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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 SPLENDOUR OF THE KING (Psalm 104:1-6)

In this sermon, I want to spend a few moments thinking about the splendour of God – the splendour of the King. In recent weeks we have looked at his power and strength, but today I want to focus on his beauty, majesty and greatness. The language in Psalm 104, as is typical of the psalms, is incredibly poetic and artistic, as it draws out the wonders of God.

Over many years, I have been stunned at the beauty of creation. From the sea here at Aldwick; to the flowers in the Cathedral garden, through to the vast universe that I image with my telescope. From the macro to the micro I see the creativity of God; I do not know how people cannot see the miracle of it all and not believe in the Lord! 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.

Simon is having a well-earned holiday from 6th - 22nd August and during this time Clive and Derek have the privilege of leading the services. On Wednesday 12th August we begin a short series on "Hidden Heroes" of the Bible. This topic has been chosen because we often hear of the many heroes of the faith mentioned in Hebrews 11, such as Abraham, Joseph, and Moses. However, there are many hidden heroes (not necessarily mentioned in Hebrews 11) who were chosen by God to carry out his will and they did so as ordinary human beings (like us) with their God-given strengths - but also with their very human weaknesses. There are many lessons we can learn from some of these men and women and we have chosen just four for us to explore and learn from together:

- Wednesday 12th August: Miriam - Clive
- Sunday 16th August: Mordecai (with Communion) - Clive
- Wednesday 19th August: Dorcas - Derek
- Sunday 23rd August: Enoch -Derek

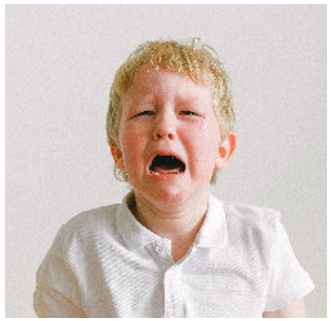
Don't miss this important series.

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

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. 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**".

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

UPSET BECAUSE WE MISSED YOUR BIRTHDAY– THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?



Apparently, we have missed a few birthdays recently because no one told me. Please do not be shy and I promise not to reveal your (true) age.

So belated birthday greetings to Angela Halfacree (1st August) Lyn Heath (5th August) and Janice Sprules (11th July.

But we can wish Beryl McLaughlin "Happy Birthday" on Tuesday, 11th August.

DOREEN GARBETT – It is just over a year ago that we were all shocked to hear of Doreen's sudden death. Of course, this loss hit her husband Ken most of all. We are still in contact with Ken and I have just received this email him, part of which I would like to share with you.

> I have today received a 'thinking of you' card from the 'Hat Ladies'. It contained very touching words whilst remembering Doreen. I am extremely grateful for this kind gesture. If you were able to identify the 'Hat Ladies', please pass on to them my thanks for thinking of Doreen and me at this time. Finally, I send my very best wishes to Simon and of course the wonderful congregation at ABC. Regards, Ken.

THE DOWNINGS ARE ON HOLIDAY – Simon, Nicky and the girls are now in France for a well-earned break for the next two weeks (from Thursday, 6th Aug). Please do not try to contact him during this time but instead contact one of the leadership team if you have a problem or need anything.

COLLECTING FOR AN ORPHANAGE IN UGANDA – Jaycee, a member of Café Connect, is organising a collection of new and second-hand clothes, educational books, pens, pencils etc. for kids aged from 4 – 15 years old. These items will be sent through the Homes of Dreams Ministries, to the orphanage in Kalalu village. Their motto is, "Together we can stop suffering". Can you help? If you can donate anything please contact Ronnie (07877771366) or me. Ronnie will arrange collection from your home on 18th August 2020. Derek

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 UPDATE – Jean Houlston is now back at home although still feeling drained and weak. Jean would like to thank you for your prayers whilst she was in hospital. Please continue to pray for peace for Jean and Barry and that Jean's recovery goes well.

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 looks forward to the wonderful days to come for us as believers.

That Eternal Day

How can I go on to face another day,
When so many I have loved have passed away?
How can I go on when all those dreams of yesterday are gone,
And in the future, all I see is pain and misery?
But then I see His light
that penetrates the darkest night,
That gives me hope and joy inside,
Who is my Saviour, friend and guide.
Yes because of the cross, I will never be afraid again;
He helps me overcome the fear and pain.
When all the trials of this world have faded away,
I will spend forever with my Lord in 'That Eternal day."

Arthur McGee

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Arthur and Eileen McGee, 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.

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