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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 13th December 2020

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 35. Of course, our online services will be continuing as normal. This week, Simon begins a short Advent series with today's talk which s called: 'A light has dawned' based on Isaiah 9v2-7 and Matthew 4v12-17. As we face an uncertain future politically and with the restraints currently in place due to Coronavirus, it is good to be reminded that Jesus really is the light of the word – and that His light can never be extinguished. 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 on Wednesday as he concludes our series based on Psalm 119 in which he focuses on verses 41- 48. The title of his sermon is, "God's word – Meditating and Trusting". Don't miss out on the conclusion of 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

A BIG THANK YOU FROM KEITH – Keith was slightly overwhelmed by the number of birthday cards, messages and especially the birthday cake he received on Tuesday. He would like to thank you all for your kind thoughts and prayers.

STAMPS WANTED – Brenda needs your used stamps for BMS! Don't throw them away, give them to Brenda – but don't forget to allow a one inch margin around the stamp.

SHINE A LIGHT – On the darkest day in the calendar (Monday, December 21st) we are hoping and praying that as many people around the UK as possible will display a light in their window. Continue to light it until Christmas Day. This is part of CPO's #ShareTheLight campaign this Christmas. To celebrate and thank those who have been lights to our nation this year. and support those who have suffered: physically, emotionally, mentally, financially, spiritually. You can sign up to this and they will send you a message Monday 21st December to remind you to 'Shine a Light'.
https://www.sharethelight.co.uk/register

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 Fundraising team. If this applies to you then why not give Sue Applin a call on 07561276965.

THE WELL OF HOPE – Through your regular contributions throughout the year we have been able to make various gifts to people we know are really struggling at present. Thank you and don't forget us!

DONATION TO CAP – On your behalf we have made a donation of £200 to CAP (Christians Against Poverty). This will be used to buys toys for children at Christmas.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us that whatever we are currently going through, we have a wonderful future ahead of us.

Oh, what joy there will be

How we long for that glorious day
when our Lord comes again.
No more hatred, fear or pain.
Love will overwhelm us
Oh, what joy there will be
On that wonderful day.
The choirs of angels singing
As we fall down on our knees to pray.
Can you imagine the miracles we will see?
The Son of Man descending on the clouds
as the water covers the sea.
The sun and moon proclaiming His glory
The final chapter of that old, old story.
For thine, Oh Lord, is the kingdom,
the power and the glory.

Arthur McGee

CAROL SERVICES - Next Sunday morning, December 20th we will be holding a rather unusual carol service as, unless there is a change in the regulations, there can be no congregational singing and, of course, we will still have to restrict the numbers. Simultaneously, we will be holding our online carol service for those of us who remain at home. For home worshippers of course you can sing along to your hearts content.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE -There will be no live service this year as we think that the complicated rules that allow three households to meet simply do not translate into a church setting. Consequently, our Christmas day service will be pre-recorded and available only online from 10am on Christmas morning.

SERVICE, SUNDAY DECEMBER 27th - For the same reasons outlined above, the church will remain closed and this service will be available online only. Further details next week.

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS I – Final, final call for your Christmas video clips. This is your chance to send your greetings to the rest of the congregation – some of whom haven't seen you for nine months. If you are able to do this, please share you video clips with me. These really have to be with me by Friday December 18th at the very latest. 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.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 1 - Hiliary Naesmith is in hospital having had a few falls and she now has Covid. She is struggling to breathe and is on oxygen. Please pray for peace, comfort and healing

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 2 - Unfortunately Marie Stoneham had a fall and was eventually taken to St. Richards hospital by ambulance. She is now back at home but, as someone in her ward has since tested positive for Covid19, Marie has to self-isolate for the next 14 days! Marie is also due to go to Southampton for her neuro operation on 4th January. Please pray that Marie copes with the next two weeks and that she is able to keep her spirits up. She says, "If you are passing, please give me a wave through the window!!"

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 3 – Lyn Heath has asked us to pray for the negotiators of the Brexit agreement that their hearts may be open to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to show them a new way to reconcile their differences and to join together in love and respect. May we as disciples of Christ hold them in our hearts today ✝️".

ANSWER TO PRAYER – Just to let you know that Jean is free of the rigid neck brace. After 5 days they have decided that the neck damage shown on the scans is the remains of an old injury and not a result of the fall. She still has much pain from the shoulder and finds walking difficult, but will recover. No wonder she shouted ' Hallelujah' when the brace was removed ! Praise The Lord. Barry.

PLEASE ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR - Mavis Eade, Hazel Lodge, Rosanne Gould, Jean and Mike Shaw, Mick Parker, Michelle and Jon Crane, Arthur and Eileen McGee, Jean Houlston, Marie Stoneham, Bridget Long, 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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