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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

Harvest 2020 – The Bread of Life

This weekend we welcome you to a rather unusual Harvest service. As you know, at least for the moment, we are still unable to meet together in church, but we are really pleased that lots of you were able to contribute to this online service. In this service we will celebrating both the wonder of God's creation and that Jesus really is the bread of life. The bread of God sent down from heaven to give life to this world. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." In response, just as the disciples did 2000 years ago, we say, "Lord Jesus, give us this bread." 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 Click here to go directly to the current service page.

Derek 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 3: 11 – 3:24 and the title of his talk is "Love one another." Now that sounds so simple and of course we all strive to do exactly that or do we? Perhaps that's why John keeps on reminding us? 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

ON RE-OPENING THE CHURCH – Over the weekend we will be finalising our plans to re-open the church on 11th October for our first limited worship service in church since March. We will be sending out both a video and a document explaining what needs to happen to keep you all as safe as possible. You will also be asked to fill out a personal risk assessment before you decide whether you should attend church. We would strongly urge you to think very carefully about your decision especially if you are over 70 as the government's advice remains 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.

You will then be asked to confirm in writing or by email your decision as to whether you prefer to stay at home and worship as you have been doing for the past six months or whether you feel able to come to the service. Please do not feel pressured into coming, always PUT YOUR OWN SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS FIRST. Your status on the church records will simply be recorded as HOME or CHURCH. Numbers will be restricted to around 35 and so we may have to create a weekly rota of invited attendees to be fair to everyone. You will be informed if you have been allocated a space for the service on the 11th October. Please understand that you cannot attend without a confirmed reservation as we have to follow 'Track and Trace' procedures. This process will be repeated on each subsequent weekend unless conditions change. You can change your weekly status by simply contacting me at any time. You must observe social distancing and wear a mask within the church boundaries at all times. Derek

THIS WEEK'S POEM

Arthur's poem this week was chosen with the theme of our harvest worship this week as we celebration the "glory of God's creation." Thank you Arthur for inspiring words.

My Heart

My heart is in the countryside;
My heart is not here.
My heart is walking through the valleys and hills
Where I saw the golden daffodils.
My heart is sitting by that quiet stream in that peaceful place
Where I can rest and dream.
My heart is where I see God's devotion
In the towering mountains and restless ocean.
Yes, my heart is where I see the "glory" of God's creation,
His mighty power beyond imagination.

Arthur McGee

LET'S CELEBRATE – This week another John celebrated a rather significant birthday – this time it is John Cowley on the 30th, and so, once again, after me, 1, 2, 3 .."Happy Birthday, John."

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.

REACHING OUT TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS – Everyone is getting really fed up with the restrictions placed on their lives through the Covid19 pandemic and, yet, this gives us an opportunity to bring some light into our neighbours' lives. Few of us are gifted evangelists. In fact, many of us have a rather dismal track record when it comes to sharing our faith. Yet, in spite of our evangelistic shortcomings, we do want to share Jesus with others. Have you ever wondered if there is a way that we can be involved in sharing the gospel without preaching like the Apostle Paul? Well, why not be a ray of sunshine in your neighbourhood by making someone you don't know very well a cake, or a pie, or a crumble and giving it to them without expecting anything in return? If they ask why you doing this, explain to them that you are simply sharing God's love with others as Jesus commanded. You never know where that might lead.

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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.

PRAYER REQUEST 1 – Please pray for Kay and Ken who are struggling at present as they are finding life increasing difficult. They have asked us to pray for strength to keep going on a day to day basis. Please make this a priority.

PRAYER REQUEST 2 – Joy Brown had a fall earlier in the week and has broken her hip. She has had her operation and is currently in St. Richard's hospital. Visiting is restricted but Simon will be seeing her on Sunday. Please pray for her recovery and safety whilst in hospital.

PRAYER REQUEST 3 – Please also pray for Janice Sprules who is really struggling with arthritis in her leg. Please pray that Janice can keep up her exercises even though they are really painful. Please pray for peace of mind and a steely determination to persevere even when the going gets tough.

PRAYER REQUEST 4 – Please pray for all the students who have gone off to university over the past two weeks as many of them have to face up to the reality of living in close proximity with others who are Covid19 symptomatic. Many are now faced with living in a small room in isolation for the next two weeks. This was not the start of university life that they had been expecting.

RESPONSE TO PRAYER – Marie Stoneman says she is feeling fine and that the last operation seems to have been successful. She is in good spirits and wants to thank you for your ongoing prayer support.

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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