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

ABC NEWS



Sunday 22nd 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 begins a new series on the Holy Spirit. Today's sermon being entitled, "Who is the Holy Spirit?" For some, this may be a challenging topic, but it is important for us all to understand that the **Holy Spirit** enables Christian life by dwelling in the individual believers and enables them to live a righteous and faithful life. 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.

Simon will be leading our midweek service as we continue with our series based on Psalm 119:129-136. The title of his sermon is, "God's word – Longing and Obeying". Throughout this psalm, the writer stresses the importance of God's word in his life. In this passage the writer makes it clear that the main thing about God's word is not simply to read it but rather to do it!

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

PROPHETIC WORDS - As we move into the new series on the Holy Spirit, Simon has compiled a list of prophetic words which he believes were given to Him and other members of the congregation by the Holy Spirit from March 2020 to 16th November 2020. Similarly, having looked at the sermons in passing too, it was quite noticeable how many talks made mention of the Holy Spirit and the importance of the Spirit moving in this church. Simon's list is available by clicking this link.

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 which begins today. We need to expect the Lord to speak to us afresh, about this subject.

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

BOB HOBART- The Church membership has now voted to accept Bob Hobart into the ABC family as a church member with immediate effect. We are so pleased to welcome him and trust that during the pandemic you will be able to make contact with him by phone or email (and later on we trust face to face). His contact details are: 22 Pagham Court, 262 Hawthorn Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 2UP. Phone:01243 866349. E-mail: nungu58@gmail.co

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

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us of the wonders we so often take for granted in this world and then challenges to image what heaven will be like!

Can you imagine?

When I see the golden sunset
In the evening sky -
When I see the delicate wings
Of a butterfly -
When I see the millions of stars
In the Milky Way -
So overwhelming, it takes my breath away.
Yes, when I see the wonders all around
From the very smallest creature
To the universe unbound –
God's creation gives us so much delight.
Can you imagine what Heaven is like?

Arthur McGee

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS I – 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.

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS II – In our Christmas services we would like to include some video clips of you sending your greetings to the rest of the congregation. If you are able to do this, please share you video clips with me. If you don't know how to do this, just let me know. The sooner I have these clips the better. If you simply can't make such a video, watch out for the mystery cameraman who just may be calling on you in the next few weeks. Derek

… and finally

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.

RESPONSE TO PRAYER 1 - Shelia Sargent has heard from her daughter Amanda, that the hospital are very pleased with her progress so far. Things are going better than expected. Sheila would like to thank you for your prayer support over the last few days.

RESPONSE TO PRAYER 2 - Jim McAlpine has sent us this message following his operation on Monday: "Just want to thank everyone for their prayers that have been wonderful. Operation went to plan removing the growth without damaging hearing system or facial nerves. A real answer to prayer. Now recuperating back home and resting whilst Bev does all the work!" Thank you all for your prayers.

A PRAYER REQUEST - We have just received this update on Maureen Jones from her son, Maurice. "Mum is now in Boxgrove Ward at St. Richards. She has a liver problem which, although being treated, will not necessarily be cured. We would appreciate your prayers at this time." Please do pray for healing and peace of mind for the family.

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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