

Dates for your diary:

Jelly Beans Toddler Group:	10:00am 5 th November “Whoosh”
Friendship Group Meeting:	2:30pm 8 th November at Wyevale Garden Centre.
Village Market Bread Stall:	Saturday morning, 24 th November.

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/



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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Welcome!



Our passage this morning is the most significant event in the whole of Mark's gospel (Mark 8:27-33). Everything that we have covered so far leads up to it and everything that comes after this point flows from it. This is the moment in time when the disciples settle the matter of the person of Jesus. This is the moment when they believe, are convinced and confess, through Peter, that He is Christ! (Mark 8:29)

However, no sooner had the light dawned on them that Jesus was Messiah, than the incomprehensible bad news that the Messiah was going to be killed was brought to the fore. This was shocking news. It was utterly incomprehensible to them that the Messiah, the Source of Life, the Redeemer of Israel, the Conqueror of all Gods enemies should suffer in such a way. I think that's why Peter reacted in the way that he did. Peter took Jesus to one side to give him a better understanding of the whole Messiahship idea. He was emphatic that Jesus laying down his life was simply not going to happen.

We know only too well Jesus' response. Turning around and seeing his disciples, he said straight in Peter's face and so that everybody could hear, 'get out of my sight, satan'. Poor Peter, never has a man been so high and so low, so fast. Talk about falling from grace. Satan had tried to do this once before. He had tried to tempt Jesus into taking power and glory without the need for the suffering of the cross. But God's way is power, glory and blessing through suffering. The number one reason why we struggle when life is rubbish is because like the disciples, we see things through the lens of how we think life should be. We fail to see the bigger picture and we forget that true glory, the glory that we will all one day inherit, comes through suffering.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



This weeks Home Groups

See your homegroup leaders for details.

Next Sunday, 11th November 10:30am

Family Worship & Remembrance Day Service

Bringing God's Word: David Howling

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

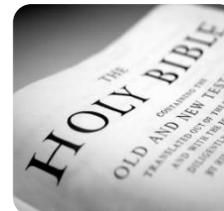
Looking Ahead

Friday 9th November – Another opportunity to see Jonathan Viera at Steyning Grammar School, Rock Road, Storrington, 7pm. Tickets @ £12 from Storrington Community Church or 01903 744501. PM has details.

The Church Members meeting at 7:30pm in the Brooks Room on Wednesday 14th will include elections for the church leaders. Do ensure that this is in your diary so that you don't miss it!

Devoted to Prayer

- 1 Corinthians 10:31 says that 'whatever you do, do it for the glory of God'. Ask God to show you how you can live your life for his glory over this coming week.
- Pray for the village market and those who look after the bread stall. Pray too for the customers that they might look to Jesus as the bread of life.
- Pray for our Sunday morning service, that God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, might transform peoples lives and that God will bring in those whose lives need transforming.



"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.."

1 Peter 2:9