

Homegroups:

We'd really like to encourage *everyone* to join a homegroup for informal Bible study, prayer & share, etc. Currently, we have 3 Homegroups in the Pulborough & Storrington area:-

Monday evenings with Colin & Jenny Gloster in Pulborough

Tuesday mornings with John & Maureen Watson in Storrington

Tuesday evenings with Peter & Pauline Meadows in Storrington

If you're not sure which group is most appropriate for you, contact the group leader or the Church Office for additional details.

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.

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.

For pastoral matters, please contact the Pastoral Team or via the Church Office.

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Welcome!


BLESS THE LORD

MY SOUL
and forget not all His benefits.
PSALM 103:2

With the possible exception of Psalm 23, no passage of scripture has inspired more music than the words of Psalm 103. From start to finish it is eternal praise and it is gospel praise. If there is a single passage in the OT that contains the essence of the gospel, it is this one. If there is a single passage in the whole of scripture that encapsulates the essence of worship, it is this one. If there is one passage from the Bible that should be stuck on the fridge door in every Christian household, this is the one!

Psalm 103 is pure, gospel motivated, God focused worship. There's no mention of any historical circumstances surrounding this Psalm. There is no mention of enemies, foes or threats. It contains no requests or petitions, no complaints or expressions of sadness. There are no confessions or misgivings for sins committed by its author. It is purely and simply a worshipful response to God's faithful, loving, kindness. There is no purer outburst of praise anywhere else in scripture than this particular psalm.

So where does this praise spring from? Well it's the contemplation of everything that God has done for the psalmist that causes praise to rise in his heart. As he surveys God's mercies his heart erupts in gratitude for his salvation. This is why the psalmist reminds us to command our hearts to note every benefit and every good gift that has come from God. What amazing benefits and gifts these are; the forgiveness of our sins, the healing of our spiritual frailties, the redemption of our lives and resurrection to eternal life. If that isn't reason enough to praise the Lord then I don't know what is!

David



Devoted to Meeting Together

Next Sunday, 25th November 10:30am

Family Worship Service

Bringing God's Word: David Howling

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

Dates for your diary:

Jelly Beans Toddler Group:

10:00am 19th November "Waste Watchers - Save Water"

Friendship Group Meeting:

2:30pm 22nd November at Wyevale Garden Centre.

Village Market Bread Stall:

Saturday morning, 24th November

The Week Ahead

For those of you who have booked a place on the First Aid course, this will be on Wednesday 21st at 7:30pm in the Brooks Room at the Village Hall. It's been suggested that you bring a cushion or something soft as many patients requiring first aid will be laying on the floor!

On Wednesday 28th at 7:30pm meeting in the Brooks Room, we will have our monthly central prayer. Do endeavour to come to pray and praise!

Devoted to Prayer

God has called us to be salt and light in our land, to be bearers of hope, seekers of justice and communicators of truth. It is important that we pray for our nation, those who hold responsibility within it and those who are affected by the decisions they make and the priorities they set. And at the heart of our prayers must be for spiritual renewing and awakening to the powerful truth of our Gospel message.



"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Psalm 119 : 18