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

ABC NEWS



Sunday 1st November 2020

ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

This weekend we will be worshipping both in church and online. As you are aware, due to social distancing recommendations, numbers in church are restricted to 34. So, of course, our online services will be continuing as normal. This week Simon returns to the theme of "Signs of the Jesus' return." The title of his sermon is, "Persecution" based on Matthew 24:9-14. In today's passage Jesus warns his disciples, then and now, that we can expect to be hated by many because of our love for Jesus as the end times approach. Jesus, however, does add that "he who stands firm to the end will be saved." So no matter what we face in the coming days, there is always light at the end of the tunnel and we can confidently look forward to a bright future. 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. You can then watch the entire service through the without interruption by following the simple instructions on that page.

Simon will be leading our midweek service which will be a special communion service based around 1 Corinthians 11:17-26. Make sure you to get your bread and wine ready before you start the service.

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 have now re-opened the church for Sunday morning worship. It certainly isn't 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. If you are unsure as to how this will work and how it affects you, please give me a ring. Derek

THANK YOU FROM FOODBANK - This is just a little note to say thank you so much for the recent donation of food that your church collected during the Harvest time You may be surprised to know it amounted to 340 kgs - which is truly amazing. Donations such as yours has enabled foodbank to continue to support those most in need. Last week we gave out over 30 bags of food to families with children specifically to cover holiday meals! Thank you so much for the donation, your support is also vitally important to us and appreciated. Mandy.

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS – We are intending to organise a collection of items again before Christmas – either for Foodbank or CAP. The leadership team are currently investigating different ways forward. Watch this space for further details.

THANK YOU – I would like to say thank you all those who have donated lovely postcards for MAF. I have taken over to Keith Varney, MAF's local representative this week. Barbara

THIS WEEK'S POEM

As we grow older day by day, I guess we all sometimes think back over our lives, sometimes with great joy but sometimes with regret. Arthur captures this mood perfectly in today's poem, "The Gift of Life."

The Gift of Life

How I would like to take that road home
To how life used to be.
Just to see once more
The loved ones who meant so much to me.
To play once more in those fields of green
And to fish in that peaceful stream.
So wonderful to be free
With no heavy burdens of responsibility.
So many new songs to be sung
In that wonderful world when I was young.
Thank you Lord for the gift of life,
All those memories gone by.
So many that make happy
But some that made me cry.
It is so amazing to comprehend
That I will spend forever
With my Lord, my master
But most of all my friend.

Arthur McGee

WELL OF HOPE – It is with great sadness that I have to accept that my health condition is not allowing me to be involved with the fund raising for the Well of Hope. It is now, however, being taken over at ABC from the fundraising aspect, administration and day to day running by Brenda Nanson. This means I can still be part of the administration. It pleases me that Brenda has volunteered to act as overseer and deal with the day to day running of the project. It has been a great comfort to me to have your valuable support and I pray that you will continue to support Brenda and the Well Fund in its endeavours to support local needs. It was through God's word that the Well of Hope started 15 years ago and it is my prayer that this continues through ANC. Ian Surrell.

CHILDREN'S WORK AT ABC – We are hoping to restart our children's activities next Sunday. Final details will be sent out early next week.

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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 Derek as first responder for the prayer chain.

PRAYER REQUEST - Rosanne has had her skin graft but is currently still in hospital. This means she is unable to arrange Alan's funeral. Please pray for healing, an early release from hospital and peace of mind as she arranges Alan's funeral.

PRAYER REQUEST - Hazel Lodge is suffering from an infection in both of her eyes which makes seeing difficult and is also painful. Please play for relief from pain and for healing.

PRAYER NEEDED – Please pray for Simon as he prepares to lead a funeral service for someone outside of the fellowship which makes things more difficult. Please pray for God's guidance as he prepares his talk.

PRAYER REQUEST – Please pray for Mavis Eade who with Osteo-arthritis and has a lot of pain, but recently it has begun to affect her neck and arms and, together with Carpal tunnel trouble, she is finding herself struggling to cope although her children are supporting her. She is waiting to get some promised relief and treatment from her doctor but at present has significant pain in her left hand. Please pray for pain relief now and some urgent treatment to be made available.

PLEASE ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Hazel Lodge, Rosanne Gould, 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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