

**Jelly Beans:** Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10 am. This week 'Stories told by our guest librarian'

**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, 24<sup>th</sup> October at Squires Garden Centre at 2:30pm.

The next **Bread Stall** will be on Saturday 26<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.



### *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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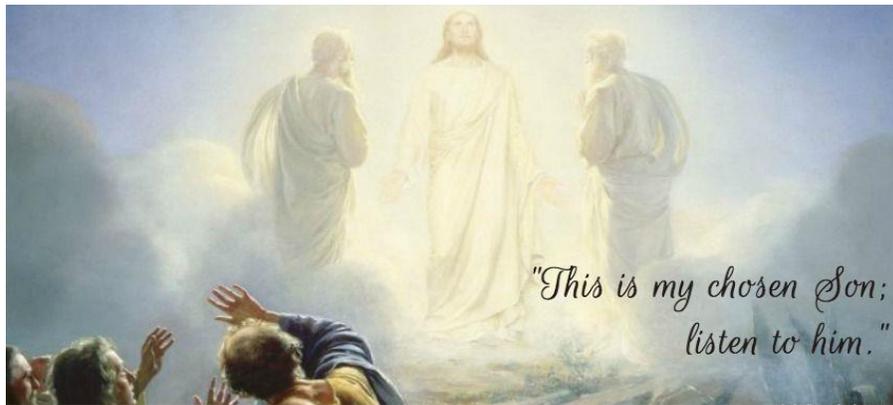


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All the rivers flow into the sea, Yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, There they flow again. **Ecc. 1 v7**

# Welcome!



*"This is my chosen Son;  
listen to him."*

In Mark 9:9 Peter, James and John are coming down from their mountain top experience. They had seen Jesus in the blazing glory of his deity. They had witnessed Moses and Elijah giving testimony to Christ as Messiah and talking to him about his death in Jerusalem. They had seen God's presence appear as a cloud and heard the voice of God telling them to 'listen to Jesus'. (Mark 9:2-8). All of those things are swirling around in their minds as they descend the mountain no doubt looking forward to telling people all about it. It is at this point that Jesus did that thing that he often did; He orders them "not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead". (Mark 9:9)

Jesus often warned his disciples not to say anything about what they had seen. There would always be the temptation for people to think of Jesus as just a great teacher or healer or a political liberator. But that was not the message - without the cross and the resurrection the message was incomplete. Jesus' "don't say anything just yet" policy points to the absolute requirement that there is no gospel without the cross and the resurrection.

The story of Christ is not just the story of an extraordinary healer and a compassionate man, it is not the message of a good teacher, a man of wisdom and knowledge, it is not the message of a liberator, it is the message of the cross and the resurrection. As C. S. Lewis once wrote; *"let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."* Without the cross, there is no salvation, there is no kingdom, there's no hope, and there's no heaven for anyone.

*David*



*Next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019*

**10:30am –Family Worship**

Bringing God's Word: Andy Twilley

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

This is **Week 42** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota**:  
See <http://pbbaptist.co.uk/index.php?menu=downloads>

### *Looking Ahead*

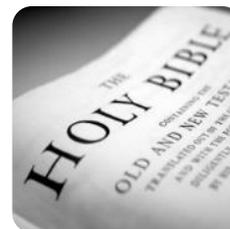
**25<sup>th</sup>~30<sup>th</sup> October:** David at 'Make A Difference' at Newhaven.

**13<sup>th</sup> November:** The next Members Meeting includes elections for the roles of Treasurer & Secretary. Nomination forms are ready and have been handed out. Please can you ensure that they are returned to David by 5pm Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at the latest – Thank You.

### *Devoted to Prayer*

**Heavenly Father**, may we come to know that through all the storms and distress of the world, you are mighty in protecting and sheltering those who trust in you. May we realize the power of your kingdom. You are with those who have set their hope on your kingdom and who go on hoping that even in evil days something must happen through your great and holy rule. In Jesus' name, **Amen**.

**Please pray** for unity and peace during and following the general election in Bolivia this Sunday and that the church stands firm in the face of persecution knowing that it is ultimately God who is in control.



"Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples."  
**Psalms 33 v8-10**