

Dates for your diary:

Jelly Beans Toddler Group:	10:00am September 17 th "Woolly Jumpers"
Friendship Group Meeting:	2:30pm September 20 th at Wyevale Garden Centre.
Village Market Bread Stall:	Next market: Saturday, 22 nd September.

Pastoral Team: If anyone has or feels a need for help from the Pastoral Team, please feel free to contact John Watson, Maureen Watson, Barbara Morgan, Karen Banner or Louise Twilley, 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/



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.

For pastoral matters, please contact the Pastoral Team or our Pastor via the Church Office.

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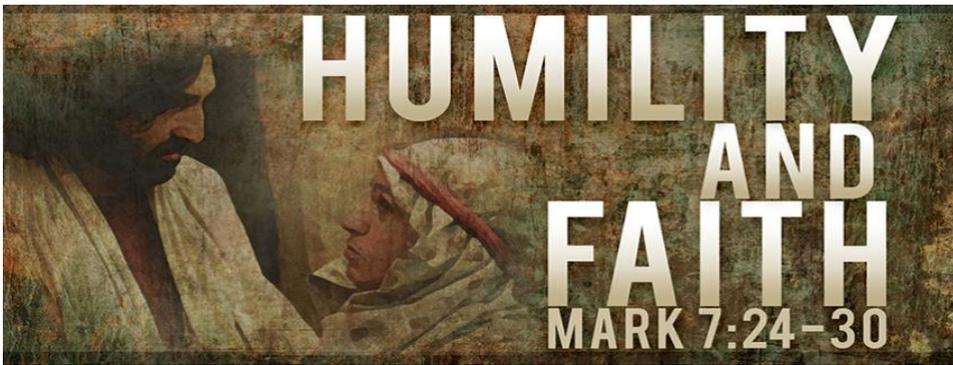
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Welcome!



When Mark wrote his gospel he was in Rome and he wrote it for a largely non-Jewish readership. So it was important to Mark that he communicated through his gospel that salvation extends to the whole world. This morning's passage is a preview of God's mission to the whole world. It also provides an example of what real faith looks like in direct contrast to the empty meaningless religiosity of the Scribes and the Pharisees.

At this point in His ministry Jesus was still dealing with Israel even though He knew that they were going to reject Him. He had been sent by His father in heaven to the lost sheep of Israel (Matthew 15:24); that was His mission. The open door to the gentiles was still in the future beyond the events of Pentecost. It was not yet the time for the bread of salvation to be given to the gentiles.

And yet when a gentile woman with a sick child threw herself at His feet, He could not ignore her pleas for mercy for very long (Mark 7:24-30). Her attitude was the complete opposite of the mindless hollow religiosity that we saw demonstrated last week (Mark 7:1-23). It is humble, it is broken, it is penitent, it is reverent and it is persistent. You see, you don't just stumble your way into the kingdom of God. It's a narrow gate that not many people find because it's just a whole lot easier to travel down the wide road to destruction (Matthew 7:13). The kingdom of God is for those who seize it (Luke 16:16).

That's exactly what this woman did. She held on to her faith, and she refused to let go even in the face of silence and what seemed like rejection. This is what true saving faith looks like and Jesus wanted his disciples and everybody to see it, to recognise it and to imitate it.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



This weeks Home Groups

See your homegroup leaders for details.

Next Sunday, 23rd September 10:30am

Family Worship Service

Bringing God's Word: David Howling

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

Looking Ahead

On September 28th at The Old School, Storrington, the local Bible Society group invite you to 'Treasures at Home' – an opportunity to have your antiques & curios described (and maybe valued) by Rupert Toovey. Admission tickets at £12.50 (include wine & cheese) are available from Peter Meadows.

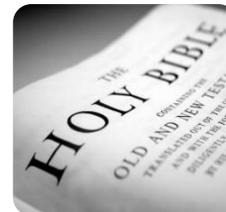
Looking Further Ahead – 'Rock'

The choir for the Roger Jones musical has had a first rehearsal but still needs more members! Also, accommodation for those performing is still required. Please see Peter for details if you think you may be able to help.

Tickets are now available, £5 for adults, U16s are free *but still require tickets.*

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, we rest beneath your mighty wings of love. We dwell within your gentle heart and know there is healing in your touch. Through the sufferings of our Lord Jesus we can ask for full restoration and we trust in your goodness. You are our Lord, our Saviour, healer and friend and we dwell within your gentle embrace. In Jesus' name, Amen.



“Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.”

Titus 2 : 2