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

ABC NEWS



ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL – Romans 1:16-17

This Sunday, Simon will be talking to us about Romans 1v16-17, which, as we shall see, fits with the John 3v16 message that Simon brought to us just before he went away. And this is important because it enables us to appreciate how well the scriptures fit together. Now, here's a challenging question. Have you ever found it difficult to talk to others about your faith? Is it a taboo subject, even in your own family? If so, have you ever wondered why? Well in today's reading the Apostle Paul tells us not to be ashamed of the Gospel because it really is the power of God. Rather than being reticent to speak out, we should remember that it is the Gospel that reveals the secret of God's everlasting plan of salvation for lost people – and that applied to all of us at one time. The Gospel shows us both how righteous God is in His plan for us to be saved and also how we may be made fit for eternal life. It is only through trusting in Jesus Christ that our relationship with God is made right. Now isn't that worth sharing with your non-Christian friends, family and neighbours?

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 will be heading back to school soon, not quite sure about what to expect. Pray too their parents who will not doubt have their own concerns. But also pray for their teachers who are being asked to work in quite a different environment.

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

Clive will be leading our midweek service this week as we continue with our series based on 1 John. The text for Wednesday is 1 John 1:5 – 2:3 and the title of his talk is "Walking in the Light". 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 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.

PAT PARKER – As you know, Pat passed away at St. Wilfrid's Hospice on Tuesday afternoon. Pat's funeral will be on 3rd September with restricted numbers owing to Covid19 regulations however, you will be able to view the service on line by going to https://www.obitus.com/; Username: Loso3935; Password: 232226

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING – At our last leadership team meeting we had a long discussion as to the practical difficulties in re-opening the church for worship **as we are all keen to do**. As a result, we will be setting out the church in a way that would meet some of the government's guidelines on keeping us all safe in these difficult times. The leadership team will then meet again to discuss possible next steps. One of the big stumbling blocks for us, however, is the government's advice on protecting people of 70 as outlined below.

- Certain groups of people may be at increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19, including **people who are aged 70 or older, regardless of medical conditions.**
- Individuals who fall within this group are **advised to stay at home as much as possible** and, if they do go out, to take particular care to minimise contact with others outside of their household.

At the moment, we feel that, **as much as we want to**, we cannot open whilst this guidance remains in place. This also applies to all other activities that are held in the church buildings.

Consequently, our message remains - "**NOT YET ABC**".

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 what life would be like without Jesus.

To be without Jesus

To be without Jesus is like …
A clock without the time;
A bell without its chime;
A blind man without a guide;
The sea without the tide;
A lighthouse with a light;
Day without the night.
To be without Jesus is like …
A violin without a bow;
A candle without a glow;
A castle without a keep;
A shepherd without his sheep;
A bird who cannot fly;
The stars without the sky.
To be without Jesus is like …
Music out of tune;
The sun without the moon;
Romeo without his Juliet;
A fisherman without his net.
To be without Jesus is like …
A rose without its perfume;
Summer without June;
But with Jesus we are complete;
Yes, with Him we have everything,
Our Lord, our Saviour the King of kings.

Arthur McGee

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 NEEDED – Please pray especially for Mick Parker this week as he says goodbye for now to his beloved Pat.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PRAYER FROM SAT7 - One of the stories from SAT7 tells of a remarkable answer to prayer. An Egyptian doctor called the SAT-7 KIDS programme *Family of Jesus*, asking for prayers as he was attending to COVID-19 patients in a quarantine hospital. He later contacted us to say: "After you prayed for us on Saturday, there was a sudden divine response to your prayers in the hospital. On Monday, 14 cases were healed of the virus and left the hospital. On Tuesday, 9 cases were healed. On Wednesday, 12 cases were healed. The Lord switched the mood in the hospital from one of depression and sorrow to one of joy and happiness."

URGENT PRAYERS NEEDED – Please pray for Ken Tucker who has not been well for a few days and is now in St. Richard's hospital. Please pray for a correct diagnosis, appropriate treatment and healing. Please also pray for Kay as she is obviously very concerned about him.

URGENT NEED OF PRAYER FOR SYRIA - Samara of Samara's Aid tells of a significant explosion in an electricity production plant in Syria. For Syrians it is having great effect on their lives, jobs and their ability to obtain fuel for cars. This is after all they have been through from Isis and now the coronavirus epidemic. It is also causing delays in Samara's team's plans regarding the completion of the hospital and functioning of the refuge centre - but they are taking the opportunity to complete some things.'

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

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 me know. Derek

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