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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



10:30am Morning Worship

Mandate I: Loving God

Luke 10:38-42

Speaker: Simon Downing

6.30pm Evening Worship

The Second Sunday -Inspirational words

Everything will be new

Revelation 21:1-5

Leader: Clive Bennett

19th January 2020

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 13th January

09:00 – 12:00noon - Café Connect

10:00 – 12noon - Craft Club

Tuesday 14h January

10:00 – 12noon - Coffee Pot at the Council offices.

18:45 – 21:00 – Leadership team meeting

Wednesday 15th January

09:00 – 12:00noon - Café Connect

19:00 – 20:30 - Community choir

Thursday 16th January

10:00 – 12noon - Coffee Time at West Meads

Saturday 18th January

10:00 – 14:00 – Leadership team away day.

Sunday 19th January

10:30 – 11.45 - Morning worship with Simon Downing

18:30 – 19:45 – Evening worship with Simon Downing

NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

SUNDAY MORNING - As we begin a new decade, the leadership team and I have been praying for the Lord to give us His direction for the church. In particular, how can we turn our vision to love God, love each other and to love the lost into meaningful, Christ-like action. Consequently, over the next three Sunday mornings, I will be talking about some very important fundamentals of how we believe we are meant to implement our vision into our every day lives. Please make every effort to be here for all the services. This morning, I will use Jesus' visit to Mary and Martha as our starting point. Both of these women loved Jesus and delighted themselves in serving Him. One of these women was working her fingers to the bone, the other just simply sat at Jesus' feet listening to His words. Martha, in being so busy, was actually neglecting her guest. Each one of us has to ask ourselves are we a Martha or a Mary. Are you so busy doing things for Jesus that you're not spending any time with Him?

SUNDAY EVENING - This Sunday evening is our monthly slot for an Inspirational Word from the Scriptures and since we are still at the beginning of a New Year the topic we are considering is "Everything will be new". It is true that no matter what resolutions we make for the coming year we will probably end up getting what we have always got by doing what we have always done. It is God's intention that, one day, things will not just be better and improved but totally, totally, new. So this evening we will worship together and explore just what is planned for us in the future and lift our eyes to the one who promises: "I am making everything new". There's no greater inspiration or anticipation than that is there?"

TODAY'S FLOWERS - This week's flowers are given in the precious memory of my only daughter, Jax, who went home to the Lord 14 years ago and who is greatly missed. Bridget.

MARIE STONEHAM - As many of you will know Marie has been unwell since Christmas and has struggled to cope. Consequently, she has moved into Autumn Lodge, Aldwick Road for a period of rest and recuperation. Please pray for an improvement in her health and for a restful time.

CHURCH MEETING – Copies of the agenda for our next Church meeting to be held on Thursday, 23rd January at 7.30pm are now available at the back of the church. Please take one.

CONTACTING THE MILLINGTONS - Rob and I can no longer be contacted on the landline but can be contacted on our mobiles - just to confirm mine is 07708477178 and Rob's is 07840901012. Claire

FLOWER ROTA - The flower rota for 2020 is now on the notice board (near the kitchen end). Please put your name against any date special to you to donate flowers. This is a vital part of our Church life as, after Sunday services, the flowers are distributed to the ill, housebound or any in need of cheering up!

CHURCH DIRECTORY - If you have filled in a form to have their name in the directory but do not have a directory copy please let Clive know and he will give you a copy.

STAYING FOCUSED - How do you handle potential distractions? Are you able to keep your attention focused on the task at hand? Do you stay alert to opportunities God places before you? Or are you so busy, you simply miss them?
The beginning of a new year (in fact, the start of a new decade) is a good time to address issues of attention and intention in our lives. Surely the Lord has great plans for us in the coming year. Wouldn't it be a shame to miss out due to a lack of focus?

WHO ARE YOU GOING TO INVITE ROUND? – On the last Sunday evening of each month from January onwards, we will not be holding an evening service here. Instead, we want to encourage you to invite one or two Christians round, so as to build stronger relationships with them. As well, or instead, why not invite some unbelievering friends or neighbours round to your home and get to know them a little better? We know that this may not be possible to do every month, but the aim is to be consistent with your invitations whilst not always inviting the same people every time. It is about doing what God leads you into. Hopefully, through your homegroups, you can share how things are going. If you don't know where to start, you could always do the British thing and invite them for a cup of tea! You might be surprised what doors can be opened through unexpected acts of kindness.

URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS - If you have, or know of, an urgent need for prayer then please contact Simon as first responder. He will then activate the prayer chain as appropriate.

THE PRAYER ROOM - Please go into the prayer room, there are many prayer requests displayed by our brothers and sisters in Christ. Prayer requests will remain for two weeks they can be re-dated. Please let us know answer to prayer so we can give thanks to our Father.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Maureen Jones (friend of Bridget), Joan Brett, Louisa Freezer, John Richardson, Aleesia (Peta's grand-daughter, friend of Ingrida), Joy Puffett, Marion Bryant, Pat and Mick Parker, Janice Sprules, Hazel Goldsmith, Val Collett, Pam Ryan, Tony Brock, George Woods, Sid Evans, and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time.

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Second thought for 2020

Don't spend so much time on creating your to do list ….



… that you don't have time to actually DO anything!