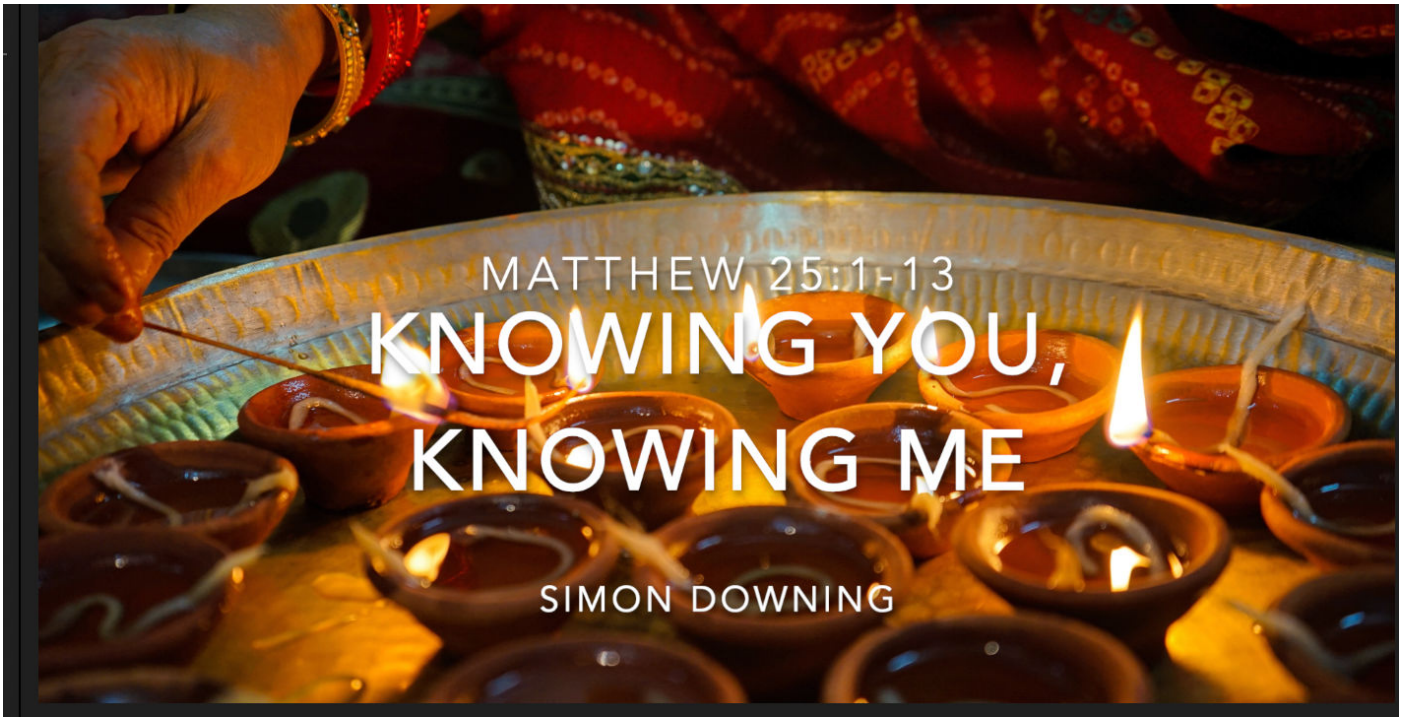
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ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

KNOWING YOU, KNOWING ME

In our weekend service I will be tackling a challenging passage that involves the end times as revealed by Matthew in chapters 24 and 25 of his Gospel. Although we didn't plan this together, my talk today follows closely on from Derek's talk in midweek where he asked, "How can you be sure of your salvation?" Perhaps God is trying to tell us something very specific at this difficult time. I also feel that God has given me a prophetic word directly related to the passage which I will be sharing with you. Although we still can't worship together in person, I feel that God is talking very clearly to His church in these times about what is to come. We need to be prepared. Simon.

NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – We will have a change of pace next Sunday as Simon leads us into a communion service based around psalm 126.

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 especially for Simon and his family in these difficult times. Please pray too for the young people who ware now back at school. 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.

Simon 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 2:18 – 2:27 and the title of his talk is "The Anti-Christian Spirit." 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

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING – At our last leadership team meeting on the 8th September, 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, have now set out the church in a way that would meet some of the government's guidelines on keeping us all safe in these difficult times and ordered the necessary PPE equipment. We will shortly be sending you a document that will explain what the church will look like, what you can expect in the services and the necessary restrictions that will be in place to protect your safety. Of course, since that meeting, the government have introduced their rule of six and so we are now waiting for the detail of how that applies to church services to be published before we can go any further.

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

THIS WEEK'S POEM

No matter how clever we think we are there are so many questions that are beyond our understanding, so I wrote this poem. Arthur

As a child

It is so overwhelming
To comprehend the mystery of creation,
So many wonders
Beyond our imagination.
All life is a miracle
In all the wonders that we see
God's wisdom
Beyond our humanity.
The more we try to question
The more we realise
The only way to understand
Is through the eyes of a child.

Arthur McGee

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS – This week let's all say a big Happy birthday to Katrina Gould (16th) and to Lynne Allard (17th) – so, after me, 1, 2, 3 ..



PASTORAL CARE TEAM AND DELIVERY TEAM – These two teams have done an amazing job over the past 24 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 feel God is calling you into that ministry. Just let me know. Derek

INVITING PEOPLE ROUND - Did you know there are around 35 church members who don't have internet access? Why not invite one or two of them round to watch the online services? Of course, you must still follow the guidelines on social distancing but, the government's new rule of six, does mean you can meet as a group of up to six in a house.

MEETING IN THE GARDEN – Do you know that you can also meet in groups of six people from different households in your garden provided you maintain social distancing? If you have a good-sized garden, when set up a mini- home group? The weather next week should be pleasantly warm – so why not make the most of it!

URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS - If you have, or know of, an urgent need for prayer in the coming two weeks then please contact Simon as first responder either by email or phone. He will then activate the prayer chain as appropriate.

URGENT PRAYER NEEDED – Please pray for Ken and Kay who continue to have difficulties. Kay had a fall earlier in the week and ended up in A&E. Ken is currently being assessed. They are both in need of your prayer support.

URGENT PRAYER NEEDED – Arthur is also struggling with his ailments. Please pray for him and include Eileen in your prayers.

URGENT PRAYERS NEEDED – Please pray for Pam Brown who is finding the restrictions placed on her movements and access to outside visitors very difficult at present. Please also pray for other members of our congregation who are in nursing homes at present as many of them feel lonely at cut off.

PLEASE ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Mick Parker, 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.

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