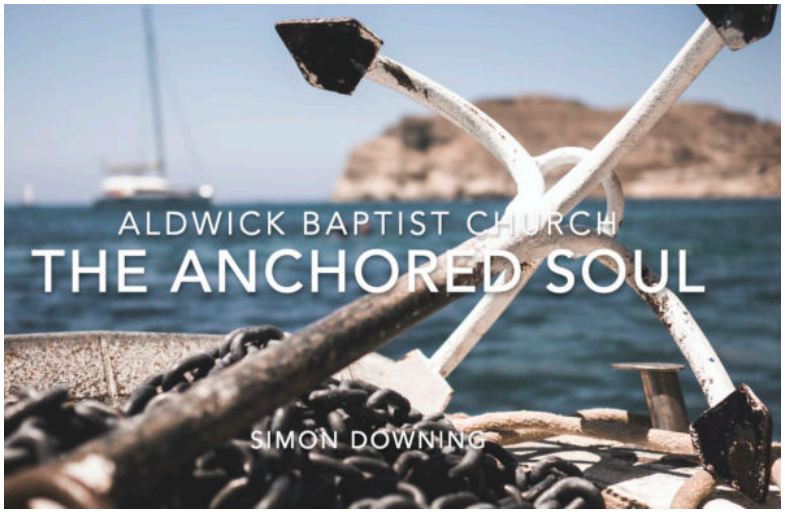
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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church

ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK



This Sunday, Simon's sermon is entitled "The anchored soul" based on Hebrews 6:19-20. In this sermon, Simon explains that in these uncertain time God wants us to know of the deep security we have in Him as believers – how anchored our souls really are. Simon specifically focuses on the phrase 'we have this hope as an anchor for the soul,' but without the background and context, we will not really appreciate the depths of what that anchor is like. The background all revolves around a man called Melchizedek, the man referred to in our verses - v20. Melchizedek was the King of Salem, and he appears in Genesis 14v18-20. And, other than in Genesis, he only appears once more in the Old Testament in Psalm 110v4! So, a man who is mentioned only twice in the entire Old Testament is a dominant theme in the book of Hebrews and in our verses! But why? To find out make tune you watch this weekend's service!

Our online services

Our Sunday morning service will go "live" at 6pm on a Saturday evening. However, if possible, we would like you to join us on Sunday in prayer at around 10.20am before watching the service at 10.30am as normal. Please pray for your church family and for all the frontline workers who are keeping us going in these difficult times. Please pray too for our prime minister and the cabinet who have the unenviable task of deciding when and how to ease the lockdown. It is becoming clear that, as the lockdown continues, people will become more agitated, so, as we said last week, we need to keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus.

You Click here to go directly to the service page.

Our midweek service this week will continue with our theme of 'Repercussions of the Resurrection'. This week's message will be brought to us by Simon and is entitled, 'From failure to faith' - John 21v15-25. This will go live at 6pm on Wednesday.

If you missed any of earlier services these can be viewed online services by going to http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/latest-news/online-sermons

The response from you has been very encouraging so far but please do send in your reactions to contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk.

SERMON' NOTES – We will be emailing Simon's notes for today and from last week, together 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 early next week.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BAPTIST UNION – We are in unusual and very difficult times. Many have lost loved ones and there is huge anxiety about the future. We have all been challenged by the changes to our routine and balance of life. This coming Sunday at 8pm, we will again gather in prayer and kneel before our known God. Not only that, we will be celebrating God's call on Yinka Oyekan's life to be our next President. It will be wonderful to have current President Ken Benjamin and past President Kate Coleman joining me in that virtual space. You can join the broadcast here https://baptist.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c5e0520fcc236382bf5be8d5c&id=caea834f1e&e=a6870d81da.

HEART NEWSPAPER – Although the Heart newspaper is still being delivered to the church, we are unable to distribute at present. All is not lost, as you can access the contents online at https://www.heartpublications.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Heart-April.

PRAYER DIRECTORIES 2020 - The new prayer directories have been printed and are currently being distributed. These are inserts for the holder most of you already have. Please replace the old pages with the new and then destroy the old copies as the contents are restricted to worshippers at ABC. If you haven't had a folder in the past, please let Clive know.

PLEASE THANK GOD – For the number of people who volunteered to deliver the new prayer directories and for Clive who put it all together

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 resident poet

Did you know that one of our congregation, Arthur Magee, is a well know local poet? He is feeling a little better this but would still would value your prayers for himself and for Eileen his wife, who has been unwell recently. He has kindly given us permission to print some of his poems. If you are still finding our enforced isolation difficult, then this week's poem will remind you that "He is in control".

He is in control

When the pressure of this world
On our shoulders takes its toll.
Rest in the Lord. He is your strength.
He is in control.
When you feel all is lost
When sorrows like the billows roll
Where can you go but to the Lord?
For He is in control.
Remember He is your creator
He made your body, your mind, your very soul
Why should you be afraid? He understands;
"Yes" He is in control.

…and finally

FRIDAY NIGHT IS QUIZ NIGHT – Every Friday at 7.15pm, Jon Robinson (my son) is organising a quiz through his church website and on Facebook. It lasts around 20 minutes and is really good fun. If you want to take part then join via www.stjohnssouthbourne.com or through the We Love Southbourne FaceBook page (facebook.com/welovesouthbourne). Derek.

UPDATE ON MARIE STONEHAM – Marie spent two days on a drip in hospital this week as her nausea and sickness continued. We are pleased to say that she is now back home again. Thank you for your prayers but please continue to pray for her after her major operation.

UPDATE ON PAT PARKER – Pat is back home but is still struggling. Please pray for her doctors to make the right decisions, for Mick to keep positive and for healing for Pat.

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.

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 – Jim McAlpine, John and Michelle Crane, Kate Moss, Brian Goldsmith, Joy Smith, Pam Brown, Stella Filby, Maureen Jones, Joan Brett, John Richardson, 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.

AND DON'T FORGET – Thursday 8pm – open your doors and clap for the workers of the NHS.

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