

Dates for your diary:

Jelly Beans Toddler Group:	10:00am 24 th September "Fresh & free range"
Friendship Group Meeting:	2:30pm 27 th September at Wyevale Garden Centre.
Village Market Bread Stall:	Saturday, 27 th October.

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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Welcome!



There are a number of aspects of this week's passage from Mark's gospel that are unique. To begin with Mark is the only gospel writer who includes this particular story. Secondly the word that we translate as 'speech impediment' is used nowhere else in the New Testament, it's unique to Mark's gospel. And thirdly this is a really strange way to heal somebody. (Mark 7:33)

It starts off conventionally enough; Jesus took the man to one side – nothing unusual about that. But then he stuck his fingers into the man's ears and grabbed hold of his tongue! I often wondered why Jesus did this until one day I heard a sermon by John MacArthur who explained it in such a way that I could have kicked myself for not thinking of it myself. The man was deaf, so Jesus couldn't explain to him verbally what he was doing. By putting his fingers into the man's ears and touching his tongue, Jesus communicated to the man that God was going to restore his hearing and his speech. And that's exactly what happened - instantly the man could both hear and speak clearly. (Mark 7:35)

Have you ever noticed that whenever Jesus healed someone there was no recovery period. This was not the beginning of a long period during which the man needed to learn how to understand words and how to speak them. You see, to hear is one thing, but to recognise that what you're hearing is language is a different thing entirely. And on top of that, to be able to speak a language that you have never learnt, because you have never heard it, makes this miracle even more incredible. No wonder the crowd were completely amazed and said again and again, "He does all things well. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak." (Mark 7:37)

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



This weeks Home Groups

See your homegroup leaders for details.

Next Sunday, 30th 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 Wednesday 26th we have an opportunity to come together to praise our gracious God and to pray to Him at our Central Prayer Meeting. 7:30pm in the Brooks Room.

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 Toon. Admission tickets at £12.50 (include wine & cheese) are available from Peter Meadows.

Looking Further Ahead – 'Rock'

Tickets for the Roger Jones musical 'Rock', based on the life of Peter on Sunday 21st October are now available, £5 for adults, U16s are free **but still require tickets**.

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, clear my sleepy head and fill my mind with expectation.

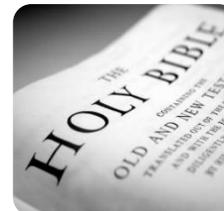
Awake my slow body and energise my heart with love in action.

Ignite my spirit and set this day on fire with promise.

Make the ordinary extraordinary.

Engage me, show me your kingdom alive

Help me to see that every waking moment is full of promise because of You. Amen



"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

Ephesians 4 : 29