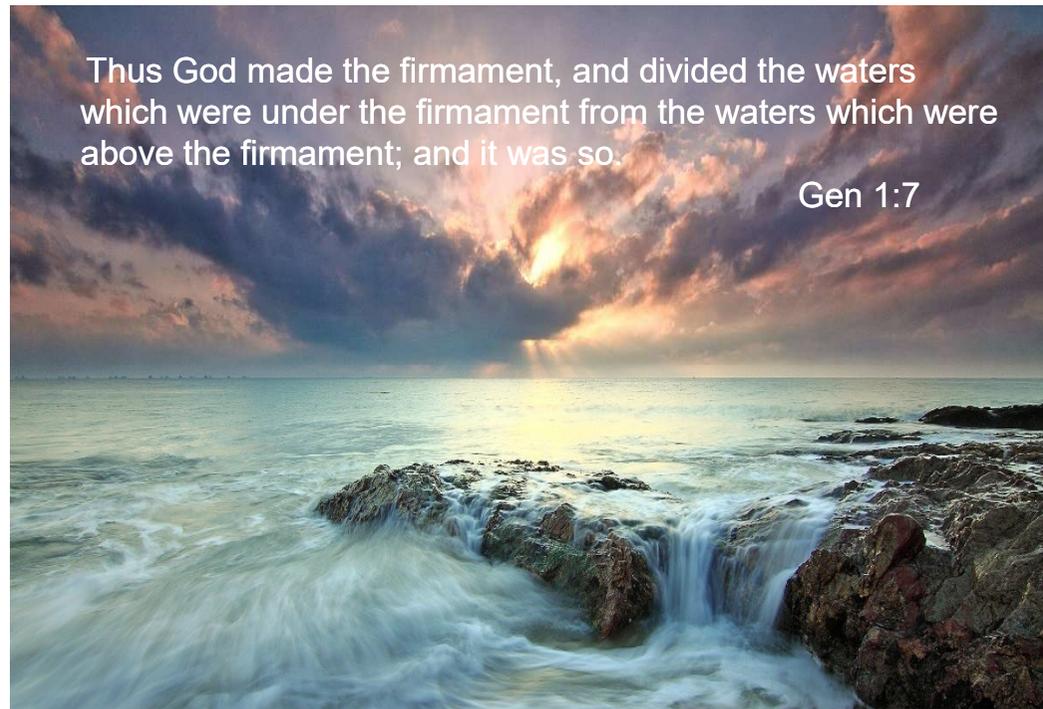
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Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so.

Gen 1:7



Welcome!



I must admit that from time to time, I do feel a little bit sorry for the Pharisees. It seems that whenever they had a run in with Jesus, they always came off second best. In the opening verses of Mark 3 Jesus challenged them to say what the law required of them on the Sabbath – was it a day for doing good or evil?. They had no answer to give, not because they didn't know the answer – which was clearly obvious - but because their pride and their stubbornness wouldn't allow them to admit that Jesus might be right.

Scripture tells us that the number one consequence of this kind of pride is a hardened heart and one of the symptoms of a hardened heart is a failure to see God clearly. The Pharisees were proud of the fact that they didn't associate with 'disreputable' people. They were proud of the fact that they fasted twice a week. They were proud of the lengths to which they went to avoid doing anything on the Sabbath. But their pride blinded them from seeing what God was doing right under their noses.

When they looked at Levi, all they saw was a man who had betrayed his own people. What they didn't see was a child of Abraham who needed restoration. When they saw the disciples picking grain on the Sabbath, they saw hungry people breaking the rules rather than hungry people in need of a meal. When they saw a man with a withered hand they saw another opportunity to accuse Jesus of breaking the fourth commandment. What they didn't see was that the Kingdom of God was at hand.

This kind of hard heartedness is a spiritual heart condition that is found just as much in churches to as it was in the synagogues of Jesus' day. And we need to be on our guard against it because the symptoms of a hard heart are a spirit of criticism and fault finding, a lack of compassion and a failure to see what God is doing right under our noses.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



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

Tuesday 29nd August
Homegroup at Peter & Jill's (Pulborough).
Any change will be notified by the Homegroup leader.

Other groups are in recess for the summer!

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>)

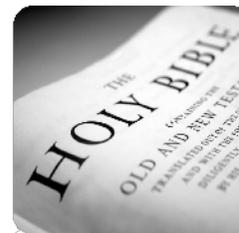
Although arrangements have not been finalised, it is expected to include a 'Bring & Share' lunch and post-lunch activities.

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

"Lord, grant me tenacious courage as I go through this day. When I am tempted to give up, help me to keep going. Grant me a cheerful spirit when things don't go my way. And give me courage to do whatever needs to be done. In Jesus' name, Amen."



"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline."

2 Timothy 1:7