

## *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, 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/](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.



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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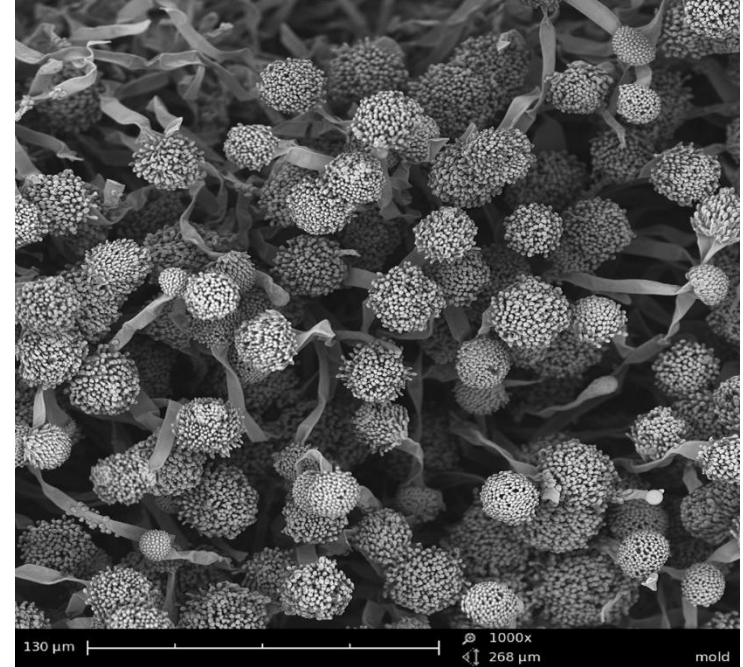
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Week 35

# Pulborough Brooks BAPTIST CHURCH

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# Welcome!



**Good habits for godly people: self reflection**

We have a large mirror in our lounge. Its main purpose is to make the room look larger and brighter. But...when you have a mirror in the living area, who can help it; you've got to have a look at yourself from time. How am I doing, am I getting a bit too much middle age spread? Is it a bad hair day? Does this hat give me the proper South Downs Country Gent look? It's not just about vanity, it is a means of checking up on myself.

The same would be true when it comes to the good habit of self reflection. Not the navel gazing, self obsessed kind of "I can only think about myself" type. No, more of a healthy "How am I doing really?" kind of look at my life.

Jews practice this traditionally before the Day of Atonement. For ten days they take a good hard look at themselves in the light of the ten commandments. I can't help but think that the world would be a better place if this were a common practice for all nationalities and cultures.

Jesus' famous statement about the "log in your own eye" points us towards a healthy habit of self reflection. Asking ourselves, "Did I contribute to this conflict?" "Do I not have that same annoying habit that I criticize in others?"

Godly people who look at themselves in the light of God's mercy can afford a bit of self criticism. Paul compares the Christian life to the athlete and the soldier. For both, the question of "How can I do better?" is part of their lifestyle and training. No condemnation, just a tool to check what's happening in my life. Shall we give it a go?

*Frank*

*Devoted to Meeting Together*



*This weeks Home Groups*

See your homegroup leaders for details.

*Next Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 10:30am*

Family Worship Service and Communion

Bringing God's Word: David Howling

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

The next **Church Members Meeting** will be held at 7:30pm on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** in the Brooks Room at Pulborough Village Hall. Would all members please make a special effort to attend this meeting.

*Looking Further Ahead*

As you probably all know, the 'Velo-South' cycle road race is scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and many roads in the area will close. Nevertheless, we are not planning to change our service arrangements although we recognise that the journey to the Village Hall could be awkward for some.

*Looking Even Further 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, we are so blessed to have the pastor that You have brought to our congregation and thank You for him and his family. We pray that as he faithfully delivers Your Word to us all week by week he will be encouraged, to know that he is fulfilling Your commission to go into all the world and teach the gospel, in a very special way. Strengthen his walk with You Lord. In Jesus Name. Amen



"Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.""

**John 6:29**