

Jelly Beans: Monday, 30th September at 10 a.m. This week 'The Son Who Came Back'!

Homegroups: Thakeham group meets on Monday evening
Storrington group meets on Tuesday morning
Pulborough group meets on Tuesday evening

If in doubt, check with your homegroup leader.

Friendship Group: Thursday, 3rd October at Squires Garden Centre at 2:30pm.

The next **Bread Stall** will be on Saturday 26th October.

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/



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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“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter and day and night shall not cease” **Genesis 8 v22**

Welcome!



A wise man once told me that in the Christian life, if you are not moving forward, then you must be going backwards, because you can't stay still when you're walking with Jesus. I think that's true in church life as well. The church needs people who are committed to pressing forward. As we look for a new vision for the future we need to let go of that which is behind us so that we can be renewed in our commitment to push forwards.

As we go through life there are things that we accumulate that are best described as baggage. These are the things that hold us back that we need to leave behind. The apostle Paul offers himself as the best example of how to deal with this. Despite his misguided persecution of the church, which could have resulted in immense and debilitating guilt, Paul did not allow his past mistakes to imprison him. Rather he thanked God for the grace that he had received (1 Timothy 1:12-14) and pressed on towards the goal.

Not only can the bad things in our pasts hold us back but paradoxically some of the good things can as well. One of the reasons why we need to let go of the past is because as time goes by our telling of the story distorts the truth. The past may have been great but it was most likely not as great as we like to make it out to be. And even if it was really that great, nobody can live in the past.

As C. S. Lewis once wrote, "There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind." So if we are to be those who are committed to pressing forward to take hold of all that God has for us, we need to be prepared to let go of the past.

David



Next Sunday, 6th October 2019

10:30am –Family Worship

Bringing God's Word: David Howling

This will be our Church anniversary (8 yrs) so we will be celebrating this with a Fellowship 'Bring & Share' lunch in the Rother Hall after the morning service.

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

This is **Week 39** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota:**

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

Looking Ahead...

Saturday, 5th October: Harvest Supper in the Village Hall will require tickets and donations for the raffle & puddings.

Thursday, 10th October: We meet at 7:00pm in the Arun Hall at the Village Hall to discern God's Vision for 2020 – part 1. [Please note the change of day.](#)

Friday, 11th October: PACT lecture at St. Mary's Church, Petworth. The Autumn Lecture by Davina Irwin-Clerk is entitled 'A Day in the Life of a High Sheriff'. In her year as High Sheriff she is focussing on fractured families, marriage breakdown and children going into crisis, in a Christian context.

The take-up of Diana's offer to organise a trip to the waste **Materials Recycling Facility at Ford** (<http://www.recycleforwestsussex.org/ford-mrf>) has been disappointing so far. We need a minimum of just 8 folk (only 2 cars necessary) before we can move forward and request a date. This promises to be a most interesting visit lasting ~2hrs and free of charge. Do contact Diana, Barbara or PM if you'd like to go.



"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41 : 10