

Dates for your diary:**Jelly Beans Toddler Group:** No meeting until next term.**Friendship Group:** No meeting this week.**Village Market Bread Stall:** Next market January 27th.

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 or via the Church Office at any time.

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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 not 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 and place it in the offertory box.

Our Pastor, Rev'd. Dr. David Howling, can be contacted via the church office.

(Please note that David is not available on Mondays)

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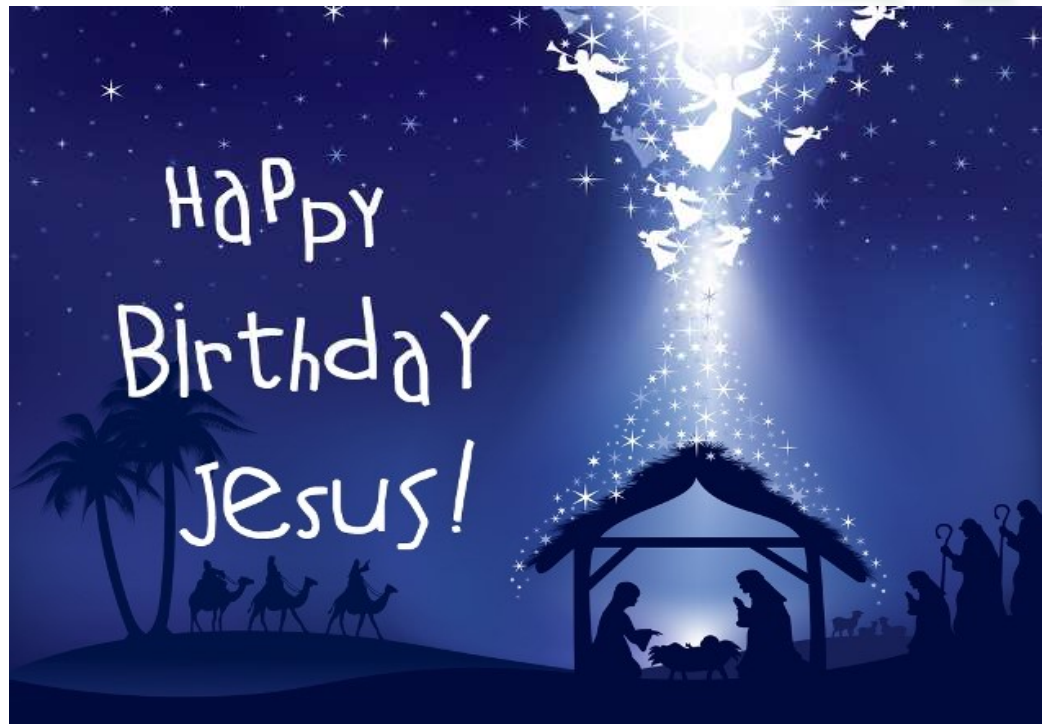
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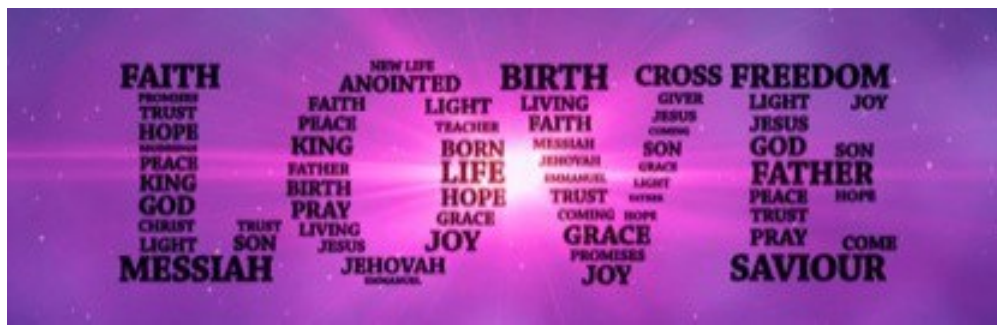
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Welcome!



Devoted to Meeting Together

This weeks Home Groups

See your homegroup leaders for details.

The groups meeting at Peter & Jill's are both in recess until January. The Tuesday group will re-start on 9th, and the Thursday group on 25th.

John & Maureen's morning group in Storrington will meet next on January 16th.

Next Sunday, 31st December 10:30am

Family Worship Service

Bringing God's Word: Simon Howling



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

If you're reading this on Friday or Saturday, don't forget
Sunday's service is a Carol Service starting at 3:30pm.
There is NO service at 10:30am.

All the family are most welcome to our
 shortened **service on Christmas Day at 10:30am**

The *Splash* team send their love to all at PBBC and thanks to everyone who has prayed, supported & helped during the year.

Devoted to Prayer

Lord, We worship You during this Christmas season. You are our wonderful Counsellor, mighty God, everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. We choose to put You at the centre of our family life as we celebrate Your birth. Keep us from distractions and help us to invite You into all our family activities. Teach us to pray and help us to glorify and worship You in our family during this busy time of year. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation that we might know You better. Amen.



“And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John1:14 (KJV)

David

Advent reminds us that Jesus came into the world because God loves us. (1 John 4:9) You see, God didn't just tell us how much he loves us, he demonstrated the reality of his love for us in Jesus. Søren Kierkegaard, the great Danish theologian told this story: 'A prince wanted to find a maiden suitable to be his queen. One day while running an errand in the local village for his father he passed through a poor section. As he glanced out the windows of the carriage, his eyes fell upon a beautiful peasant girl. During the ensuing days he often passed by the young lady and soon fell in love. But he had a problem. How would he seek her hand?

He could order her to marry him. But even a prince wants his bride to marry him freely and voluntarily and not through coercion. He could put on his most splendid uniform and drive up to her front door in a carriage drawn by six horses. But if he did this he would never be certain that the maiden loved him or was simply overwhelmed with all of the splendour.

The prince came up with another solution. He would give up his kingly robes and move into the village, entering not with a crown but in the garb of a peasant. He lived among the people, shared their interests and concerns, and talked their language. In time the maiden grew to love him for who he was and because he had first loved her.'

This very simple, almost childlike story, is what Christmas is all about. God making himself nothing, taking on the nature of a servant and coming to live among us. God wanted to reveal himself to us in an understandable way, and this is precisely what Jesus did. Not with pomp and ceremony, glitz or glamour but quietly and humbly, that we might grow to love him, because he first loved us.