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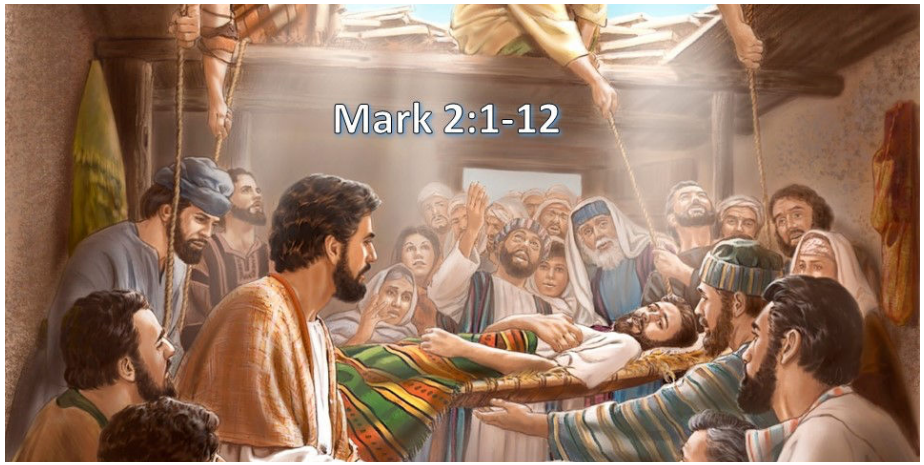
Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

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 we welcome Roger French to preach in the church on Sunday whilst Clive will be preaching online. The title of both of their sermons is, "Loving one another – Bringing people to Jesus" based on Mark 2:1-12. In today's passage we read how 4 men overcame many physical barriers to bring their friend, a paralysed man, into the presence of Jesus where he was miraculously healed. There are many people we know who are spiritually paralysed by the modern age. Each of these people need someone to understand their condition, to get alongside of them and bring them into the presence of Jesus for healing. They need our help and we shouldn't let any earthly obstacles stand in the way either. 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.

Simon will be leading our midweek service which will be a "Testimony and thanksgiving evening." 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 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

UPDATE ON BARNABAS FUND – As you know, Barnabas Fund is one For those of you who are unsure what the Barnabas Fund is used for, I have summarised some of their activities here. Feeds starving children in places such as in Zimbabwe and Egypt.

- Trains people in a trade and helps them in setting up a business such as tailoring or vending of snacks.
- Frees Pakistani brick-kiln worker families from their debt.
- Helps those who survive the many slaughtering raids on Christians in Nigeria.
- Sends emergency aid to areas such as Beirut, Lebanon after the massive sodium nitrate storage explosion.

BARNABAS TODAY - Launched in September 2020, Barnabas Fund's new **'Barnabas Today'** website prioritizes resources created by Christians living under persecution and poverty, to encourage other believers facing pressure and difficulties There are hymns and songs in different languages, Bible studies, sermons and devotional material, 'to bless us all wherever we live'.

Barnabas Fund Christmas cards are also available online. Barbara.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

Let's face it, sometimes things seem to go wrong, one after another. Sometimes all of us reach a point of say, "I just can't cope with anymore. Arthur's poem today reflects how his has coped with a very difficult year.

No Defeat

When it's hard to go on,
With heavy burdens on your back;
Hold fast, no turning back.
The devil wants you to fail,
Keeping you under constant attack.
But look to Jesus, no turning back.
Yes, the track is steep,
So easy to slip and fall
But remember how Jesus suffered,
Who died to save us all.
So, give it all your strength,
As you follow that steep track;
Keep looking forward,
No turning back.
So when at last you reach the peak tired and worn,
Blisters on your feet.
You can say with pride,
Thank you, Lord, "No defeat."

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.

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

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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 Derek as first responder either by email or phone. He will then activate the prayer chain as appropriate.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST –Rosanne had a bad fall this week and ended up in hospital needing plastic surgery on her hands. At the same time she has been planning her husband's funeral. Please pray for Rosanne and her family at this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUEST – Please pray for our young people and their teachers as they approach half term. For many, this half term has been particularly difficult as school has changed so much. Pray for their safety both in and out of school and a sense of togetherness as they continue to combat the hazards of coronavirus.

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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