

**Dates for your diary:**

**Jelly Beans Toddler Group:** October 30<sup>th</sup> – “Sound & Light” (siblings welcome!)

**Friendship Group:** Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at [2:30pm](#) at Wyevale Garden Centre, Pulborough.

**Village Market Bread Stall:** Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Market:** Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

# Pulborough Brooks

## BAPTIST CHURCH



[www.pbbaptist.co.uk](http://www.pbbaptist.co.uk)

**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/](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 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.

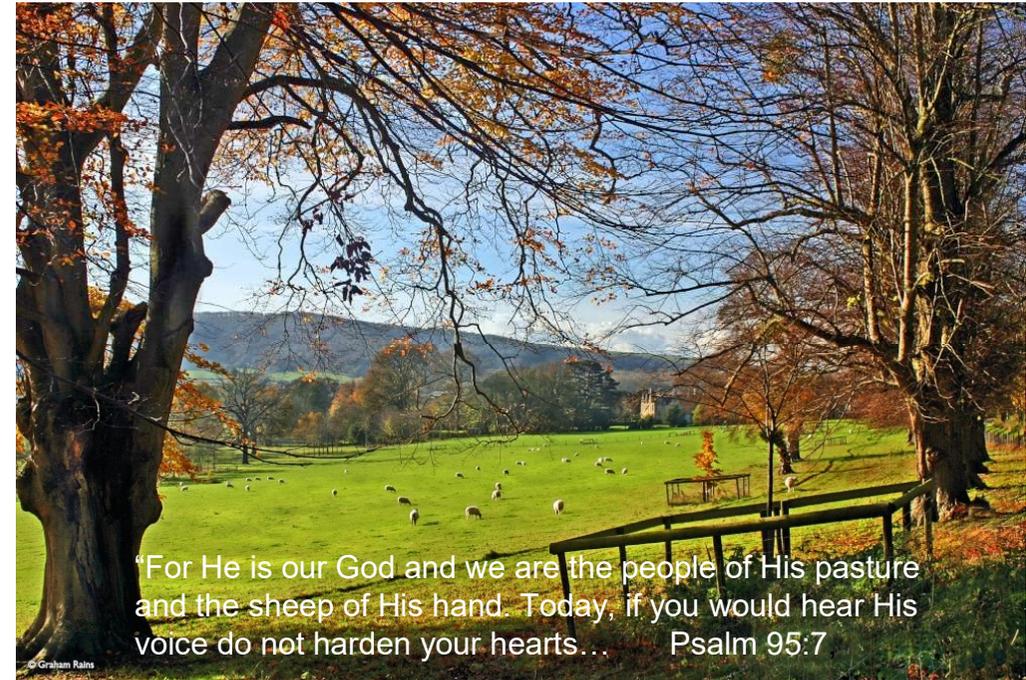
(Please note that David is not available on Mondays)

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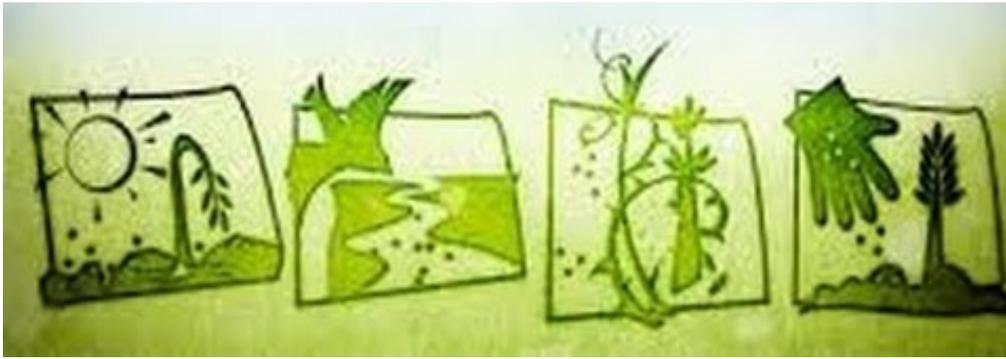
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# Welcome!



The interesting thing about the parable of the sower is that Jesus tells it twice. When Jesus addressed the crowd (Mark 4:1-9) the issue was one of salvation. But when Jesus gathered his disciples around him and repeated it to them (Mark 4:14-20) it was about discipleship. That's why he said to them; "If you don't understand the meaning of this parable, then you have got no chance of understanding any of the others" (Mark 4:13)

The farmer plants seeds by taking God's Word to others and the reason why this particular parable was so important to the disciples, and why is it still so important to us today, is because it's about the salvific and transforming power of the Word of God and the methods that satan uses to prevent it from reaching its full potential in our lives.

The biggest obstacle to the fruitfulness of our walk with Jesus is our own heart. When we harden our hearts and close our eyes and ears to the Word of God the enemy doesn't have to do a thing except sit back and put his feet up. When we look into the Word of God and do what it says our faith grows (James 1:22-25). That's when the enemy engages plan 'b' – problems and persecutions. Whether it's the pressure of a broken washing machine or the pressure of a broken relationship, a shallow faith quickly withers away.

If the enemy cannot get us to fall into sin through the pressures of life or by making us fall out with our spiritual family then he will pile on us the distractions of the world. But if we are doers of the word, letting it penetrate deep into our hearts and keep our eyes on Jesus, not only will we withstand the pressures of life but God will produce in us a bountiful harvest of grace.

*David*

## *Devoted to Meeting Together*



### **This weeks Home Groups**

See your homegroup leaders for details.

### **Sunday, 5th November**

Family Worship Service with Alpha and bacon butties from ~10:15am, Arun Hall.  
Bringing God's Word: David Howling

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

We are starting a *daytime housegroup*. Would anyone interested in joining please contact John or Maureen Watson: phone 01903 745481 or email [johnwatson779@btinternet.com](mailto:johnwatson779@btinternet.com)

## *Link to Hope 'Shoebox Appeal'*

If you are able to support the Shoebox appeal this year, please be aware that next Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> will be the absolute latest to bring into church for collection.

## *Advance Notice*

On 2nd December 2017, 7.30pm, at Findon Valley Free Church, there will be a **Jonathan Veira Concert**. "Songs & Tales", an unforgettable evening with an international singer and raconteur.

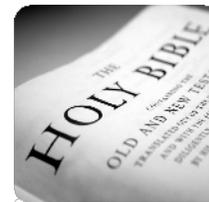
Tickets available from FVFC £10 until November 18th, (£12.50 if later)

[administrator@fvfc.org.uk](mailto:administrator@fvfc.org.uk) or phone 01903 873790

See also: <http://www.jonathanveira.com/events.aspx>

## *Devoted to Prayer*

Father, sometimes it feels that you have left us in the battle, but we know that You are with us, but so are our feelings of loneliness. Our crying to You seems to go unanswered. We know that You are at work, but help us trust You in the midst of our questions. In Jesus' Name, Amen



"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work"

**2 Tim 3:16~17**