

**Jelly Beans:** Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> November - "Stormy Night"  
**Homegroups:** Storrington group meets on Tuesday morning  
 Pulborough group meets on Tuesday evening  
 If in doubt, check with your homegroup leader.

**Friendship Group:** Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November at Pulborough Garden Centre at 2:30pm.

The next **Bread Stall** will be in the Village Hall on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, the **Christmas Market**.

**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/](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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"If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing!" **1 Cor 13 : 2**

*Welcome!*

**“I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me  
will not walk in darkness, but  
will have the light of life.”**

John 8:12

The Feast of Tabernacles celebrated God's bringing of the people of Israel into the Promised Land. The purpose of the Feast was to provide an annual renewal of Israel's commitment to God and of their trust in His guidance and protection. Part of the celebration was a ceremony called the Illumination of the Temple, when four great candelabra would be lit which sent a huge blaze of light through all the courts of the Temple. It symbolized the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night that had led the people of Israel through the wilderness.

It was during this celebration that Jesus declared; *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"*. What Jesus was saying was that even though the light in the Temple was a spectacular and indeed a highly symbolic light that in the moment drew much attention, it soon flickered and died. But by contrast, He was the Light which would last forever and which would have power to shine through the greatest darkness.

The challenge of the One who is the radiance of God's glory is to an authentic living out, in a way others can see, of what it means to follow the One who is "the Light of the World". So as the season of Advent approaches, let us show what it means in the words of the Sermon on the Mount, to *"let our light shine before men, that they may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven"* (Matthew 5:16). Because what God supremely wants is for light to shine out of the darkness, in the way that can only happen through those who have the light of life within them, that comes uniquely from following the One who is "the Light of the World".

*David*



*Next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 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.**

This is **Week 47** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota**:

See <http://pbbaptist.co.uk/index.php?menu=downloads>

### *Jelly Beans*

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> at Jelly Beans we plan to give a Real Advent Calendar to each family. The calendar was first produced in 2013 when a survey revealed that 36% of 5 to 7 year old children did not know whose birthday was celebrated at Christmas and 51% of adults said that the birth of Jesus was irrelevant to their Christmas. The calendar tells the Christmas story and comes with a 24 page Christmas story activity book. Please will you pray that this small act of faith will bring the birth of Jesus to the centre of each Jelly Bean family this Christmas. Thank you, *Betty*.

### *Prayer Meeting*

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>, we will meet together to pray & praise our wonderful God at our monthly Prayer Meeting. As usual, this will be in the Brooks Room at the Village Hall, 7:30 ~ 8:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

### *Link to Hope – Christmas Shoebox Appeal*

All are welcome to join in the final stage of the Shoebox Appeal on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>. Meeting at 6:30pm at the Village Hall before going to Worthing to work in the warehouse. Consent form required for unaccompanied children (see John). Cost £2 pp incl. chips!

### *Devoted to Prayer*

Heavenly Father, when I am feeling afraid or timid, remind me of who You are and who I am in You. You are strong and courageous, the Almighty King and loving Father. You have said in Your word that as I wait upon You, I can "take courage," because I know You are with me. Remind me of who You have created me to be and what You have empowered me to do. I will not let fear or intimidation stop me from being obedient. You're a good, good Father and You are faithful. I trust You! In Jesus name, Amen.



"Jesus also used this illustration: 'The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough'"

**Matt 13 : 3**