

Some other Dates for your Diary:

Village Market - Bread Stall; Saturday 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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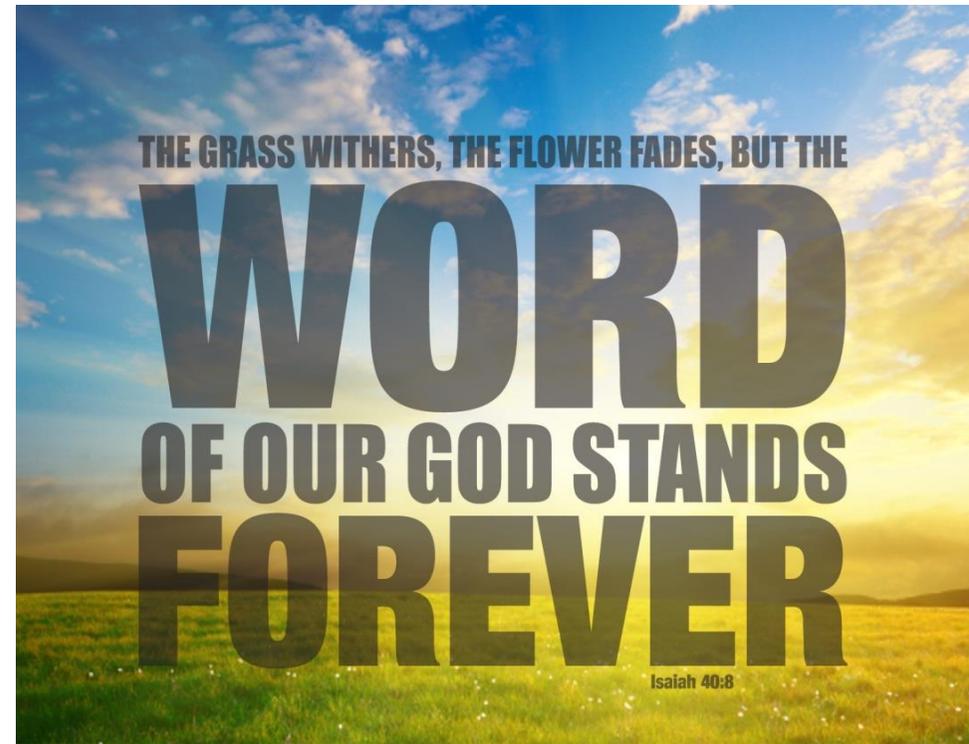


5th February 2017

Pulborough Brooks BAPTIST CHURCH



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Welcome!

Got questions about life



Alpha Sunday 4: Why and How do I read the Bible?

Sometimes people say, 'If there's a God, why doesn't he show himself to us? Why doesn't he reveal himself?' And the answer is: he has. God has revealed himself in Jesus. That's the ultimate revelation of God. But how do we know about Jesus? We know about Jesus because the New Testament is all about Jesus – in fact the Old Testament, when you look at it through the lens of Jesus, is also about Jesus.

As Christians we believe that the Bible is inspired by God. The apostle Paul tells us that all scripture is 'God-breathed'. That is to say that the Bible was 'inspired' by God even though it was written over a period of 1600 years by at least forty authors (including kings, philosophers, fishermen, poets, statesmen, historians, and doctors). They wrote different types of literature, such as history, poetry, prophecy and letters but their inspiration came totally from God.

Because the Bible is 100 per cent inspired by God it's authoritative. Paul goes on to say this: *'All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true; to make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.'* (2 Timothy 3:16) In other words, it's our authority for what we believe and for how we are to live our lives.

The Bible is like a love letter from God. When you get a letter from someone you love, you treasure that letter – not because of the letter, because the letter itself is nothing in a way; it's because of the person who wrote it. And it's the same with the Bible. That's why it's precious. Jesus said this: *'You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me,'* – he says: *'This book's all about me' – 'and yet you refuse to come to me to have life.'* (John 5:39-40)

The whole point of this book – the Bible, is so that you and I can be friends of Jesus.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



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

Monday 6th February, Jelly beans Parent and Toddler Group, 10am – 11:30am Arun Hall.

Wednesday 8th Feb, Church Members meeting, 7:30pm Brooks Room.

Thursday 9th February Friendship Group, 2:00pm Wyevale Garden Centre.

Saturday 11th February, Jazz evening at Ashington Parish Church, 7:30pm.

Sunday 12th February, Family Worship Service, 10:30am, Arun Hall.

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

Devoted to Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord our God.
How sweet are your words to the taste,
sweeter than honey to the mouth.
How precious are your commands for our life,
more than the finest gold in our hands.
How marvellous is your will for the world,
unending is your love for the nations.
Our voices shall sing of your promises
and our lips declare your praise
for ever and ever,
Amen.



"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name...
to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night."
Psalm 92:1-2