

Dates for your diary



Jelly Beans Toddler Group: Happy Birthday 2013 ~ 2017

Monday October 2nd at 10:00am.



Friendship Group: Thursday, October 5th at [2:30pm](#) at Wyevale Garden Centre, Pulborough.

Village Market Bread Stall: Saturdays, October 28th & November 25th

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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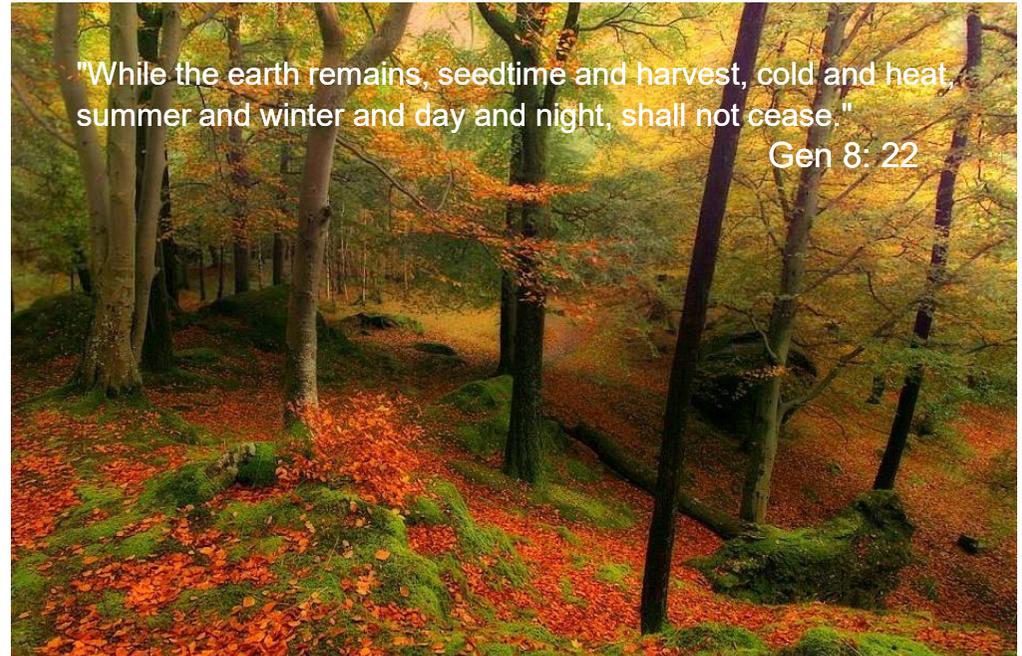


1st October 2017

Pulborough Brooks BAPTIST CHURCH



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Welcome!

Got questions about life



Many people associate church with old fashioned traditions and attitudes that just don't seem to be relevant to the 21st century. They associate church with drafty old buildings and boring services. Of course, there are many beautiful church buildings, but in my experience there are still too many poorly maintained, badly decorated, cold, dark, draughty church buildings with pews designed by the Spanish Inquisition. They certainly don't make it easy for your average church goer, let alone the occasional visitor. But did you know that for the first 300 years of the church's life there were no church buildings? So that's not what church is about. That's not the essence of church.

This morning we are going to look at some of the metaphors that the New Testament uses to convey the identity and mission of the local church. The local church is a place of love and fellowship where people connect not only with God but also with each other. In the Old Testament, the physical temple was God's home since that was the place of his presence. That's why people loved it so much. Under the New Covenant, God's presence is not to be confined to a physical building – it's a 'building' made up of people. This is why Paul talks about God's people as '*a holy temple... being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit*' (Ephesians 2:21-22). Jesus said: '*Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst.*' In other words, when God's people come together, the whole Trinity – God the Father, God the Son & God the Holy Spirit – is there.

The local Church is where everyone has a part to play. And it's not just that you need the Church; the Church needs you! Your friends, your brothers and sisters in Christ need you. Have you been through 'trials and temptations'? (2 Corinthians 1:4). They need your experience and they need your wisdom to strengthen and encourage them when they too are going through difficulties. The Church is not an organisation that you join; it's a family that you belong to.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



Homegroups

Tuesday & Wednesday Homegroup meetings:
See your homegroup leaders for details.

New Homegroup

An additional Pulborough homegroup will probably start in October, meeting each Thursday at Peter & Jill's at 7:30pm. Please contact Peter & Jill in advance if you would like to attend (01798 874249).

Saturday, 7th October - Men's Breakfast (Full English) - 8:00am.

A great opportunity to bring a friend

Tickets: £7pp. Guest speaker: Dr. Roger Greene. See Richard Hatt

Sunday, 8th October

Family Worship Service with Communion, 10:30am, Arun Hall.

Bringing God's Word: David Howling

Monday, 9th October - You are invited to join **Jelly Beans** team members, Mums, Dads & carers on a "*Buggy Ramble in aid of BBC Children in Need*".

The 30 minute ramble will leave Pulborough Village Hall soon after 10am.

Please consider walking with us, or dropping-in to help serve tea, coffee and doughnuts from 10.30 onwards, or sign-up and sponsor us.

Saturday, 14th October - Garden working party at The Spinney, Pulborough

10am until 4pm. See Dave, Hazel, Colin or Barbara

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

Barn Dance

Tickets for the Barn Dance are available from John Harvey or Barbara Morgan.

Saturday, October 28th Pulborough Village Hall from 7:30 pm.

Devoted to Prayer

Lord Jesus, I come to you today and thank you for the privilege of praying for others. I understand how powerful intercessory prayer can be, but first, I ask you to cleanse my heart so that my prayers for others will not be hindered. I thank you that through your name, I can come before you boldly and pray with confidence, according to your will and know that you hear me.. In Jesus' Name, Amen



"The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit" **1 Cor 2:14.**
