

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!

Wonderful Counsellor MIGHTY GOD Prince of Peace Everlasting Father

Many folks are like Ricky Bobby in the 2006 film, 'Talladega Nights'. When it comes to Jesus, they "like the baby version best." Baby Jesus fits right in with coloured lights, hot chocolate, Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, brightly decorated homes and Christmas trees draped in tinsel. Baby Jesus does not interfere with Christmas parties, Christmas shopping, and the delightful spectacle of Christmas morning. In short, baby Jesus doesn't upset our world.

Isaiah won't allow this. Isaiah saw what we will one day see . . . the Messiah in all his glory! Isaiah foresaw the coming rule of Jesus on earth. In just a few verses he gathered together into one announcement predictions of His birth, His deity, His earthly government, His just kingdom, and His eternal reign. He is God almighty. In the baby in the manger dwells all the fullness of the Deity in bodily form (Colossians 2:9) and the government of the entire world is on his shoulders.

Isaiah knows that the child in the manger is so much more than "baby Jesus." So does C.S. Lewis. Using the voice of Queen Lucy in his story, 'The Last Battle', Lewis writes, "Once in our world too, a stable once had something inside it that was bigger than our whole world." This is true . . . and because the One within the manger is so much more than "baby Jesus" we bow down to Him and we praise Him and we submit our lives afresh to Him . . . Our Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.

David



Devoted to Meeting Together

Next Sunday, 9th December 10:30am

Family Worship Service with Communion

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 3rd December "Constellations and Celebrations"

Friendship Group: Thursday, 2:30pm at Wyevale Garden Centre for a chat over a cuppa.

JELLY BEANS

Jelly Beans had a brilliant start to Advent with 24 calendars finding their way into as many homes. The response was very encouraging and we intend to deliver any left-overs later this coming week. With 23 days of opening Advent Calendar doors, please pray daily for our Jelly Bean families that they become intrigued with the story of Jesus' birth. A huge thank you to everyone who dipped into their pockets and helped financially.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Mt 7:7~8

Many thanks, Betty

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

As you know we are preparing hampers again this year. We have prepared a list of foods and are asking people to initial against anything they would like to contribute. By doing this we hope to avoid having too many or too few of any one item. We will have a crate on the stage for collection of goods. We will assemble the hampers in the week before Christmas and distribute them that weekend. Thank you for your help.



"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever."

Psalms 136 : 1, 26