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

ABC NEWS



Sunday 20th December 2020

ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

This weekend we will be worshipping both in church and online as we come together for our annual carol service. By now you know there can be no congregational singing in church and, of course, we will still have to restrict the numbers attending. 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, as well as eating mince pies and drinking mulled wine.

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.

This week there won't be a midweek service but, of course, we will be hosting our Christmas day service online which will have the same link.

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 on 27th December and will be available online only. Clive will be leading this service and the title of his talk will be, "Keep pressing on in Jesus' name" based on Philippians 3:10-14. This seems a particularly apt title as we move into a new year still under COVID10 restrictions.

SERVICE, SUNDAY JANUARY 3rd - We will be re-opening the church for restricted numbers as before. There will also be an **online service.**

WHAT NO NEWS SHEET? - The next news sheet will be coming out on Sunday, 3rd January. The editor is having a rest!

SIMON'S BREAK - Simon will be having a short break from Tuesday 22nd December to spend some time with his extended family. If you are in need of urgent help, please contact Derek as first responder. During this break Simon will be conducting the funeral of Maureen Jones. So please pray for Simon and Maureen's family at this time.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us that whatever we are currently going through, we have no reason to worry. Our future is secure.

Why should you be afraid?

When the pressure of the world
on our shoulders takes its toll;
Rest on the Lord, He is your strength, He is in control
Why should you be afraid when the Lord is near?
He will drive away your panic, sweat and fear.
It is with Him that you belong,
In your weakness, He will make you strong.
Whatever trouble brings, you have a friend
Who is the King of Kings.
Do not be afraid, trust in the promises He made.
He is your Lord, your creator,
All the wonders of the world He made.
He understands, He is in control
Yes, why should you be afraid?

Arthur McGee

PASTORAL PHONE CALLS – From now on we will be making these calls every two weeks. But, course, you can always ring one of the team if necessary.

NEWS FROM MAF - Our MAF friends the Mumfords are now able to fly more freely in Liberia after area travel covid restrictions were lifted. However, they have been somewhat restricted by the lack of an aeroplane engineer. They are still in Liberia, providing assistance, but plan to return to Aberdeen to live this coming year. They don't say when that will be or if anyone will be taking over from them, which hopefully will be the case.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 1 - Hiliary Naesmith is still in hospital but the good news is that her chest infection has stabilized and she is managing to wal a little bit. Please continue to pray for her recovery.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 2 – Please continue to pray for Marie who is currently self-isolating. She is due to go to Southampton for her neuro operation on 4th January. Please pray that Marie copes with this i

Period of isolation and that she is able to keep her spirits up. She says, "If you are passing, please give me a wave through the window!!"

PLEASE ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR - Mavis Eade, Hazel Lodge, Rosanne Gould, Jean 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

… and finally the Christmas Quiz

YOUR BIG CHANCE TO WIN A FABULOUS ALDWICK BAPTIST CHURCH PEN.

1. What day of the year is Christmas Day in 2021?
2. What time is the Queen's speech traditionally broadcast?
3. Which plant-based Christmas tradition was started by servants in Victorian Britain?
4. Which monarch delivered the first Royal Christmas Day Message?
5. In which year was the first Christmas card sent?
6. What is traditionally hidden inside a Christmas pudding?
7. What is the most popular vegetarian alternative to a turkey dinner at Christmas?
8. Butter is traditionally mixed with which spirit to make Christmas pudding?
9. Back in Tudor times, what did women who wanted to find a husband eat in the hope of finding a partner?
10. Which ruler allegedly banned mince pies in Britain in the 1600s?
11. In the song "Frosty the Snowman," what made Frosty come to life?
12. Who played George Bailey in the Christmas classic "It's a Wonderful Life?"
13. What Bing Crosby song is the best-selling single ever?
14. How many reindeer are featured in the poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas?"
15. What well-known Christmas carol became the first song ever broadcast from space in 1965?
16. What comes next in Wham's Last Christmas: "Once bitten and twice shy, I keep my distance..."
17. Which music legend had a 1964 hit with 'Blue Christmas'?
18. Who had a huge hit in 1976 with the soothing Christmas classic 'When a Child is Born'?
19. 'One More Sleep' was a Christmas song by which former X Factor winner?
20. What's the second line of "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas"?

Answers by email to contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk by 31st December 2020.

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