

Dates for your diary:

Jelly Beans Toddler Group: Monday October 16th at 10:00am.

Friendship Group: Thursday, October 19th at [2:30pm](#) at Wyevale Garden Centre, Pulborough.

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

Christmas Market: Saturday, December 16th

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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Welcome!



Mark tells us that when Jesus' family heard what was going on, that they tried to put a stop to it (Mark 3:20-21). It was not that they were against him, just that they didn't understand his mission. As the elder brother, Jesus had a responsibility to his family and what was he doing? He was socialising with tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. He was going around breaking the Sabbath and encouraging others to do the same. He was flouting their traditions and constantly picking fights with the Pharisees. By this stage, the Pharisees and Herodians have already taken offence at him and they're out to get him. If he wasn't careful he was going to get himself killed. No wonder his family thought he was mad!

How often men and women, who have been all out for God, have been called mad? People may get as excited as they like about something or nothing, sport, fashion, social events, cars, golf, flying, anything under the sun and they are not mad. But let someone get enthusiastic about God's love, and become enterprising in soul saving, and they are out of their tiny little minds!

You are not mad if you shout yourself hoarse at a football match on Saturday afternoon and have to stay in bed until dinner time on Sunday to recover. Nor if you take a camping chair and sit outside the Oval half the night in order to see a cricket match the next day. Nor if you dance until four o'clock in the morning. But the minute you open your mouth to tell people that God loves them and that Jesus died to save them from their sins, then you are mad.

The further you go on with the Lord, the more likely it is that your point of view and motives will be misunderstood even by those closest to you. But how the world needs people who are prepared to say; *"If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God."* (2 Corinthians 5:13)

David

Devoted to Meeting Together

Homegroups

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

New Thursday Homegroup

The additional Pulborough homegroup is now scheduled to start on Thursday, October 19th, meeting at Peter & Jill's at 7:30pm. Please contact Peter & Jill in advance if you would like to attend (01798 874249).

Nominations for additional Deacon

Church members are reminded to submit their nominations for an additional Deacon to the Secretary by Monday, October 23rd. This can be by the form supplied or by e-mail.

Sunday, 22nd October

Family Worship Service 10:30am, Arun Hall.

Bringing God's Word: John Harvey

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

Barn Dance

Saturday, October 28th Pulborough Village Hall from 7:30 pm.
Admission price of £10 / £5 includes a light supper but please bring your own drink & nibbles.

Tickets are still available from John Harvey or Barbara Morgan.

Devoted to Prayer

Father, I am tempted to worry about so many things. Our world is a mess! Forgive us for focusing on anything or anyone but You. Thank You for the Bible that equips and empowers us to live each day. We declare that You are our only Hope. Please help us remember that You really are in control. In Jesus' Name, Amen



"Listen my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.." **Proverbs 1:8-9**
