



Pulborough Brooks Baptist Church



Celebration For Churches Together in Pulborough

Marking the end of the Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity and the
Conversion of St Paul the Apostle.

Sunday 25th January 2026 at 4pm
Organist: Tony Hancock

Welcome and Introduction

The Reverend Anne Lewitt – Minister of Pulborough United
Reformed Church

HYMN: O&N 695

Frances Jane van Alstyne (Fanny Crosby) (1820–1915)

**1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life in atonement for sin,
Who opened the life-gate that all may go in:**

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;
And give him the glory—great things he has done!*

**2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives: *Chorus***

**3 Great things he has taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see: *Chorus***

✠ In the name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Leader:

May the name of the Lord be blessed forever, for His name is before the sun.

Congregation:

All the nations of the earth will be blessed through Him and all generations will extol Him.

Leader:

Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, the only worker of wondrous deeds. The holy name of His glory is forever blessed. The whole world will be filled with His glory.

Congregation

Amen! Amen!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Leader:

Now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Congregation

Again in peace let us beseech the Lord. Heed our prayers, raise us to life and have mercy on us.

Leader:

Blessing and glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and always and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**



Collect for the Conversion of St Paul

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

The First Reading: Act 22. vv1-16

Read by a member of Pulborough Brooks Baptist Church

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

‘Brothers and fathers, listen to the defence that I now make before you.’

When they heard him addressing them in Hebrew, they became even more quiet. Then he said:

I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, educated strictly according to our ancestral law, being zealous for God, just as all of you are today. I persecuted this Way up to the point of death by binding both men and women and putting them in prison, as the high priest and the whole council of elders can testify about me. From them I also received letters to the brothers in Damascus, and I went there in order to bind those who were there and to bring them back to Jerusalem for punishment.

Paul Tells of His Conversion

‘While I was on my way and approaching Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone about me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” I answered, “Who are you, Lord?” Then he said to me, “I am Jesus of Nazareth whom you are persecuting.” Now

those who were with me saw the light but did not hear the voice of the one who was speaking to me. I asked, "What am I to do, Lord?" The Lord said to me, "Get up and go to Damascus; there you will be told everything that has been assigned to you to do." Since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, those who were with me took my hand and led me to Damascus.

"A certain Ananias, who was a devout man according to the law and well spoken of by all the Jews living there, came to me; and standing beside me, he said, "Brother Saul, regain your sight!" In that very hour I regained my sight and saw him. Then he said, "The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear his own voice; or you will be his witness to all the world of what you have seen and heard. And now why do you delay? Get up, be baptized, and have your sins washed away, calling on his name."

This is the word of the Lord

HYMN: We sing the glorious conquest
(Tune NEH 117) John Ellerton (1826-1893)

1 **We sing the glorious conquest**
 Before Damascus' gate,
 When Saul, the Church's spoiler,
 Came breathing threats and hate;
 The rav'ning wolf rushed forward
 Full early to the prey;
 But lo! the Shepherd met him,
 And bound him fast to-day.

2 Oh, glory most excelling
That smote across his path!
Oh, light that pierced and blinded
The zealot in his wrath!
Oh, voice that spake within him
The calm, reproofing word!
Oh, love that sought and held him
The servant of his Lord!

3 O Wisdom ord'ring all things
In order strong and sweet,
What nobler spoil was ever
Cast at the Victor's feet?
What wiser master-builder
E'er wrought at your employ
Than he, till now so furious
Your building to destroy?

4 Lord, teach your Church the lesson,
Still in her darkest hour
Of weakness and of danger,
To trust your hidden power:
Your grace by ways mysterious
The wrath of Earth can bind,
And in Thy boldest rival
Your chosen saint can find.

Please sit

The Second Reading: Romans 12. Vv3-18
Read by a member of the United Reformed Church

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with

sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer.

Thanks be to God

Visual Reflection on ‘The Body of Christ’

The Reverend Judith Ellis

Hymns and songs led by the music group

HYMN: O&N 47
John Daniels (born c.1954)

**As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here;
joined by the Spirit, washed in his Blood,
part of the Body, the Church of God.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here.**

The Address given by Karen Kelland

1 There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.
*Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

2 Jesus my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain: *Chorus*

3 When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever
in that holy place. *Chorus*

HYMN: O&N 67
David J Evans (born 1957)

1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is
here;
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is
here.

2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

The Prayers followed by the Peace
The Reverend Canon Paul Seaman

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN: O&N 32
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

- 1 And can it be that I should gain
an int'rest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That you, my God, should die for me?
- 2 'Tis myst'ry all! th' Immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.
- 3 He left his Father's throne above
so free, so infinite his grace;
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me.
- 4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
your eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, and followed joyfully.

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

The Blessing

The Reverend Anne Lewitt

*Concluding organ music: "Finale" –
Tylman Susato.*



Do join us for refreshments

**There will be a retiring collection in aid of
Family Support Work (FSW)
Thank you so much for your support**

Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one,
we pray to you for the unity of Christians,
according to your will, according to your means.
May your Spirit enable us
to experience the suffering caused by division,
to see our sin
and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.

Written by the Chemin Neuf Community

