

Dates for your diary:

Jelly Beans Toddler Group: Next meeting: 8th January 2018.

Friendship Group: No meeting this week.

Village Market Bread Stall: Next market: January 27th 2018

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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Welcome!



Imitating Christ – 1 John 2:3-11

On Christmas morning we looked at the topic of good news, how Jesus' coming into the world was good news for all people. The Christmas period gives us a wonderful platform on which to proclaim this good news to people. But now the Christmas period is over, where do we go from here? Well it seems to me that if we spent the last few weeks proclaiming the good news that Jesus wants to be part of people's lives, then we need to make sure He's part of ours. 1 John 2:3-11 addresses a Christian community who want to be sure that they really know God and are abiding in Him. 1 John 2:6 tells us "Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did." Going into the new year how can we be sure that we are living a life like Jesus? My suggestions are not new ideas and I'm sure will be familiar to you, but I make no apologies about that. They are all things that Jesus did throughout His life and ministry. Prayer, Scripture, Action. As Christians going into the new year we need to make sure we are rooted in a deep, meaningful prayer life. We need to be standing upon the firm truths of the Bible. We need to be a church that is moving into loving action, so that the good news we rejoice in at Christmas is carried in our hearts wherever we go.

Simon

Devoted to Prayer

Lord, thank you for being Emmanuel, "God with us." Open our eyes to realize this each day as we interact with others. Help us to be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as You forgave us. Show us creative ways to love and care for those outside our home. Fill us to overflowing with Your love for the lost. Open their hearts to Your great love for them. Help us to share Your Truth and to be Your light. You are the Saviour of the world. Amen.

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. The Tuesday group will re-start on 9th January and the Thursday group on 25th January

John & Maureen's morning group in Storrington will re-start on 16th January .

Next Sunday, 7th January 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.

The **Pastoral Team** thank everyone for their generous gifts for the Christmas hampers. We managed to make up four hampers.



"Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

Luke 2:28~32