

10th September 2017

Some other dates for your diary:

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

Jelly Beans Toddler Group: – Starts Monday September 11th at 10:00.

Friendship Group: – Starts Thursday, September 14th at 2:00pm at Wyevale Garden Centre, Pulborough.

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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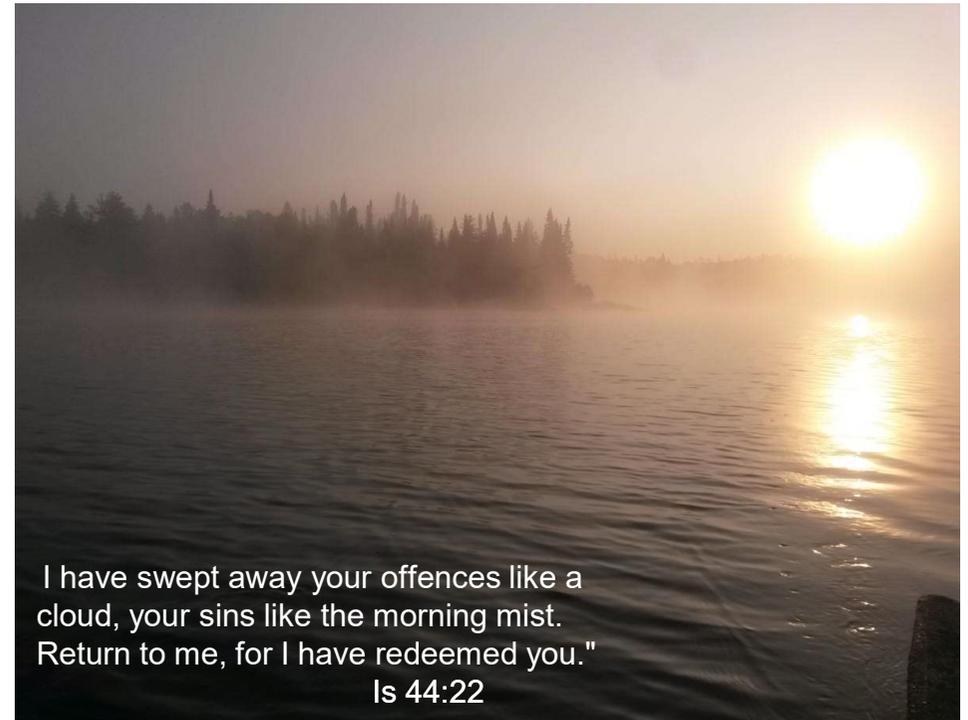
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I have swept away your offences like a
cloud, your sins like the morning mist.
Return to me, for I have redeemed you."
Is 44:22

Welcome!



In this week's passage from Mark's gospel (Mark 3:6-12) we see how Jesus dealt with the unwanted antagonism of the religious leaders, with the unrealistic attention of the crowd and the unnecessary affirmations of evil spirits.

Jesus had out-manoeuvred the Pharisees in the synagogue and this made them very angry (Mark 3:6). Their precious man-made traditions had been ridiculed and they had been made to look like fools. Their anger turned to hatred and they left with murderous thoughts in their hearts. (This is why scripture warns us to be very careful in how we handle our anger because it can all too easily lead to something worse – see Ephesians 4:26). This was not what Jesus wanted so he removed himself from the situation.

The attention of the crowd was also not what Jesus wanted. The picture that Mark paints is one of chaos and hysteria as people trampled over one another to get Jesus' attention. And thirdly, the affirmations of the evil spirits were also unwanted. Jesus didn't need it - He knew that one day every knee will bow before him and confess that he is Lord (Philippians 2:10). But more significantly, that was not the kind of affirmation that Jesus was looking for.

This passage reminds us that there is a big difference between "knowing about" God and "trusting in" God. A genuine saving faith in Christ is more than knowing the right words to say at the right time. It is not enough to simply agree to certain facts about God. Nor is it enough to claim to be a believer. Saving, living faith is a trust in God which naturally results in certain actions. It means living out the truth with our everyday choices. It means learning to put on the armour of God and cultivate the fruits of the Spirit. It means trusting in His provision rather than treating Him like a fire extinguisher. It means knowing Him personally, not just knowing about Him.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



Sunday 10th September,
Family Worship & Communion Service, 10:30am,.

Tuesday 12th September,
Homegroup
Peter & Jill's (Pulborough).
Changes to Peter & Jill's for the next 3 meetings will be notified by the Homegroup leader.

Wednesday, 13th September
Members Meeting in the Brooks Room, Pulborough
Village Hall, 7:30pm

Thursday, 14th September
Friendship Group will meet at 2:00pm in the Wyevale
Garden Centre, Pulborough.

Sunday 17th September,
Family Worship Service, 10:30am, Arun Hall.

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

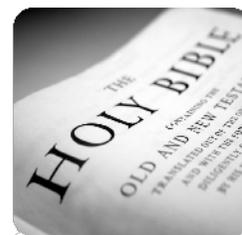
Barn Dance

The PBBC Barn Dance will be held on Saturday, October 28th at
Pulborough Village Hall from 7:30 pm.

Details and tickets from John Harvey or Barbara Morgan

Devoted to Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for your guidance. Forgive me for not following your plans and paths and help me to know when to stop and listen for your direction. Your ways are always perfect, Lord. Thank You for offering me gentle grace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



“What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you— guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.”

2 Tim 1:13~14