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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 10th January 2021

ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

Following the Government's new guidelines and the subsequent advice from the Baptist Union, the church will be closed for at least the next few weeks. None of us want our church to be closed as we all enjoy meeting together as we listen to God's word – but we have to be sensible and keep safe. Consequently, our services will now only be available online. This week, Simon will be preaching from Exodus 17:1-7 and the title of his message is Water in the desert. We know that even in own current desert experience that this lockdown has created, Jesus says to us "… whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." Don't you just want some of this water today? 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, many of whom are unwell and for people who are struggling with the loss of close family members. Pray too 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 we continue with our midweek series on the "I will" statements of Jesus. When we are asked to do something and we say, "I will do it later", we generally mean it isn't that important to us at that moment. We might well intend to "do it later" but we may just as easily mean that I have no intention of doing it. It's just a way of buying us time. In contrast, when Jesus says, "I will do …"., He really means it. It means He is able and willing to do it. There is no evidence in Scripture of Jesus saying that He will do something and then not doing it. Consequently the "I will" statements of Jesus are really important in our understanding of what is to come.

This week Clive will be looking at the "I will" of cleansing based on Luke 5:13. This can be accessed using the same link from 4pm on Tuesday.

This will be followed by five more sermons on the "I will" them.

- 20th January - The "I will" of confession – Matthew 10:32
- 27th January - The "I will" of service – Mark 1:17
- 3rd February - The "I will" of comfort – John 14:18
- 10th February - The "I will" of Resurrection – John 6:40
- 17th February -The "I will" of Glory – John 17:26

GEORGE WOODS – Earlier this week, George passed away and has now gone to be with the Lord after a long illness. George was at one time a deacon here, full of energy and life as he regularly helped at our holiday Bible club.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS 1 – From Monday, January 11th Betty Bennett will be living at Room 35, Epworth & Amberley, Greenways, 227 Hawthorn Road Bognor Regis. PO21 2UW. Phone: 01243 823732

CHANGE OF ADDRESS 2 – Margaret Beckett has now moved to Worthing. Her new address is Flat 3, St. Mary's Court, Durrington Lane, Durrington, Worthing, BN13 2QB. Her mobile number is 07542182226.

BARRY & SARAH MILLIGAN – Wanted us to know that they have now settled at a church in Burgh le Marsh and have become members of that church. Consequently, they have formally resigned their membership from ABC. Sarah says they do miss ABC and the people here and they hope to stay in touch.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us that sometimes, lonely people just need to hear your voice, to chat for a while and that will bring them a real smile. Please think about bringing happiness into someone life this week?

Just a Moment

They sit there alone
Very rarely do they have any mail
or use the telephone.
So many friends and loved ones
have passed away.
How they long for yesterday.
They put on a smile
But it is just there to hide
the sadness they feel inside.
They look back on all the years,
those precious moments of joy,
happiness and sometimes tears.
If this reminds you of someone you know,
Just give them a moment of your time
To say hello.

Arthur McGee

STAYING SAFE – The rate of confirmed cases of coronavirus in our area is growing rapidly. The current rate of infection is 768 per 100000. This is above the national average, so we want to stress how important it is for you to keep safe. There were 1234 confirmed cases in Arun last week. Please, do not be tempted to ignore the government's guidelines. They are there to protect you. **When you do go to get your vaccine make sure you have your NHS number with them as the process is being slowed by not having number ready.**

REACHING OUT IN LOCKDOWN – Over and over again over the past year, Simon has reminded us Jesus wants His church, and that means all of us, To love God, love each other and love the lost". **This still applies in lockdown**. We know you can't go out and visit people, but you can call people on the telephone, send them an email or even write a letter. We know the art of writing letters is dwindling but all of us actually like to get letters especially when we are feeling forgotten. So, this week's challenge is for us all to think about someone you haven't seen for a while, or even someone you haven't spoken to in ages and pray for them. Follow this up with a letter! Is there someone in your family you don't really get on with? If so, make them top of your list. If you need any stamps, let me know and I will get them for you! Derek.



WONDERFUL NEWS – Marie Stoneham is out of hospital and back home. Praise the Lord for getting Marie through her recent operation but continue to pray for her ongoing recovery.

UPDATE ON TONY BROCK – Our dear friend Tony is in hospital. He is finding life particularly difficult at present and often gets confused. Pray for a correct diagnosis, appropriate treatment and clarity of mind. Pray too for his wife Daphne and the family at this stressful time.

UPDATE ON MARION BRYANT – Marion has now been unwell for many weeks with her chest infection and is finding breathing difficult. Marion quickly gets exhausted if she tries to speak for any life of time. Please pray for healing.

URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS - If you have, or know of, an urgent need for prayer then please contact Simon or Derek who will then activate the prayer chain.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 1 - Please continue to pray for Vivienne Newman and her family as they come to terms with the loss of Vivienne's husband on Boxing day.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 2 - Joy Brown is now back at home but is very tired and weak. She has had several falls and is currently resting in bed. Joy's family would like to thank you on Joy's behalf for your cards and phone calls. Please pray for strength and peace for Joy and her family.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 3- Hiliary Naesmith has moved from St Richards to a supportive care home in Petworth. We believe she is coping there but as yet we do not know when she will return home. we do ask you to continue to pray for her full recovery.

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, 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, and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time

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