

## 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 leaders 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/](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.

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

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# Welcome!



### Abide in Me – John 15:1-9

As one year draws to a close and another is about to begin, I took it upon myself to research some of the great things happening in 2019 that I might share with you on Sunday morning (spoiler – it’s the Grand Canyon’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday as a National Park, how exciting). However, despite all the wonderful things to look forward to in 2019, we as Christians are also aware that we are not immune to the problems, troubles and trials that will undoubtedly come during the coming year.

Over the Christmas period Pastor David has been sharing with us why Christmas is so much more than what we commercially make it to be. I would like to carry on that theme and look at the well-known passage of John 15: 1-9 where Jesus declares He is the “true vine” and with this, we are to remain in Him. Newer translations use the word “remain” in this passage, however I will be going back to the older King James version where the word used is “abide”. My reason for this is that the word “abide” carries a much deeper meaning and offers us a sense of what it means to abide in Christ.

To help us study the passage I will be using the word “abide” as an acrostic to help us look at how we can abide in Christ. We will look at how we need to: (1) **Acknowledge** Christ as Lord; (2) **Bond** with Christ so that we might know Him more; (3) Seek to be the **Image** of Christ in the way we live; (4) Be **Disciplined** in how we live our lives and finally, (5) rest in the **Everlasting** assurance that comes with a life that abides in Christ.

*Simon*



*Devoted to Meeting Together*

*Next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019*

**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.*

### *Devoted to Prayer*

**While we have a very quiet week with no scheduled services, do take the opportunity this presents to pray especially for:-**

- Many older folk may have difficulty to get to church, so pray that they will be able to experience the joy of the Christmas season. Remembering, particularly, those in care homes and sheltered accommodation.
- Pray too for carers who sacrifice so much of their time to look after loved ones. Pray that they might find rest.
- Pray for families who find relationships strained and difficult at this time of year. Pray that they might find peace.
- Pray for all those who have the responsibility of preaching at New Year services.
- Pray that the true message of Christmas will impact those who have yet to find their place in God’s family.

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Heavenly Father, bless my resolutions for the coming year. May they be in accordance with Your will and direction for my life. Guide my thoughts and prayers and help me exercise my faith to bring it all to fruition in 2019. May my efforts be to bring many to know You and to believe on the Lord Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life. May the lost be found, those living in darkness come to light through intercession, outreach, guidance and prayer.

I pray this New Year is blessed with Your presence in all I do as I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen



“Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits

**Psalm 103 : 1~2**