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ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 15th November 2020

ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

As you probably know by now, the church will be closed throughout November because of the latest restrictions placed upon the country due to COVID19. This, of course, is not what any of us want but it is necessary due to the growing number of cases both nationally and locally. We urge you to be careful and keep safe at this worrying time. Consequently, all of our services are now be back online. This week, Simon returns to the series, "Signs of Jesus' return III – end times ruler." Of course, none of us can know when this will happen, but Jesus, himself, stressed how important it is for us to be prepared. This has not been an easy topic for Simon to prepare and it may not be comfortable listening, but we feel that it is something we all need to hear NOW. Don't miss this! 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.

Clive will be leading our midweek service as we continue with our series based on Psalm 119:89-96. The title of his sermon is, "God's word – Eternal and Boundless". Throughout this psalm, the writer stresses the importance of God's word in his life. To a non-Christian, an amazing fact about God's word is that it stands the test of time and remains unchanged. But, of course, this is not a surprise as it is eternal!

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

GETTING READY FOR A NEW SERIES: Simon has asked us all to pray that the Church will be ready for the theme of the Holy Spirit over the coming weeks - that we would be readied for the Lord to speak to us afresh, about this subject.

LILLIAN HOBBS – Peter, Lillian's son, wants you all to know that Lillian died this morning (Saturday) just a few weeks short of her 104th birthday.

BRIDGET LONG – Bridget has now moved to her new home. It is Room 14, Arun Lodge, 8 Stocker Road, Bognor Regis. PO21 2QF,

KEITH SCOTT – Keith has moved to Royal Garden Hotel, 1 Princess Avenue, Bognor Regis, PO21 2QT. His mobile number remains 07873 787368.

BOB HOBART - Thank you to the 23 of you who have already responded to my original e-mail on this topic sent out on October 22nd - you can ignore this message. To the remainder of the ABC Membership, I am sorry to have to ask again but I suspect that some of you have forgotten by now my original request about receiving Bob Hobart into membership of ABC. We would normally have had a simple vote at a Church Members Meeting but I have had to resort to e-mail voting on this occasion. The 23 responses so far is insufficient to represent a "Quorum response". You need not send me a form to respond but I would appreciate an e-mail to: clivebennett20@gmail.com with your vote please.

PASTORAL PHONE TEAM – We really do need to expand this team as we are struggling to cope. This service is even more essential now we are back in a (temporary?) lockdown situation. Being a member of the team simply means ringing 5 or 6 different people each week and just having a chat. It is very rewarding and very welcomed by most people. Is this a way you could serve the Lord by serving the community? If so, please let me know. Derek

THIS WEEK'S POEM

As we face another few weeks of virtual isolation, Arthur reminds us in his poem today that, although it sometimes feels the darkness is winning, Jesus is the everlasting, ever present light in our lives.

His light

When you are walking in the darkness.
When it seems that day is night.
Lean on His everlasting light.
Sometimes the path is very steep
In the valleys of despair.
But through it all He leads me on,
His light is always there.
The storms of life rage around me
Worry and conflict everywhere.
But, He guides my path
He is my light.
His light is always there.
The light seems so much brighter
Now the path is near its end.
"Oh, what joy" to be in His light for evermore.
My Lord, my life, my friend.

Arthur McGee

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS – After your magnificent effort for the Harvest collection, we are organising a collection of items again before Christmas – for Foodbank and St. Joseph's night shelter.

They have informed us that they would like to receive:

- Mince pies; Christmas puddings
- Biscuits; Ready-made custard (tinned or carton);
- Stuffing; Gravy granules;
- Tinned vegetables (but not baked beans!);
- Chocolates including children's selections;
- Toiletries e.g. shampoo, shower gel, soaps;
- St. Joseph's are also grateful for any non-perishable foodstuffs but especially the above at this time of year.

Assuming that the church is allowed to re-open in early December, Brenda is organising a drop off point on Saturday 5th December for bringing to Church between 10 am to 1 pm – subject to lockdown restrictions.

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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.

KEEP ON PRAYING - Please pray for Sheila Sargent's daughter, Amanda, after the operation on her broken shoulder. Amanda has had various pins put into the joint and is heavily strapped. She will be off work for at least 6 weeks. Sheila wants to thank you for your prayers but asks us to keep on praying for healing.

A PRAYER REQUEST - Simon asks us to pray for two of Lynne Allard's neighbours, a husband and wife, who are in hospital with Covid. The husband is very unwell indeed. They would very much appreciate our prayers at this extremely difficult time.

ROD AND CAROLE - Carole and Rod have both tested positive for COVID and are still in isolation. Please pray for Rod and Carole and this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUEST REMINDER - Rosanne is now out of hospital (PTL) and staying with her daughter Michelle for the next four weeks. Rosanne has also only got a temporary death certificate for her late husband, with a second autopsy planned for 16th December!! She is not sure yet what effect this will have on arranging the funeral. She is grateful for the prayers, cards and best wishes from ABC and would just ask that we continue to pray for healing and an ability for her to arrange her husband's funeral.
She would like to pass on her address for the next three to four weeks in case people want to get in touch. It is 24, Mount Court, The Mount, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4HX.

PLEASE ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Mavis Eade, Rod and Carole Greenwood, 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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