

**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 plan to restart on 12<sup>th</sup> September.

The next **Bread Stall** will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

# Pulborough Brooks BAPTIST CHURCH



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**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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# Welcome!



There are pathways to holiness that are a delight to travel for they lift our spirits and lighten our step. These are the mountain top experiences that allow us to say with the psalmist; “*what a delight it is to worship the Lord*”. But there are also pathways that we would never choose to travel by our own volition. For these pathways take us away from the mountain peaks to roads less travelled and even down, says David in Psalm 23, into the depths of ‘the valley of the shadow of death’ itself. Last week we looked at the role of suffering and this week we are going to look at the role of discipline – specifically the Lord’s discipline.

God is not indifferent to the way that we turn out. A father who loves his children wants them to grow to their full potential and in order to realise that he knows that they need to be challenged and stretched. God’s purpose in disciplining us is so that we might progress in our Christian lives, pushing us on to spiritual maturity and holiness. God works thoroughly and patiently, always stretching us to achieve new goals of Christlikeness and never going beyond what is necessary. Experiencing God’s discipline may be in response to our blemishes or it may be a way of refining us to remove imperfections and weaknesses. It may be prolonged and it might be painful. But we should view it as a privilege because it’s a mark of His love for us and that we are His children (See Hebrews 12:1-14).

R. T Kendall puts it like this; “*God’s chastening is not God’s way of getting even. It is preparing that person for something better, more valuable and more worthwhile. God chastens us for our profit, that we may be partakers in his holiness.*” So in your journey of holiness, ‘do not despise the Lord’s discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves’.

*David*



*Next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019*

**10:30am – Family Worship and Communion**

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 35** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota:**

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

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### *Looking Ahead*

The Church is considering organising a trip to the Materials Recycling Facility at Ford. This is where all the recycling collected from our homes is sorted using ‘state of the art’ technology. There is a minimum number of 8 people for a group visit, so before we proceed we would like to know if there is enough interest and that we have at least the numbers required. If you are interested in going along, please contact Barbara.

### *Looking Further Ahead*

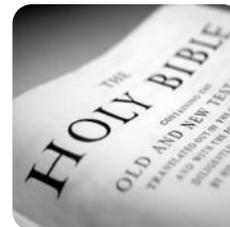
Members are invited to submit (to PM) topics to be added to the agenda for the **Church Members Meeting on 11th September** at 7:30pm in the Brooks Room at the village hall.

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### *Devoted to Prayer*

Father God, your kingdom reaches the ends of the earth, it will endure forever. We thank you that we are sheltered in your hands and that no sickness of body or soul harm us. We thank you for lifting us to true life with the light and power to overcome what is earthly, with the flexibility to remain trusting and confident no matter what happens; true life directed to the goal of God's kingdom promised to us in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

**James 1 v 2~4**