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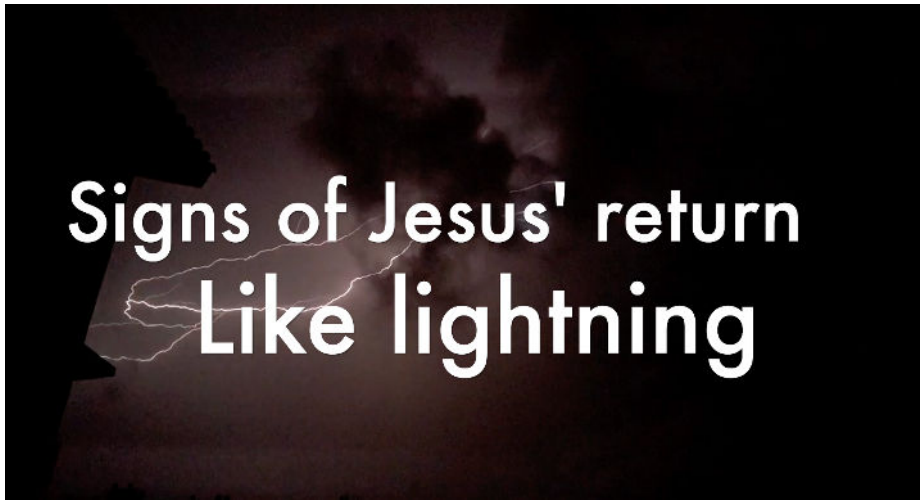
Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS



Sunday 6th 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 continues with our series on "Signs of Jesus' return" with today's sermon being entitled, "Signs of Jesus' return IV – Like Lightning." Simon's talk is based on Matthew 24:23-35. In this passage, Jesus talks to His disciples about His return and promises a time will come when "the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory." At this time unbelievers will mourn because they suddenly realise they have chosen the wrong side.

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 119:169-176. The title of his sermon is, "God's word – Overflowing". It was Jesus' desire that His followers should live out their lives in line with the truth of God's word in a world of lies and somehow remain sanctified (or separated) from the world's bad influence. The Psalmist begins this section in verse 169 by crying out to the LORD – Jehovah: *"May my cry come before you, LORD; give understanding according to your word. May my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise."* Notice he is crying out in desperation. 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

CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP - This Christmas comes at the end of a particularly difficult and lonely year for many. The government has eased COVID restrictions from 23rd to 27th December when up to three households can (if they wish) form a "temporary bubble" to share Christmas together. Whilst this is welcomed, it does mean that every family is having to make decisions about how best they can meet with their own families - let alone other church members. Our concern at ABC is to do whatever we can to ensure that all of our members can enjoy some Christmas Fellowship but this is going to prove difficult for individuals or families who are alone and/or isolated - particularly this year where there is less opportunity to join up with others in the church or attend third party organised events.

So, if you are one of those isolated individuals or families who would like to meet up with other Christians in the church over this period to offer or receive hospitality please let Clive Bennett know and we will try and link you up (if possible) with someone in the same position.

LILLIAN HOBBS - Lillian's funeral will be held on Thursday 10th December 2020, 1:30pm at Canford Crematorium, Canford Lane, Westbury On Trym, Bristol, BS9 3PQ. The funeral service will be live streamed, and available for subsequent viewing, at https://youtu.be/uf__2gAtudw .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KEITH – Keith is 90 years young on Tuesday. So you know what to do, after 3, 1, 2, 3 – Happy Birthday Keith!

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us that even when we are struggling, we can turn to God for comfort because He always understands.

He Understands

Put your heart in His hands -
He understands.
It is so amazing to comprehend that
The Lord almighty calls us friend -
The God of all creation,
His power beyond imagination.
Whatever trouble brings
He will be there –
Our Lord the King of Kings.
So, do not be afraid,
Trust His love and the promises He made.
Yes, put your heart in His hands –
He understands

Arthur McGee

MAF IN ACTION – As you know we support Mission Aviation Fellowship and so are always interested in their news. Today we have heard that MAF is now making preparations to improve aviation infrastructure in Myanmar. They are partnering with the Ministry of Transportation and Civil Aviation Authority on remote airstrip development, offering our expertise in assessing, building and maintaining airstrips in critically remote areas of the country. For further details go to https://www.maf-uk.org/place/myanmar

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 Fundraising 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

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. Alan's funeral, (Rosanne's husband), will be going ahead at 1.00 pm on 11th December at her local crematorium. Clive will be going to offer our support. Please pray for Rosanne's ongoing healing and for peace of mind for her family at this difficult time.

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.

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.

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