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

ABC NEWS



ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

Welcome to the week's news sheet. I hope you feel that our weekly sheet helps you to still feel part of our family at ABC even though are still unable to meet together. In today's sermon we will be looking at the phrase, '...in the Spirit.' I will be using a number of verses today, but the exact phrase 'in the Spirit...' appears in a number of places. For example, Ephesians 6v18 with regard to prayer, Revelation 1v10, 4v2, 17v3 and 21v10, with regard to John's prophetic vision and even Jude refers to it in v20, again with regard to prayer. Often, I have come across people who are concerned about the Spirit and many of them would rather leave such matters to other Christians, so please let me say this. Every single Christian is spiritual. Every single Christian has been created by God, to be spiritual. They are spiritual because they are 'in Christ...' and they have the Holy Spirit, dwelling in them, Romans 8v15ff. There are no exceptions to this, and it is nothing to do with what gifts one has. Simon.

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 gradually easing 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.

In our midweek service this week we will continuing with our new series entitled, "Guarding your heart." This week's message will be brought to us by Simon and is based on Luke 10:18-24. In this talk, Simon will be reminding us that we are called and chosen by God. He places us in a body of believers who fight for our success, but we have real enemy who is striving to destroy our lives. In this message, our focus is on the battle for the heart. Don't miss this third episode in this important series! This will go live at 6pm on Tuesday

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

SERMON' NOTES – Over the weekend, we will be emailing the notes from Simon's talk today and Clive's talk 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.

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.

JUST TO CLARIFY – Although the latest advice from the government says that churches can now open for individual prayer from Monday 15th June, we will not be doing so. As Baptists we believe that we can pray anywhere and indeed we urge you to do that. Your safety remains our top priority. We will keep you fully updated when things change, and we can meet together safely. Please respect this decision.

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

NEXT SUNDAY IS OPEN SUNDAY - This will be a special service on 21st June at 10.30 - a time of sharing a verse, or giving a very short 'testimony', of how God has helped you in your life, or simply kept you going in recent days! My hope is that this service will involve lots of different people and give us a sense of togetherness.

The issue with online services, as you know, is that there is no real physical sense between us, because we are apart. But, if we can share just simple verse, or a very short recorded talk, then it will give us a new sense of that bond, and hopefully create the togetherness we seek.

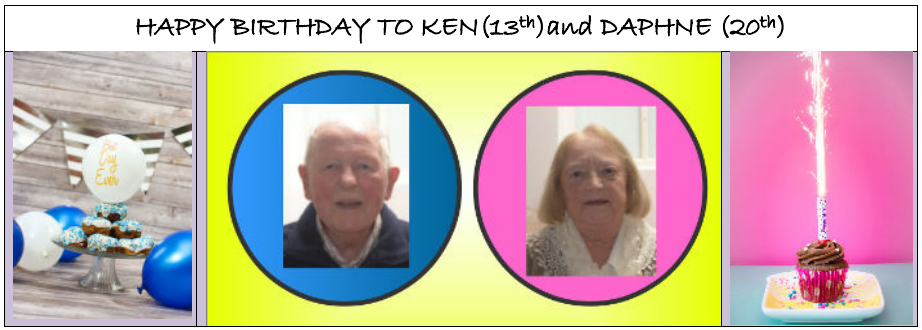
If you would like to do this, please contact Derek who will explain how to upload your video to our site. In addition, please send me, Simon, your verse, with your name on it.

I will then compile all of it for the day. I have no idea where this will go or if there will be any uptake for it, but I hope to bring all that I receive together as a whole, and through it know the blessing of God together.

SYD EVANS - Simon would like you to know that Sid Evans died unexpectedly during the night of June 7th/8th. Please pray for his wife Doreen and their family as they have found this a tremendous shock. Syd's funeral will be held on Thursday, 18th June at 12.30pm. There are no further details yet and, of course, the funeral will be subject to the current restrictions. Please pray for Simon as he prepares for the funeral.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS – Even in isolation, don't let us miss your birthday! So, if you know of any pending birthdays, just let me know. This week will be celebrating Ken Ticker's 94th birthday on the 16th and Daphne Ashby's on the 20th. Unfortunately, we missed Heather's birthday on 13th – so happy birthday Heather from us all.

SO HERE WE GO WITH OUR WEEK FOUR (in isolation) BIRTHDAYS



Whatever you are going through right now, however lonely you might feel, we have a promise to hold onto. And that promise doesn't come from well-meaning, but sometimes, unreliable friends. It comes from Jesus Himself. The best is yet to come as Arthur reminds us in his poem "Beyond".

"BEYOND"

Beyond the doubt and fears;
Beyond the sorrow and tears.
Beyond the conflict and pain;
Where we will never say goodbye again.
Beyond the earthquakes
And the flood
To a place
Of never-ending love.
Beyond all diseases
And evil things
Safe in the arms of the King of Kings
Yes, beyond all time and space
Forever with our God
In that eternal place.

Arthur McGee

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

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 1 - Mary Bullock is concerned for her niece (Sandra) who is having extreme difficulty coping with her two autistic sons (Christopher and Michael - who are both in their thirties) and their erratic behaviour in a lock-down situation. Mary would like prayer for her niece to have the strength to cope with the situation and for the behaviour of the two boys to be more reasonable. Her niece lives in a complex situation which is difficult to know how to pray into but Mary just would like us to bring the whole matter before the Lord who knows the end from the beginning.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Marie Stoneham, John and Michelle Crane, Kate Moss, Joy Smith, Pam Brown, Stella Filby, Joan Brett, Joy Puffett, Marion Bryant, Pat and Mick Parker, Val Collett, Pam Ryan, Tony Brock, George Woods, 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.

IF YOU HAVE ITEMS FOR PRAYER, THE NEWS SHEET OR FOR OPEN SUNDAY then email Derek on contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk of phone (01243) 866238.