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ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



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ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

As you know, the church has been closed throughout November because of the restrictions placed upon the country due to COVID19. This, of course, is not what any of us want but has been necessary due to the growing number of cases both nationally and locally. Consequently, all of our services are currently online. This week, Simon continues with our series on the Holy Spirit. Today's sermon being entitled, "Fellowship with the Holy Spirit?" Now if you are to enjoy fellowship with the Holy Spirit, Jesus made it very clear you must *first* be born again, John 3v3-6! To be born again is John's way of saying, a person needs to become a true Christian in order to fully benefit from Jesus' teaching both intellectually and spiritually. 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.

Derek 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 – Hidden in the heart". Throughout this psalm, the writer stresses the importance of God's word in his life. **He makes it clear, that if you want to establish a lifestyle that leads you to thrive in God, don't just read the Bible. Become absorbed with it.** Pursue it with passion. Make it so much part of your life that it shapes your thinking, words, values, emotions, and actions. Don't just read it. Guard your life with it. Don't miss out on this important series just because it goes out midweek.

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

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? - FOLLOW UP- After last week's sermon, which was the first talk in our new series, a number of people sent me their thoughts and insights about this and what it means for the Church here at ABC. You can access these notes by clicking here or through the website. I hope these will be of value to you. Simon.

LIVING IN TIER 2 - As you all must all know by now from Wednesday 2nd December we will be living under a new set of restrictions for the next few weeks. Although we haven't had any official notifications on how this will affect the church, we will be re-opening for worship next Sunday. We will be following the same procedure as before. You may recall that previously 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. This might mean that we cannot accommodate everyone who wants to come every week and we may have to use a rota system. When on the church property (and that includes the car park), you must observe social distancing and wear a mask within the church boundaries at all times. Some of you haven't yet put your choice in writing and so, if that is you, can you do so as soon as possible. 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

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us of that glorious day when God poured out the Holy Spirit on His people at Pentecost.

That Glorious Day

Suddenly there came a sound from Heaven
As a rushing mighty wind.
As they gathered there,
the joy they felt was so overwhelming
Beyond compare.
They danced, they laughed, they cried,
So full of love, eyes open wide.
They were filled with the Holy Spirit to the brim;
Impossible to keep their happiness in.
They began to speak in other tongues
As the holy Spirit gave then voice
Oh Lord, how we want to praise you and rejoice.
When I see the millions of stars
In the Milky Way -
They mist have drunk too much wine
You heard someone say.
"Oh no", said Peter
"It's much too early in the day."
Oh, thank you Lord
Our lives will never be the same again
That glorious day when the Holy Spirit came,

Arthur McGee

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS I – 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

HOME ALONE AT CHRISTMAS? – If you are then why not take up the opportunity of having a Christmas meal delivered to your door on Christmas day by the Community Fund raising team. If this applies to you then why not give Sue Applin a call on 07561276965.

UPDATE ON JOY BROWN – As you will know Joy broke her hip earlier this year, came home and then fell again. This then meant a return to St Richard's for further treatment. The good news is that Joy has now been discharged from hospital and is going to spend some time recuperating at Marjorie Cobby House in Selsey. Please pray for ongoing healing and for peace of mind for Joy,

… and finally

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS II – 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.

As the church can re-open in early December, Brenda is organising a drop off point on **Saturday 5th December** (that's next Saturday) for bringing your gifts to the Church between 10 am to 1 pm. Please support this worthy cause.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS – Simon often chats to our church neighbours as part of his local outreach. This has led to him being asked to conduct a funeral service on the 11th December for a lady from Gossamer Lane who has recently died. Please pray for this family and for Simon as he prepares his message. Pray that God uses this sad occasion to open the eyes of the blind to His ongoing truth.

PRAYER UPDATE ON ROSANNE – Some good news: The doctor has advised that her hands are rapidly healing and do not need a skin graft which is a real answer to prayer. Some not so good news: Rosanne did receive the death certificate for which we prayed and posted off the with other paperwork to obtain the funds to pay for the funeral but it was lost in the post. Rosanne has asked if we could pray specifically that the emergency application which is going to be made electronically by the funeral director on Monday will be successful so that the funeral can proceed. There is no church service allowed now - and so the funeral will be now only at the crematorium at 1.00 pm on 11th December.

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.