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

ABC NEWS



ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

Psalm 126 – The Lord has done great things for us

In our weekend service Simon will be leading us into communion through his talk on Psalm 126. In this psalm, we are reminded of God's ability to restore life in circumstances that we cannot begin to understand. Forest burn down and are able to grow back again. Broken bones heal. Even grief is not a permanent condition. Our tears can be seeds that will grow into a harvest of joy because God is able to bring good out of tragedy. When burdened by sorrow, know that your times of grief will end and that you will again find joy. Even though there might be a second wave of coronavirus coming, we must keep looking at the Lord and trust in His eternal grace. We must be patient as we wait. God's great harvest of joy really is coming. Derek

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.

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 2:28 – 3:10 and the title of his talk is "Children of God." 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

HARVEST 2020 – FOOD BANK COLLECTION - Although we won't be able to meet together this year to celebrate Harvest, we do want to make a special effort to come together in a different way this year. The needs of the most vulnerable in our society have certainly not gone away over the last few months and there are still many people struggling to put food on their tables.
As we have done in previous years, we would like to organise a collection of food for our local Food Bank.
Consequently, on **Saturday 26th September from 10am to 4pm** we will be placing a table in front of the porch doors at church for you to drop off any donations that you wish to make. During this time, there will be someone inside the foyer to bring the bags into the building. Please try to observe social distancing in the church car park.
Please try to support our local Food Bank in this way.
The items needed by Food Bank are:

- Tinned vegetables, (peas, carrots etc.) Including potatoes
- Instant mashed potatoes;
- Tinned pasta (spaghetti, ravioli, macaroni cheese etc.)
- Tinned rice pudding;
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned fruit;
- Tinned meat
- Squash/fruit juice;
- Coffee
- Spreads (jam, peanut butter, marmite, chocolate spread etc.)
- Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, hand soap, deodorant)

HARVEST 2020 – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27th – THREE WAYS TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION

1. **THE GREAT BREAD MAKING CHALLENGE**
   Although we won't be able to meet together in the church this year to celebrate Harvest, we do still want to acknowledge that Jesus is the Lord of the Harvest in our online service and by showing His love through our to others.
   In John 6:35, Jesus said, Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
   So, this year, to celebrate that Jesus is the bread of life, we are making the **Great Bread Making Challenge a feature of our Harvest celebratio**n.
   We want you to make a simple loaf of bread (without using a bread making machine) and then **create a video of you with the bread**, **praising Jesus as the Lord of the Harvest or the as the Bread of life,** or alternatively send me a photo of your creation and a message for us to record. **We will then include your clips in our Harvest online service. Just send them to me or contact me if you need help.** You can find a simple bread recipe at https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/easy-white-bread
2. **ALTERNATIVELY** – If bread making doesn't appeal to you, why not make a pie or a crumble from the fruits of the harvest and give it to one of your neighbours or to us and we will distribute it on your behalf. Again, you could make a video or send in a photo with a text for us to include in the service.
3. **OR IF YOU PREFER GARDENING** – take a photograph (or video) of something beautiful growing in your garden (or elsewhere) and include a message about the wonder of God's creation as we celebrate harvest.

GETTING INVOLVED – We do want as many of you as possible to be involved in our online Harvest celebration next Sunday and so please do your best. I will need your videos/photos/messages by Friday, 25th September at 6pm but even earlier would help. Derek.

LET'S CELEBRATE – This week John Smith celebrated a rather significant birthday so after me, 1, 2, 3 .."Happy Birthday, John." Meanwhile John and Michelle Crane celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Saturday 19th September.

ARTHUR'S POEM – I have had to hold over Arthur's poem until next week due to lack of space.

ON RE-OPENING THE CHURCH – Our discussions on the practical difficulties in re-opening the church for worship are continuing. We have drawn up a draft set of guidelines which we will be circulating in the week beginning 28th September. We will be explaining the conditions on which we could re-open as well as warning you of the potential difficulties you may face if we do - especially if you have ongoing health issues or if you are over 70. The government's advice is that 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.

MEETING TOGETHER INDOORS OR IN THE GARDEN – Do you know that you can now meet in groups of six people from different households either in your house or in the 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 reasonable – so why not make the most of it! If you do meet, please be sensible and avoid hugging and close contact. The recent increase in the number of identified cases in this area is worrying. So be sensible and stay safe.

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.

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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