

*Dates for your diary:*

Jelly Beans Toddler Group:	10:00am 8 <sup>th</sup> October "Flour from the Fields"
Friendship Group Meeting:	2:30pm 11 <sup>th</sup> October at Wyevale Garden Centre.
Village Market Bread Stall:	Saturday morning, 27 <sup>th</sup> 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/](http://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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## BAPTIST CHURCH

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# Welcome!

# SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS



Spiritual Blindness is a universal problem that is at the foundation of the human condition. Every human being born into the world since the fall of Adam and Eve has been born into darkness. That's why, in the opening verses of John's gospel, Jesus is introduced as the light that came into the darkness of the world. It's why Jesus said; *'I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will not walk in darkness.'* (John 8:12)

The light is all around us but because of our fallen nature we can't see it. Even when it starts to break through our natural inclination is to turn away from it. So not only are we blind by nature, but we are also blinded by sin and the love of sin (John 3:20). To make matters worse, satan does everything he can to keep us in spiritual darkness (2 Corinthians 4:4). Spiritual Blindness is a serious problem and if it is not dealt with it can become permanent (Matthew 22:13).

We all fall into one of two categories: Those for whom spiritual blindness is permanent and those for whom it is temporary. For some the blindness is forever, for others it is only for a time – that's what John Newton meant when he wrote; *'I once was blind but now I see'*. The Apostle Paul reminds us that Spiritual Blindness can only be overcome by believing in Jesus. When we come to Christ in faith, God removes the veil from our eyes so that we can see him clearly.

*"But the people's minds were hardened... the same veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth. And this veil can be removed only by believing in Christ. But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away."* (2 Corinthians 3:14-16)

*David*

## *Devoted to Meeting Together*



### *This weeks Home Groups*

See your homegroup leaders for details.

### *Next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am*

Family Worship Service & Communion  
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 **14<sup>th</sup> October**, we celebrate the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PBBC with a Fellowship Lunch in the Rother Hall. Please bring your own provisions and perhaps a little extra for visitors.

Friday **19<sup>th</sup> October** sees the PACT Autumn lecture, this year presented by Keith Varney of Mission Aviation Fellowship who use planes to transform the lives of the world's most isolated people in need.

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

## *Devoted to Prayer*

Father God, I pray that You will visit us and make Your presence known in my life and in this area. Give me faith to believe that You can change this area through prayer and through acts of love and compassion. Let Your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Help me to cultivate Your presence in my life. Remove the distractions in my life that keep me from Your presence I repent of any pride or personal idols that have taken me away from having you in first place and being completely Yours and set me on fire for You. In Jesus' name. Amen.



*"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."*

**Matthew 5 : 11-12**