

Jelly Beans: Monday, 11th November - Mr. Grumpy's Outing!

Homegroups: Storrington group meets on Tuesday morning
Pulborough group meets on Tuesday evening
If in doubt, check with your homegroup leader.

Friendship Group: Thursday, 14th November at Pulborough Garden Centre at 2:30pm.

The next **Bread Stall** will be on Saturday, 23rd November

Pastoral Team: If anyone has or feels a need for help from the Pastoral Team, please feel free to contact Louise Twilley 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.



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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"Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages." **Song of Solomon 7:11**

Welcome! 



Jesus knew that His time with His disciples was coming to an end so His focus in Mark 9 switches to teaching them the lessons they really need to learn. Last week we saw how Jesus gave them a lesson in faith. In today's passage the lesson is humility (Mark 9:30-41). In the same way that faith determines your attitude towards God, humility determines your attitude towards one another. The disciples needed to learn humility - just like we do - because they were battling the same normal human pride that besets all of us.

Spiritual pride appeared to them in their culture to be a legitimate, desirable thing. After all they saw it demonstrated by the Pharisees all the time. But Jesus continually denounced this kind of behaviour. Pride is devastating. It devastates others because it destroys unity. It devastates self because it forfeits honour. And it devastates God because it rejects him when He comes to us in other believers whom we belittle.

'Whoever wants to be first' said Jesus, *'must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.'* (Mark 9:35) In other words, the way to be first is to humble yourself. This was a problem for the disciples because they thought that if they humbled themselves they might end up at the bottom of the pack and lose their reward. No, said Jesus, you're not going to lose it. You're going to gain it. The simple act of sacrificial kindness to one who belongs to Christ will result in what you will never achieve by elevating yourself. You won't lose your reward, you'll gain it.

David



Next Sunday, 17th November 2019

10:30am –Family Worship
Bringing God's Word: David Howling

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

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, 13th November: Church Members Meeting at 7:30pm in the Brooks Room at the Village Hall which will include including election of officers for 2020.

Roger Jones and his team will be returning to Pulborough with a production called "Mary Magdelene" during the week-end **March 7th/8th 2020**. This musical tells the story of Mary's life and ends with her looking for Jesus in the empty tomb after his Crucifixion.

Don Newport has once again volunteered to rehearse the choir and rehearsals will be on a Wednesday evening for 6 weeks starting on **Wednesday January 29th 2020** at 7.30pm at Pulborough URC. If you would like to join the choir, please contact Christine Lindsay on 01798 368407 or you can email her at christine.lindsay1@talktalk.net

Devoted to Prayer

Almighty God, we come this day to remember and to learn. To remember all that you that you have done, your mighty deeds throughout history. To remember the lessons of the past, the cost of war and the price of peace. Lord help us to learn once more from the sacrifice of those who laid down their lives for us, how to live and work for peace, how to serve and not to count the cost. As we are gathered in your awesome presence, help us to think once again about what it cost you to reconcile us to yourself in Christ. Amen.



"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen"
Ephesians 4 : 29