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

ABC NEWS



Our first weekend service will go “live” at 6pm on a Saturday but we would like to encourage you all to settle down around 10.20am on Sunday in front of your TV or computer screen and pray for Jesus’ church here in Aldwick. Please also pray for protection for Simon and his family. This is a communion service and we are encouraging you to take part in your own home. Make sure you have some bread and wine (fruit juice) with you. It should be quite a moving service. Click here to go directly to the service page.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM – We now have a team of 15 people who are committed to contacting you all at least twice a week whilst this crisis continues and probably beyond. I know from listening to your feedback how much this is appreciated by you all. If for any reason you have not been getting a call, please phone me on (01243) 866238 and I will make sure you are on our contact list. Also, if you have any particular problems, please tell a member of the pastoral team and they will report back to me. We will then do our best to help. We also have three people who can help with your shopping if you are unable to get out. Again, please tell any of the pastoral team and we will sort it. Derek.

Our online services

As you now know, on advice from the Baptist union and the Government, we have closed down all of our “in house” activities. However, this does not mean that we can’t worship together. We will be holding two “virtual services” each week which you will be able to access through the church website. Our current midweek theme is “Readying ourselves for resurrection day” and our first service went out last Wednesday.



So far there have been 87 hits on Simon’s talk which probably means more than a hundred people have actually heard his talk.

The response from you has been very encouraging as you can see from some of your comments below:

> It was such a blessing watching Simon's message – LF.
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> We absolutely loved the service. It was a real blessing. H & J.
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> Please let Simon know how much we appreciated his message and many thanks to you for sending it out. It was good to have a midweek 'meeting'. We are looking forward to Sunday's worship service. T & G.

If you haven’t listened yet then click here.

SIMON’S NOTES – We will be emailing Simon’s notes and the order of service to you along with the news sheet. If you don’t have an email address, then we will be hand delivering both the news sheet and the notes to you on Monday.

PLEASE JOIN SIMON FOR PRAYER - On Monday, Simon intends to pray for the church at 9.30am. He would like us all to set this time apart to join him in prayer before he sets out on his rounds. He will then begin delivering the news sheet to those without email access and also his notes.

HAZEL GOLDSMITH – Last Saturday Hazel went to be with the Lord. Hazel died about 10 minutes to nine with her two daughters besides her bed. Brian is at home, still suffering from his car accident earlier this week. Please pray for Brian and the family at this time. Please also praise God for Hazel's life and that she is now free from all her earthly limitations and is with the Lord. With regard to Hazel's funeral due to the present coronavirus we are likely to be having a simple ceremony around the graveside. Reynolds have suggested Monday 6th April at 14.00 hours. Numbers will be limited to between 10 & 20 placed 2 metres apart. It will be family only with a few exceptions. We may get it videoed for those who cannot attend. Pastor Simon will officiate.

As you will know, we have been sending out prayer requests almost daily this week. So, for those who don't have email, we have been asked to pray for:

"For my niece Joanne, who is very anaemic & now suffering from painful gallstones. She has suffered from ME for many years. They aren't churchgoers but her parents were very grateful when I asked if they would like us to pray." Molly Hawkins.

"I wondered if I could ask the church to pray for my sister Ruth. She recently started working in the Christie Hospital in Manchester, a specialist in Cancer treatment. She has been assigned to the ward dealing with the Covid 19 cases and had a patient die this week. Ruth, although churched as a child, does not know Jesus as her Saviour. She is finding the work very emotional and is a front line worker. Please pray for her safety and for a revelation of God in her life." Anna Applin.

"We would really value prayer for our Sarah who is a local doctor and for her husband, Chris, and their daughter Miri. Everyone in the health service is currently under enormous pressure." Bev.

"Please pray for Shavali and Avinash as they are both working at St. Richards with Shavali on the coronavirus ward. Pray also for the protection of their children." Stuart.

"Please pray for Floss, who is related to one of our church member's neighbours, recently had diarrhoea, followed by sickness. Then a few days ago she woke up unable to see. She was taken into hospital and given an operation on her brain immediately. The doctors don't know what the outcome will be and Floss is being kept sedated in isolation, although it appears the operation went well as far they know." Simon.

"Naomi, a doctor in Bangor and granddaughter of one of our members, will be working on the Covid-19 ward as of this Thursday. Please pray she will have all the protective gear she needs and will be protected by the hand of the Lord."

"James, my nephew is heading up a Covid-19 ward in London as well as having overall responsibility for ED. He is absolutely shattered with continual long hours in harrowing situations. Please pray for that James' own health is not affected by the virus. Please also pray for all medical staff currently involved in this fight." Derek.

"Please pray for pain relief for Marie, for peace of mind and for the medical team to make the right decision at this difficult time for the NHS. Please also pray for more general healing for Marie." [Marie is waiting to see if she can have an operation to fit a shunt into her brain to avoid the build up of CSF (cerebrospinal fluid) in the cavities (ventricles) of the brain]. Derek

Please continue to pray for Simon and his family as he works out what God wants him to do in these challenging times.

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 –Brain and Hazel Goldsmith, Joy Smith, Pam Brown, Stella Filby, Maureen Jones, Joan Brett, John Richardson, Aleesia (Peta's grand-daughter, friend of Ingrida), Joy Puffett, Marion Bryant, Pat and Mick Parker, Val Collett, Pam Ryan, Tony Brock, George Woods, Sid Evans, and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time. Please also pray for all of us who have to self-isolate over the coming weeks.

GETTING DELIVERIES - I have found out that the butcher and greengrocer at Rose Green will deliver to socially isolated. Greengrocer is called Oakmere. Angela

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER – Although this might be the last thing on your mind at present, the church still needs to operate on a sound financial footing. Most of our costs are fixed and not affected by the closure of our activities. If possible, can you continue to give on a regular basis? I will be sending out further details of how this might work in a separate email. Derek.

DO YOU REMEMBER JIMMY YOUNG? – In particular do you remember Terry Wogan asking. "What's the recipe today, Jim?" Well next week we will be beginning a similar idea on our website. So if you have any simple recipes that people can try whilst they are in isolation then please let me know. Hopefully, people will then send in a photo of their creation which we can then feature the website. Watch out for Claire's recipe for Oat and Fruity Squares which is being shared with the kind permission of my dear friend, Mary.

BE SAFE - Please listen to the Government's advice and try to follow their guidelines. If you are in need of help yourself then ring one of the leadership team or email the church. I will be back on call myself from next Monday. God bless and be safe. Simon

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