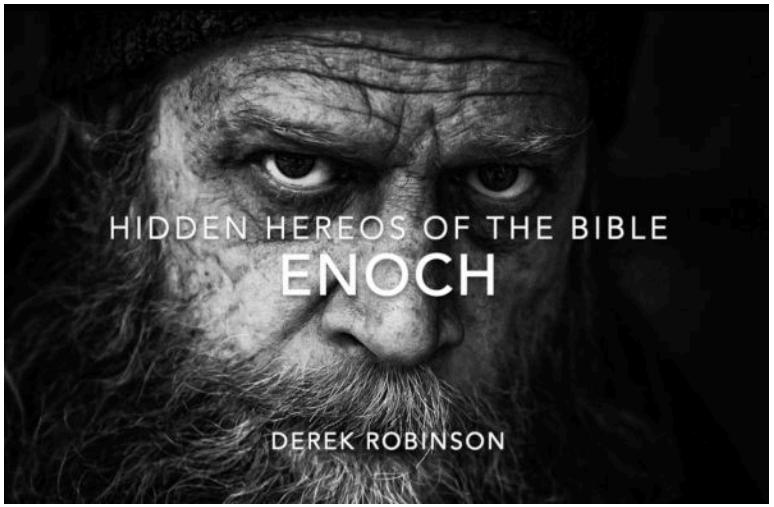
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ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

HIDDEN HEROES – ENOCH (Genesis 5:21-)

This Sunday we reach the final instalment of our mini- on Hidden Heroes of the Bible – those people of faith who are not the - often studied - "larger than life" characters, but humble followers of God who had a major influence on the world around them. Last Wednesday we considered an ordinary woman, Dorcas, who served the community as she made "robes and other clothing" for others. Sewing may not sound like a great Christian ministry, but it was clearly most acceptable to the Lord and which has brought much comfort and relief to His children. This weekend we will be looking at Enoch, **one** of only **two** people who lived before the flood of whom it is said the he "walked with God." The other being his great grandson, Noah. We can learn much about our own walk with God through Enoch's life.

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. This week, 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 the young people who have just received their exam grades and for the uncertainty this has caused in their lives. Pray too for their parents, their teachers and universities who are now trying to sort out university/college places for September.

Please Click here to go directly to the current service page.

Simon will be back from his interrupted holiday on Monday and will be leading our midweek service on Wednesday as we begin a new series based on 1 John. The text for Wednesday is 1 John 1:1-4 and the title of his talk is "The Word of Life". Make sure you tune in!

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 Derek'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.

PAT PARKER – Pat passed away at St. Wilfrid's Hospice on Tuesday afternoon. Please thank God for her life and faithful witness. Please also pray for Mick as he tries to cope with this great loss as well as making all the necessary arrangements. Pat's funeral will be on 3rd September with restricted numbers owing to Covid19 regulations.

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING – Tuesday 25th August 4pm (online). Please pray for clarity of God's purposes for us as we continue to struggle with conflicting advice from the government as to what is allowed, what is recommended and what is not allowed.

JUST TO CLARIFY – Although the latest advice from the government implied that churches can now open we will not be doing so. We have recently been asked if we could open the church for individual prayer. Unfortunately, this is not possible as the government's guidelines on opening churches impose certain conditions that 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**".

GIVING AT ABC – Thank you to everyone who has sent cheques to cover their monthly giving and to those who have set up regular standing orders at the bank. As you can imagine, although we are not able to open the church as yet, our expenses continue. If you not sure how to give, then please contact me. Derek.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

Both Arthur and Eileen are now back at home and would welcome phone calls and/or visits. Arthur's poem this week reminds us of the miracles that are around every day that simply go unnoticed and unappreciated by most people.

Even You and Me

I saw the migrating birds
Flying across the morning sky
To a land far away.
Oh, what a privilege that I saw a miracle today.
When I look up into the Milky Way,
The stars so many light years away;
How it takes my breath away.
Yes, I saw a miracle today.
I saw a caterpillar turn into a beautiful butterfly;
Even the unbeliever must wonder why.
Yes, what more can I say?
I saw another miracle today.
Oh, how can they take for granted
All the wonders that we see?
Everything is a miracle,
Even you and me.

Arthur McGee

FRIDAY NIGHT IS NO LONGER QUIZ NIGHT –Jon Robinson (my son) organised the twentieth and final quiz of this season on Friday, 21st August. We know many of you have enjoyed taking part and one of our teams is on the final leader board. Jon has indicated there could be a second season if the semi-isolation continues. Watch this space! Derek.

THE HEART NEWSPAPER – The Heart newspaper continues to be published and delivered to the church. If you would like a copy then please contact Brenda (Tel. 265984) or Lucienne (265527).

PASTORAL CARE TEAM AND DELIVERY TEAM – These two teams have done an amazing job over the past 22 weeks. I am sure you are all grateful for their ongoing efforts to contact you, so why not tell them yourself when they ring. We do have space for two more volunteers on the phone line, if you fill God is calling you into that ministry. Just let mew know. Derek

…and finally

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 PRAYERS NEEDED 1 – Please pray for Ken Tucker who has not been well for a few days. Pray also for Kay as looks after him.

URGENT PRAYER NEEDED 2 - Daniel (Roseanne's son-in-law) tried to take his life yesterday (Tueday)and has ended up in hospital. The pressure of life and the loss of his job has left him with a lack of self-worth and Roseanne would specifically like prayer that Daniel would be allocated some professional mental health support to see him over this difficult period and that Michelle (his wife and her daughter) might also be able to cope with their ongoing situation.

URGENT PRAYER NEEDED 3 – David Hanchard has been in hospital this week but is now back at home. He is still in a lot pain and the doctors, as yet, have not been able to exactly what the problem might be. David would just appreciate prayer that God, who knows all things, will deal with the cause of the pain.

URGENT PRAYER UPDATE – Michelle's father was buried on Friday 14th August. Michelle would like to thank you for your prayers and asks us to continue to pray for the family over this difficult time.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Michelle and Jon Crane, Arthur and Eileen McGee, Jean Houlston, Marie Stoneham, Bridget Long, Ken Tucker, 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.

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