

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!

Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart,
All you that hope in the LORD. Psalm 31:24

The Bible tells us that God has special concern for those who are vulnerable and that he longs for his people (the church) to care for them. People with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia are particularly vulnerable and statistics tell us that the number of people affected is likely to increase significantly over the next 20-30 years. A question that we need to be asking is how our faith might inform the way that we help and care for those affected.

We know that people with Alzheimer's forget much, but they do not forget everything. In his book, *Remembering the Power of Gospel During Alzheimer's*, Dr. Benjamin Mast writes; "If I have Alzheimer's someday, I hope I will remember the goodness of the Lord, take comfort in his presence and hold onto the hope he has promised me. If I forget, I pray that those who love me, whether my immediate family or my church family, will gently and sensitively help me remember."

J. I. Packer writes about the comfort we have in being known by God: "What matters supremely, therefore, is not, in the last analysis, the fact that I know God, but the larger fact which underlies it — the fact that he knows me. I am graven on the palms of his hands (Isaiah 49:16). I am never out of his mind. All my knowledge of him depends on his sustained initiative in knowing me. I know him because he first knew me, and continues to know me. He knows me as a friend, one who loves me; and there is no moment when his eye is off me, or his attention distracted from me, and no moment, therefore, when his care falters."

Ultimately, we have the promise that nothing can separate us from the great love of God in Christ. Though Alzheimer's is a frightening and powerful enemy, the promise of God is greater: nothing can separate those who are in Christ from the love and grace of God. Not the plaques and tangles of Alzheimer's, not the memory impairment observed on psychological testing, not the behavioural problems, the aggression, confusion, or even the apparent forgetting of the Lord can separate us from him.

David

Devoted to Meeting Together



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

Sunday 26th February, Family Worship Service,
10:30am, Arun Hall.

Monday 27th February, Jelly Beans Toddler group,
10:00-11:30am.

Thursday 2nd March, Friendship Group, 2:00pm
Wyevale Garden Centre.

Sunday 5th March, Alpha Sunday, Light breakfast
served from 10:15am

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

Devoted to Prayer

O God of love,
hear our prayer
for all who suffer from Alzheimer's.
In the days of changing memory,
be with them in their fears.
In the days when memory has gone,
bless their families who suffer.
Surround them with tender love
from family, friend, and stranger.
Grant them peace in their hearts,
a secure home environment,
and dignity in their lives.
May each day bring a blessing,
hope, and greater love.
Amen.

Vienna Cobb Anderson
www.beliefnet.com/prayers/



"Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you."