

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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12th February 2017

Pulborough Brooks BAPTIST CHURCH

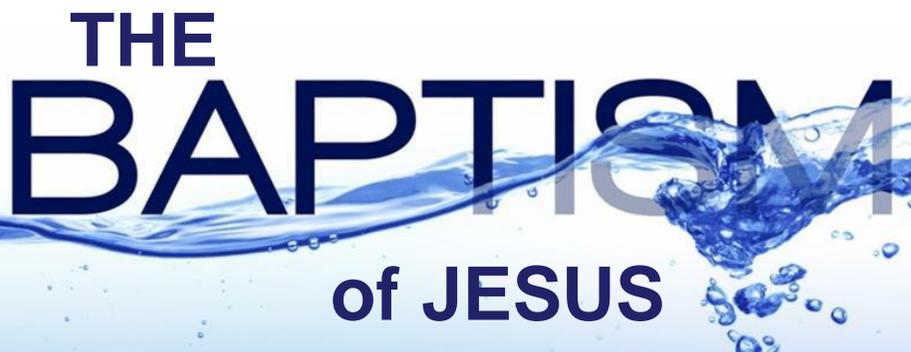


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Welcome!

THE BAPTISM of JESUS



At first glance, it seems that Jesus' baptism has no purpose. John's baptism was the baptism of repentance (Mark 1:4), but Jesus was sinless and had no need of repentance. Even John was taken aback at Jesus' coming to him. And yet there are several reasons why it was fitting for John to baptize Jesus at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

Jesus was about to embark on his great work, and it was appropriate that he be recognized publicly by his forerunner. John was the "voice crying in the wilderness" prophesied by Isaiah, calling people to repentance in preparation for their Messiah (Isaiah 40:3). By baptizing Jesus, John was declaring to all that here was the one they had been waiting for, the Son of God, the One he had predicted would baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Mark 1:8).

The occasion of the public baptism recorded for all future generations the perfect embodiment of the triune God revealed in glory from heaven. The testimony directly from heaven of the Father's pleasure with the Son and the descending of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus (Matthew 3:16-17) is a beautiful picture of the Trinitarian nature of God. It depicts the work of the Father, Son, and Spirit in the salvation of those Jesus came to save.

Jesus' baptism also showed that he identified with sinners. His baptism symbolized the sinners' baptism into the righteousness of Christ, dying with him and rising free from sin and able to walk in the newness of life. His perfect righteousness would fulfil all the requirements of the Law for sinners who could never hope to do so on their own (see 2 Corinthians 5:21). And it also provides a means by which we in turn can be identified with Christ. Baptism by immersion symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and when we follow Jesus' example it becomes a public declaration that we have accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



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

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

Monday 13th February, Jelly beans Parent and Toddler Group, 10am – 11:30am Arun Hall.

Thursday 16th February Friendship Group, 2:00pm Wyevale Garden Centre.

Sunday 19th 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

Prayer of Confession & Commitment

(based on Matthew 16: 21-28)

Merciful God,

You call us to follow;

to turn away from our own selfish interests,
and to take up our cross and follow after You,
even if the path is difficult to see,

or is heading in a direction we would never have chosen for ourselves.

Forgive us for being so quick to question
and so hesitant to follow.

Help us to see with the eyes of faith,
rather than from our own human point of view.

Teach us to follow without fear,
knowing that You are always with us,
leading the way.

Amen.

(re-worship.blogspot.co.uk)



"For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."

2 Corinthians 5:21