

## Coming Up...

- Jelly Beans:** No meeting this Monday, re-start in January
- Homegroups:** Thakeham group meetings will restart on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Storrington group normally meets on Tuesday morning  
Pulborough group meetings will restart on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Please check with your homegroup leader for meetings in the Christmas / New Year period.

**Friendship Group:** No meeting this Thursday, will re-start on 9<sup>th</sup> January.

The next **Bread Stall** will be in the Village Hall in the new year!

**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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# Pulborough Brooks BAPTIST CHURCH

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"I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life." **Gen 9:15**

# Welcome!



## Secretary's Scribblings



I'm sure that we have all enjoyed the children's stories often featuring Cecil the sheep. One that I like particularly features Webster D. Duck, the Preacher duck. The congregation are wildly enthusiastic during the 'sermon', they want more of the encouraging message but, having been told that they can **fly**, they leave church and **walk** home. It seems that they've forgotten the message already, are too busy with other things, don't believe it or choose to ignore it. Just leave it to others is also possible!

Compare this to the behaviour of the disciples after the resurrection. They'd been despondent at the crucifixion then absolutely elated when they realised that Jesus had risen from the dead. In Matthew 28 v19ff, Jesus **told** them to "Go and make disciples of all nations". Suppose they'd ignored the command, were too busy so left it to others or just forgot! What do you think would have been the consequence? Well, I suggest that you wouldn't be reading this now. You're reading this because at some point in your life someone told you about Jesus and they told you because someone had told them and so on all the way back to the disciples. 2 Tim 2 v2 looks at this in the context of teaching men who will in turn teach others. But if the disciples hadn't obeyed the Lord's command in the first place then the chain is broken almost before it's begun. It's said that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. It doesn't matter whereabouts in the chain that weak link is, if it breaks then the chain breaks. We all, both corporately and individually, have a responsibility before the Lord, to obey His **command** (it was never a suggestion or just a polite request) 'Go and make disciples of all nations...'. But you knew that anyway, you didn't forget – did you?

*Peter*



*Next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020*

**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 52** of the **Pulborough Village Prayer Rota**:

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

### *Coming Up...*

There's really nothing much happening this week! So let's look forward to what God has planned for us in 2020 and be ready to say 'Yes, Lord'

### *Devoted to Prayer*

Heavenly Father, whose might is over all the earth, we thank you for all the love you show us. We also thank you for everything that seems hard, but which you change into help and strength. You are the great and mighty God who calls us to life again and again, who leads us to fuller life. You have given us great love in sending your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour. He shall always be before our eyes and remain in our hearts. Through him we can cry out in joy, "Abba, Father!" Amen.



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

**Jer 29:11 (NIV)**