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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



10:30am Morning Worship

Family service

New Year – new focus

Hebrews 12:1

Speaker: Simon Downing

6.30pm Evening Worship

Devotional communion

Nehemiah 1:4-11

Leader: Derek Robinson

5th January 2020

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 6th January

09:00 – 12:00noon - Café Connect

10:00 – 12noon - Craft Club

Tuesday 7th January

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

12:30 – 14:00 - Lunch club

Wednesday 8th January

09:00 – 12:00noon - Café Connect

19:00 – 20:30 - Community choir

Thursday 9th January

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

15:30 – 17:00 – Messy Church

Sunday 12th January

10:30 – 11.45 - Morning worship with Simon Downing

18:30 – 19:45 – Evening worship with Clive Bennett

NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

SUNDAY MORNING – Not only is it a New Year but it is a new decade. A chance to weigh up the past and look forward to a different future. The archbishop of Canterbury urged people to make personal connections with others in 2020 to create a new unity in a divided society.

In his new year message, Justin Welby said: “Let’s go for a heroic new year’s resolution. Let’s resolve to reconnect. To reach out to just one person we don’t know, or from whom we have drifted apart. “Pick one person. Pick up the phone. Send them a text. Meet them for a cup of tea. Make that connection. Let’s begin cementing our unity one brick at a time.”

This sounds very similar to our vision for our proposed “Open House”. Why not make this your new year’s resolution too, but unlike most resolutions, let’s all make a determined effort to make it happen?

SUNDAY EVENING - C. T. Studd once wrote, “If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.” What better way could there be to start a new decade than be coming together around the communion table and celebrating what Jesus did for us at Calvary and what He is going to do for us when He returns? Why not join us as a family of believers around the Communion Table this evening as we recall Jesus’ great sacrifice for us.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY - Bible study on Tuesday 7 January in the Lounge at 7pm when Roger French will take a fresh look at the ‘Features of Revival’ with particular reference to the experiences and example of Jacob in Genesis 34 and 35

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER - The next Contemplative Prayer meeting is on Tuesday 7th January at 10 a.m. in the prayer room. This is a time of waiting on the Lord in quiet and lasts about half an hour. Please come.

MESSY CHURCH IS BACK – This Thursday at 3.30pm in the church. The theme of this month's message is "New Year resolutions".

Why not make your New Year's resolution to come and see what Messy Church is all about? You may be surprised. Why not also invite someone to come with you? It will be fun!

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.

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.

GET READY FOR OPEN HOUSE – 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.

WORSHIP TEAM MEETING - Friday January 10th at 7pm. Can all members of the worship teams smake every effort to attend this important planning meeting.

ADVANCED NOTICE – The next quarterly Church Meeting is coming up on Thursday, January 23rd at 7.30pm. Please put this date in your diary and make every effort to attend.

A GREAT CHRISTMAS CARD MESSAGE - The first Wise Men gave Christ treasures from their Kingdoms. Today's wise men give Christ the treasures of their hearts. Brenda

… and finally

THE WINNER OF LAST WEEK'S COMPETITION WAS … Mick Parker and he will shortly be receiving his highly desirable Aldwick Baptist Church pen!

CRANK UP YOUR ENGINES – Most of our groups restart in the coming week after a brief Christmas break. Please pray for the leaders and helpers at Café Connect, Messy Church, Coffee Pot, Coffee Time, Lunch Club, Craft Club, the Community Choir and our Home groups. Why not make a New Year's resolution to join one extra group in 2020? You might be surprised how much you enjoy it!

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.

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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First thoughts for 2020

What we do today is more important than what we plan to do in the future.

