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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

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE (John 3:13-21)

Simon's message today contains probably the most well-known verse in the Bible, John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." But this verse is often taken out of context and, as always, context matters. In today's sermon Simon expands the passage to take in verses 13-21. There is stark warning in v18, that "…whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." Most people who live in our locality fall into this category and are blissfully going about their lives thinking they will be alright because they are generally good people (by the earth's standards). Is the church guilty of sugar-coating God's word? This will be interesting and challenging – don't miss it. Derek

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, "The face in the mirror." This is our fourth study together in this little mini-series on the book of James and our text this week comes from James 1:19-25. Throughout this book, James gives us sound advice as to how we should live as Christians. In this passage James reminds us that when we talk too much we often listen less. In doing so, we communicate to others that we think our ideas are more important than theirs. James wisely advises us to reverse the process. This sounds like something I certainly need to hear. What about you?

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.

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**".

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS – Even in isolation, don't let us miss your birthday! So, if you know of any pending birthdays, just let me know. As I am not getting any response from you, does this mean that you are no longer celebrating your birthdays? Do let me know! Derek.

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. f you want to take part then join via www.stjohnssouthbourne.com or through the We Love Southbourne Facebook page (facebook.com/welovesouthbourne). Derek

ERIC SAMPSON HAS MOVED - His new address is 1 Oakwood Court, Willowhale Avenue, Bognor Regis. PO21 4BG. Tel. 07444638616. Please update your church directory.

HELLO, MY NAME IS CONNIE – I am now 8 weeks old and I am looking forward to meeting you all one day. My mummy Anna, my daddy Ben and my sister Elsie have told me all about you. You do sound most interesting.



THIS WEEK'S POEM

Although Arthur is currently in hospital, I have searched his achieves for this week's poem. I think it captures how most of us feel as we grow older.

Little Boy

Oh, where has that little boy gone?
When life was so carefree.
Life was such an adventure
Playing in the filed or climbing a tree.
Life was so exciting.
In the days when he was young,
Mysteries to be solved and a new song to be sung.
Life seemed so simple then;
So wonderful to be free.
No heavy burdens or responsibility.
Oh, where has that little boy gone?
Oh, so long ago.
I have looked for him everywhere,
Does anybody know?

Arthur McGee

…and finally

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 in the coming two weeks then please contact Derek as first responder either by email or phone. He will then activate the prayer chain as appropriate.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST – Jean Houlston is currently in hospital with sepsis. This is the fourth time in her life when she has had this illness so please can we pray that the doctor's will find out what the source of this terrible illness is. Please pray for peace for Barry and that she will be home soon

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST - As you are probably aware Eileen McGee came home from hospital on Monday after several weeks following her breakdown. That is good news. She has carers visiting her 3 times a day to make sure she is ok. Unfortunately, Arthur (Eileen husband), is now in the cardiac ward at St Richards following an attack on Thursday when he was unable to breathe. I have spoken to Arthur last night and he is feeling better but will remain in hospital for at least a few days. He was cheerful but concerned about Eileen.
Please pray for Eileen to cope at home without Arthur and also pray for a swift recovery for Arthur.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Jean Houlston, Marie Stoneham, Bridget Long, Ken Tucker, Pat and Mick Parker, 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.

THE DOWNINGS ON HOLIDAY – Simon, Nicky and the girls are going to France for a well-earned break over the next two weeks (from Thursday, 6th Aug). Please did not try to contact him during this time but instead contact one of the leadership team (Contact details below).

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