Dates for your diary:

Jelly Beans Toddler Group: 10:00am 1st October "Curly Tails"

Friendship Group Meeting: 2:30pm 4th October at Wyevale Garden Centre.

Village Market Bread Stall: Saturday, 27th 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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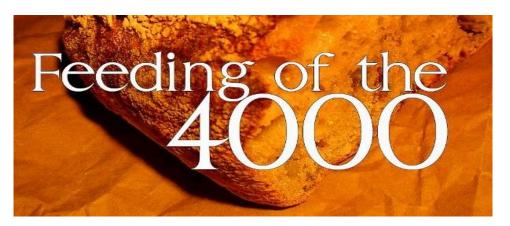
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If you get a sense of deja-vue as you read through this morning's passage (Mark 8:1-10) that's probably because it's not that long ago that we looked at a similar event back in Mark chapter 6. It is important to say that just because Jesus performs the same miracle twice doesn't mean that it's the same event. There are a number of features about the 'feeding of the four thousand' that distinguish it from the 'feeding of the five thousand' (Mark 6). So we can be confident that this is a completely separate event and not the same event told from a different perspective.

On this occasion the crowd lingered for three days. They had come a long way, they had listened to Jesus during the day and slept on the ground during the night. Any food and provisions that they might have brought with them had been used up and Jesus was concerned that when He sent them home that hunger might overwhelm them (Mark 8:3). Like a shepherd with His sheep, Jesus tended to the physical needs of the people. After He had given them words of life He gave them loaves and fish; a spiritual and physical feast which left them full. There can be no better illustration of the extent and depth of compassion that our Lord has for ordinary people – just like you and I.

Today people still have the same needs and we are encouraged by this example of Jesus to also look outwards to perceive the needs of those around us and respond. One way to do this is to support our local food bank, which helps some of the neediest families in our community. If you are able to bring food to support the food bank this Harvest Sunday that would be great. Alternatively you could pop a few items into the collection basket at the super market the next time you do your weekly shop.

Devoted to Meeting Together



This weeks Home Groups

See your homegroup leaders for details.

Next Sunday, 7th October 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

Help! Do you enjoy a cuppa after the service? On 7th October we have only person to serve. We really need someone to help Diana. Volunteers to PM *please*.

Looking Further Ahead - 'Rock'

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

Devoted to Prayer

Father God, you hear the cries of those in need, receive the prayers of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage. Lord Jesus you meet us in our suffering and supply our hearts with your strength when we call upon your name. Grant your protection to those in need, comfort them that may they know your presence in their affliction. Surround them with your tenderness and support them in your everlasting arms. In Jesus name. Amen



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1 Corinthians 2:14