

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 (term time) in the Arun hall. Please note the next session will be on the 27th Feb.

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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Welcome!

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

It is a spiritual reality that after we experience some of our greatest spiritual victories, we're faced with our greatest spiritual challenges. An old pastor of mine used to say; 'after the triumph comes the trial!' And so after the triumph of Jesus' baptism came his trial in the wilderness.

Compared to the accounts of Matthew and Luke, Mark chose to omit many of the details. Mark doesn't mention that Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights, or that satan tempted him with three specific temptations, or that Jesus used scripture to send satan packing. Yet if we focus on what Mark omits, we will fail to give proper weight to what he includes. And what he includes, he includes for a purpose.

Mark tells us that no sooner had Jesus been baptised that the Holy Spirit 'sent' him out into the wilderness, where he was tempted by satan for 40 days (Mark 1:12-13 - NIV). The phrase 'sent him out' doesn't do justice to the original Greek which suggests something much more vivid and forceful. The NLT says that Jesus was 'compelled' by the Spirit – the KJV that Jesus was 'driven out' into the wilderness. Mark uses the same word that Matthew used to describe what Jesus did to the moneychangers when he discovered them taking advantage of worshippers in the temple (Matthew 21:12).

The word that Mark uses implies that it was necessary so that just as Jesus identifies with us in his baptism, so he also identifies with us in his temptations. It was important that Jesus be tempted just as we are, so that he could become our "merciful and faithful high priest" and thus be able to help those that are being tempted (Hebrews 2:18). And whereas Adam failed the great test and plunged humanity into sin, Jesus was faithful and demonstrated his qualification to become the Saviour of all who receive him.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



Sunday 19th February, Family Worship Service, 10:30am, Arun Hall.

Wednesday 22nd February, Church Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm Brooks Room.

Thursday 23rd February, Friendship Group, 2:00pm Wyevale Garden Centre.

Saturday 25th February, Village Market, 9.00-12.30pm Arun Hall.

Sunday 26th 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

Dear Lord, You know the temptations that I am facing today. I need your help in this battle. My flesh is weak, so I need your help and the power of your Holy Spirit to fill me with strength. Your Word promises that I will not be tempted beyond what I can bear. I ask for your strength to stand up against temptation each and every time I encounter it.

Help me stay awake so that temptation won't catch me by surprise. I want to keep on praying so that I won't be dragged away by evil desires. Help me keep my spirit well fed with your Holy Word so that I always remember that greater are you, Almighty God, who is living in me than any power of darkness and sin that is in the world.

Your Word also tells me you will provide a way of escape from temptation. Please, Lord, give me the wisdom to walk away when I am tempted, and the clarity to see the way out that you will provide. Thank you, God, that you are a faithful deliverer and that I can count on your help in my time of need.

In the name of Jesus, I pray, **Amen**.



"For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."

Hebrews 2:18