aldwickbaptistchurch

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

ABC NEWS



ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

Suffering, perseverance, and character

Over many weeks, I have been trying to speak on what the Lord has directly led me to. So, rather than a series as such, I have focussed on specific and verses and themes. Today I want to look at the area of suffering, perseverance and character – for us as believers. I think this is a very important issue, something perhaps occasionally forgotten by The Church. Last week's talk called 'in all things', with the picture of the jigsaw, fits with today's sermon – so I feel the Lord has been leading us.

This week's talk fits closely to last week's talk - every jigsaw piece of your life is under God's sovereign hand, and he will conform you and me into the image of Jesus. Praise be to God then, even our sufferings He can and will use! For God has indeed poured out, gushed out, His love into our hearts. And we have hope – in triplicate the passage reads – so let us stand on it and in His love. 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.

The title of our midweek service this week is "Overcomers" based on Revelation 12:10-11. In his talk, Clive will stress that Jesus is the "great overcomer" and, through Jesus, we are also to be "overcomers". This service will also include communion, so please be ready. Clive's talk

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 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**".

We have been frequently asked whether homegroups can meet in their gardens. The government guidelines are clear on this:

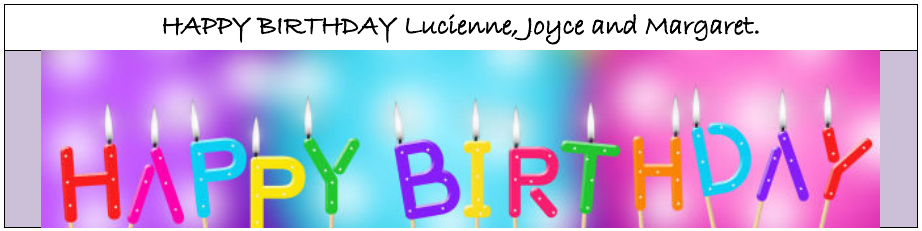
You can continue to meet in any outdoor space in a group of up to 6 people from different households.

So up to SIX people would be allowed to meet provided you follow the social distancing guidelines. **YOU SHOULD NOT MEET IN GROUPS OF MORE THAN SIX.**

The leadership team will be meeting online on Tuesday, July 14th, so please pray for God's guidance and His wisdom in making the right decisions.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS – Even in isolation, don't let us miss your birthday! So, if you know of any pending birthdays, just let me know. Last week we missed Lucienne's birthday (3rd July), so will be including Lucienne this week together with Joyce Kaufman (11thJuly) and Margaret Edwards (12th July).

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



Our resident poet

Arthur's poem fits closely with Simon's talk this week on "Suffering, perseverance and character" as he tells to keep going "in the Lord's strength".

"IN YOUR STRENGTH LORD"

When I'm feeling all is lost.
My life all in decline;
I will fight on, I will overcome,
But in your strength Lord, "Not mine".
The race is on, I will set the pace
With joy I will cross the line.
But without you Lord, I would have lost.
In your strength Lord, "Not mine".
Temptation all around me
The devil waits his time
But he will not win. I want to give in
But in your strength Lord, "Not mine".
When my life on earth is over,
Away from space and time.
Oh, what joy to be with you Lord,
But only because of your strength Lord, "Not mine".

Arthur

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

…and finally

THANK YOU – Doreen Evans would like to say a big thank you to Simon for all support and for leading the funeral service for Syd. She would also like to thank you all for your cards, phone calls and messages at this difficult time.

MARIE STONEHAM – Marie has had a further operation this week which went well. She is now at home recuperating. Please thank God for this good news and continue to pray for her swift recovery.

GOOD NEWS - Ginny, Kay's daughter, is having her spinal operation next Thursday! This is a definite answer to prayer as she has been waiting a long time for this to go ahead. Please pray that the operation goes ahead and is successful.

PRAYER NEEDED - Please also pray for Kay's granddaughter, Susie, who is currently in the Leicester area. Please pray for her protection.
Please also prayer for my son-in-law, Matthew who had just moved to Leicester when the first lockdown began. Derek

HEART NEWSPAPER COORDINATOR WANTED – We really need someone to be the distribution point for the Heart Newspaper whilst we remain in lockdown mode. It means people will contact you to arrange to then collect the paper from you. If anyone feels able to do this, please let know.

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 – Please pray for healing for Maureen Jones who has been admitted to hospital this week after a long period of suffering at home.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Marion Bryant, Chris Grant, Mary Edwards, Kate Moss, Joy Smith, Pam Brown, Stella Filby, Joan Brett, Joy Puffett, 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.

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