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

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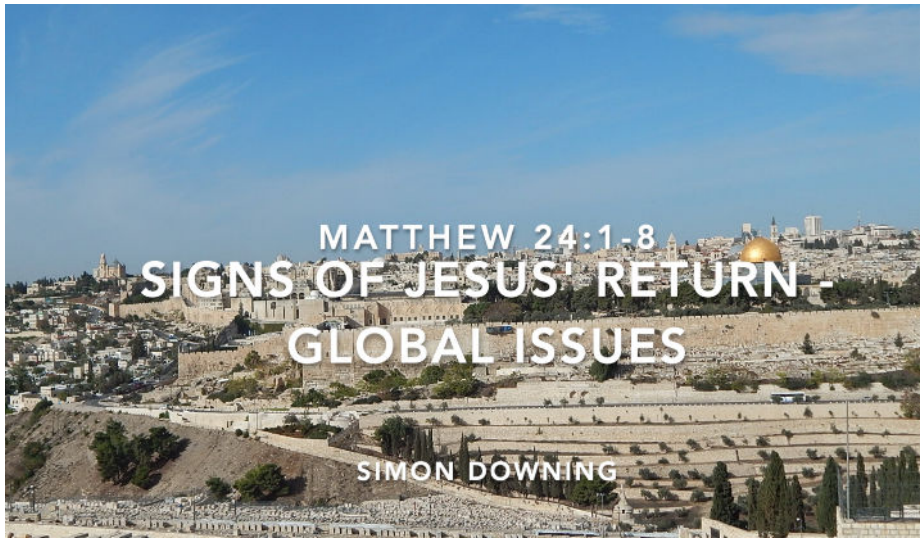

ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

SIGNS OF JESUS' RETURN 1 – GLOBAL ISSUES

This weekend Simon returns to our series on Jesus' return. Two weeks ago, in explaining the parable of the 10 virgins, Simon stressed the importance of being ready for Jesus' return. In today passage from Matthew 24:1-8, Jesus is teaching His disciples as they ask for a sign of His coming and the end of the age. Jesus' first response was "Watch out that no one deceives you." Jesus is emphasising that whenever we look for signs, we become susceptible to being deceived. As we have repeated over and over again, the only sure way to keep from being deceived is to focus on Jesus and His words. So please don't spend your time looking for special signs, and don't listen to idle speculation; instead look to Jesus and what He has to say. 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 this week as we continue with our series based on 1 John. The text for Wednesday is 1 John 4: 7 – 21 and the title of his talk is "God's Love." Now that is certainly something to celebrate and hold onto 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

LET'S CELEBRATE – This week Pam McLaren will be celebrating her birthday today (4th October), and so, once again, after me, 1, 2, 3 .."Happy Birthday, Pam.

ON RE-OPENING THE CHURCH – We are re-opening the church on 11th October for our first limited worship service in church since March. By now, you should have all received a document and a video explaining what needs to happen to keep you all as safe as possible. You were also 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.

Please confirm in writing or by email your decision or by phone 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. Numbers will be restricted to around 35 and based on the your response we will then issue invitations to attend. 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. If you are unsure as to how this will work and how it affects you, please give me a ring. Derek

THIS WEEK'S POEM

Arthur's poem this week is specifically aimed at people that will still be unable to attend ABC even when we open because of their age and their general health.

My Church

I do not see my church in rules and regulations,
But I see church in the glory o creation.
I see my church in God's devotion;
In the towering mountains and in the restless ocean.
Church does not have to be made of stone and clay;
I see my church in the summer gardens on a beautiful day' And when I look up to the stars in the Milky Way.
I find my church by a quiet stream'
In that quiet place where I can rest band dream.
I find my church in the valleys and the hills
And when I see golden daffodils.
Yes, I find church in all creation,
God's power beyond all imagination.

Arthur McGee

HARVEST CELEBRATION 2020 – We just want to thank you all for your generous giving for our local Food Bank. Altogether we able to donate 55 large bags of food and toiletries as well as some money. Well done – that was a magnificent effort. On your suggestions, we will probably be organising a Christmas special collection in December unless Boris bans Christmas this year! A big thanks too for Brenda and her team of helpers for their hard work.

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.

… and finally

THIS WILL MAKE YOU SMILE – Two weeks ago, Samuel, age 4, had his first day in school. At the end of the school day he was relieved to see Shabali at the school gate. "How was school?" she asked.
"It was okay," replied Samuel, "but can you send an email to the teacher and say that I'm not coming anymore!"

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.

THANK YOU – Rosanne would like to thank you all for your prayers for her daughter Michelle who is feeling much better about herself following some encouraging test results. Please do continue to pray for Rosanne and her family during the difficult times.

THANK YOU – Kay and Ken would like to thank many of you for your gifts of food, offers of help and prayers over the last two weeks. Kay says that they have received many answers to pray this week and going along steadily.

PRAYER REQUEST 1 – Please continue to pray Joy Brown who is recocering from breaking her hip in a fall. Joy is currently in St. Richards and is more satisfactory progress.

PRAYER REQUEST 2 – Please continue to 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.

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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