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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

Thunder, lightning and hail

Today we will be looking at Psalm 18v7-16, the verses following those we looked at last week. I believe I have been given a prophetic picture too – which I shall detail at the end of my talk. For me, these are some of the most evocative descriptions of God in the bible. These verses describe a 'theophany'. Theophany means 'an appearance of God', the word also means to shine, bring to light, to uncover, reveal and make known. So, these verses, then, are bringing to light, shining forth and making God known to us. This is God appearing to David – and he appears because of David's cry about those cords of death, the cry that went into his, God's, ears. So, this is God's response to David.

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.

The title of our midweek service this week is entitled, "Enough is Enough" based on James 2:14-26. In this, for some, highly controversial passage, James asks, "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?" Does this put James in conflict with Paul when he says, ""Man is justified by faith apart from observing the law." What do you think? Want to know more? Then "tune in" to our midweek worship service..

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 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 implied that churches can now open from 4th July, we will not be doing so. Although we now have the government's guidelines on opening churches, we feel that the conditions placed on opening cannot be safely implemented at ABC and so, for the time being, we will remain closed. We believe most other churches will do the same. Consequently, our message remains - "**NOT YET ABC**".

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

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 no one seems to have birthday or, if they do, they are keeping it a secret.

NEWS FROM THE MUMFORDS - The Mumfords (from MAF) who were due to return to the UK this summer have now decided that due to the coronavirus epidemic they have felt led stay in Liberia for now. Please pray for their safety and protection as well as their ongoing ministry. If you want to read their newsletter please contact Barbara.

ONLINE MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING – Each moth there is a one hour-long prayer meetings attended by people from various churches in Bognor. It is now on Zoom and we praise and pray for local issues and for the present-day worldwide concerns. It is a small group, but it is open to all local Christians as it is under the auspices of Churches Together Bognor. The next meeting will be on 10th August. For further details contact Barbara.

Our resident poet

Arthur's poem reminds us that God's amazing creation is all around us. We only need to open our eyes to see the wonder of it all.

"The Wonder"

When I see the wonder all around;
From the very smallest creature,
to the universe unbound.
When I see the sunset
in the golden sky.
The delicate wings
of a butterfly.
When I see the millions of stars
in the milky way.
Lord, so overwhelming,
it takes my breath away.
How can they take for granted,
the miracle of God's creation?
So many wonders beyond imagination.
Yes, when I see the wonder of it all;
The man who says, "There is no God"
Has to be a fool.

Arthur Magee

HEART NEWSPAPER COORDINATORS – I am pleased to tell you that we now have two HEART NEWSPAPER coordinators: Lucienne Edwards and Brenda Nanson. If you want a copy of this paper then just give one of them a ring.

…and finally

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 – Mick Parker tells us that Pat was discharged from hospital on Friday. This time there was no treatment; just some fizzy tablets to increase her magnesium and potassium levels. She has been 'officially' discharged to palliative care with me. St. Wilfrid's will be keeping an eye on us. Mick wants to thank the church for continuing prayer.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST – Eileen Magee, Arthurs wife, has suffered a breakdown and has been in a hospital in Worthing for the past six weeks. Arthur is managing things well at present and keeping himself occupied but obviously is lonely and misses her company. He would value prayer that she might be healed and restored to him again and that he might continue to find the strength to support her through her recovery. Please also pray for Arthur.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST – Michelle Crane's dad is now out of the coma. He is, however, very weak and somewhat confused. Please pray for him and for Michelle.

MARIE STONEHAM UPDATE – Marie is back home and sounding fairly cheerful although her doctors are not 100% confident in what they have done. Marie has to make some tough decisions about any future operations but is content to leave in God's hands. Please pray for her ongoing healing and thank the Lord for her unquenchable faith in Him.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Ken Tucker who had a fall this week, Maureen Jones, Marion Bryant, Chris Grant, Mary Edwards, Kate Moss, Joy Smith, Pam Brown, Stella Filby, Joan Brett, Joy Puffett, Val Collett, Pam Ryan, Tony Brock, George Woods, and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time.

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