aldwickbaptistchurch

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

ABC NEWS



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SIGNS OF JESUS' RETURN 1 – GLOBAL ISSUES

This weekend we will be re-opening the church for morning worship – albeit with social distancing and restricted numbers of around 30. Of course, this means that our online services will be continuing as normal. This week the title of Simon sermon will be "In His hand" based on John 10:22-31. Just as a shepherd protects his sheep, Jesus protects His people from eternal harm. While believers can expect to suffer whilst on earth, Satan cannot harm their souls or take away their eternal life with God. There are many reasons to be afraid here on earth because this is the devil's domain. But if you choose to follow Jesus, He will give you eternal safety and no one can snatch you out of His hands.

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.

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 5: 1 – 12 and the title of his talk is "Faith in the Son of God." Now that is certainly something we need to have in abundance in these difficult days. 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 – As you know we are re-opening the church today (11th October) for our first limited worship service in church since March. It won't be church as we know it or how we want it to be – but it does comply with the government's current advice. If all goes well, and there isn't a change in the government's advice to churches, we now be open every Sunday morning. By now, you should have told me whether you want to continue to worship home (Status - HOME) or whether you want to attend the live service (Status – CHURCH). You are free to change your mind at any time by letting me know in writing as we have to keep detailed records of who attends for "Track and Trace" purposes. We do need to know by Monday evening of any changes. This might mean that we cannot accommodate everyone who wants to come every week and we may have to use a rota system. When on the church property (and that includes the car park), you must observe social distancing and wear a mask within the church boundaries at all times. Some of you haven't yet put your choice in writing and so, if that is you, can you do so as soon as possible. If you are unsure as to how this will work and how it affects you, please give me a ring. Derek

MISSION UPDATE 1 - **MAF.** Arnhem Land is north-western Australia is a vast area of largely indigenous Australians. They are 35 times more likely to be victims of domestic violence than their white counterparts. MAF is developing a strong partnership with a network of women's shelters. Women have been helped into employment and children have received an education. MAF flies passengers to escape to safety in under 60 minute in contrast to what could be a rough 12 hours and that only in the dry season.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

Arthur's poem this week reminds us of God's amazing love for us demonstrated on the cross at Calvary by His Son, Jesus. It is a love so amazing, so divine, it demands my soul, my life, my all.

This love

This love that won the victory for you and me
This love that will never let you go;
This love that is whiter than snow.
This love that never dies
This love that cannot be denied.
This love away from sorrow and pain,
Where we will never say goodbye again.
This love, so amazing, so divine
That will last forever
Away from space and time,
This love that sets us free
For all eternity.
This love that overcomes
The fear and pain.
This love that always stays the same.
This love that Jesus died for you and me
And rose again to set us free.
Yes, this love that is stronger than death.

Arthur McGee

LET'S CELEBRATE – This week both Jon Crane (Oct 11th) and Rosanne (Oct 17th) will be celebrating their birthdays and so, once again, after me, 1, 2, 3 .."Happy Birthday, Jon; Happy birthday, Rosanne".

MISSION UPDATE 2 - SAT-7 encourages and brings hope to those struggling with the aftermath of the explosion in Lebanon. The young people brought encouragement to SAT-7 Academy brand manager Juliana when she saw hundreds of young people walking in the streets of different faith backgrounds, carrying brooms and shovels, working to clear the streets. They were also distributing food, helping the elderly. They also kept saying, 'We love SAT-7'. SAT-7 Academy is plugging the educational gap for Arabic-speaking children during the Coronavirus epidemic.

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MISSION UPDATE 3 – **BARNABAS FUND.** The difficult plight of Christians in the world now is tremendous in so many ways- too many to mention here. Why not check out **Barnabas Fund's** website? They are a lifeline to so many desperate people.

MISSION UPDATE 4 - The BIBLE SOCIETY says:- the biggest Bible factory in the world is ready to produce Bibles on a massive scale. It only needs the paper to print them. They also say that whatever we can give towards providing that paper will be matched by a generous supporter. Contact Barbara if you want to make a donation.

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?

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 – Jean and Mike Shaw, 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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