



Pulborough Brooks BAPTIST CHURCH

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Some other Dates for your Diary:

Village Market - Bread Stall; Saturday 28th January, 25th February, 25th March, 22nd April, 27th May.

Jelly Beans Toddler Group, Meets from 10:00am on Monday mornings (during term time) in the Arun hall.

Friendship Group, - currently meets at the Wyevale Garden centre in Pulborough, from 2:00pm-3:30pm on Thursday afternoons.

Visit from the Pastoral Team: If anyone would like to receive a visit from the Pastoral team, please feel free to contact John Watson, Barbara Morgan, Jill Jones, Maureen Watson, or Karen Banner at any time.

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 at the entrance to 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 don't you 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 (available from the tea bar) and place it in the offertory box.

Our Pastor, Rev'd Dr. David Howling, can be contacted on 01903 741709 (please note that David is not usually available on Mondays)

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Welcome!





Jesus showed an exceptional love and regard for children. On one occasion a disciple asked him, 'who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' In reply, he placed a child in their midst. Then he said, 'truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me' (Matt. 18:1-5).

Whereas the disciples were concerned with who would be great, a child was an example of humility and lack of concern for status. God has always been against the proud and for the humble (see Luke 1:51-52). He is the God who defends the widows and the orphans because they are humble and vulnerable. Children are of great significance to God, and also to the church.

This is why, in keeping with the attitude and actions of Jesus, we as a church welcome children. We take seriously his invitation, 'whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me'. To receive a child in his name is to do honour to Jesus. We recognise that for children to part of our church family is a privilege both ways. The church has the blessing of young lives growing in wisdom and stature. Children have the benefit of being surrounded by a worshipping community, hearing of Christ and being in an atmosphere of faith. This is indeed a blessing.

As a Baptist church, we do not baptise infants because we believe that the decision to be a disciple of Jesus is one that can only properly be made at a later stage of spiritual development. But we do welcome children into the church by means of a special dedication service. The presentation of children is a practice rooted in biblical example. It celebrates the gift of children and enables parents to express gratitude to God for the gift of a new baby. It also provides an opportunity to seek God's blessing on the family and a chance for the parents to publically affirm their commitment to bringing their children up in the full knowledge of God's love made known in Christ Jesus.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



Saturday 28th January, Village Market, 9:00-12:00.

Sunday 29th January, Family Worship Service, 10:30am, Arun Hall.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Home group meetings – see your home group leader for details.

Thursday 2nd February Friendship Group, 2:00pm Wyevale Garden Centre.

Sunday 5th February, Alpha Sunday Worship Service, Breakfast served from 10:15am Arun Hall.

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

Devoted to Prayer

Lord,

Thank you for the gift of the children you have placed in our home.
Please guide us to raise each of them as you are calling.

Help us to instil in our children not only our great love for each one of them, but Your immense love and mercy.

Press upon our children that while our desire for them to reach heaven is great, Your desire is far greater.

Our love is great, Your love is far greater.

Our desire for them to follow Your will is great,
but Your desire is far greater.

Lord, grant us the wisdom and discernment to lead,
nurture and train our children all of our days.

Amen



"I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

Mark 10:15