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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 24th 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 continues with his series on the Holy Spirit with the title of his talk being "Holy Spirit IV - Wind and Fire". From centuries before, God had promised that He would pour out His Spirit on the people as recorded in Joel 2v28-32. And so, God did it at Pentecost, because God never, ever fails to deliver to deliver on His promises, Acts 2v17-21! 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. Especially pray for Avinash and Shibali Masih as they are both working in difficult areas at St.Richard's Hospital.

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.

In our midweek series, this week will be continuing with our series on the "I will" statements of Jesus. This week, Derek will be preaching on the "I will of the service" based on Mark 1:17 where Jesus says, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Although this was originally as message for Simon Peter and Andrew, Jesus calls on all who believe in Him to "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." It is a call for each one of us today, no matter our age and our own perception of our ability. Jesus is asking you to MOVE from your comfort zone and follow Him wherever He leads. Are you up for His challenge?

How can we be so sure? Well, when Jesus says, "I will do …"., He really means it. He 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 service be accessed using the same link from 4pm on Tuesday.

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

- 3rd February - The "I will" of comfort – John 14:18
- 10th February - The "I will" of confession – Matthew 10:32
- 17th February -The "I will" of Glory – John 17:26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO KAY TUCKER - It was Kay's birthday on January 28th, now you know what to do on Friday. So, after three – One, two, three, Happy Birthday Mary!!

WHEN IS YOUR BIRTHDAY?- It would really help me if you could let me know in advance the date of your birthday. No, you don't have to tell me how old you are – unless, of course, you want to! Derek

A MESSAGE FROM BETTY BENNETT – I would just like to say a very big, big thank you to all of you for your cards, prayers and good wished following my move to Greenways. I do love you all and miss you all so much. My direct phone is now 01243 829676.

STOP PRESS – Betty has been taken into St.Richard's Hospital as she is dehydrated and in much pain. Please pray for a correct diagnosis and healing.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us not to be afraid, after all God is in control.

DO NOT BE AFRAID

When the pressure of this world
on your shoulders takes its toll
Rest in the Lord; He is your strength,
He is in control.
Why 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,
We have a friend,
Who is King of Kings.
So, do not be afraid
Trust His love and the promises He made.
Remember, 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

BIBLE SOCIETY NEWS (sad but encouraging) - Jonas (father of seven) was a facilitator in one of the Bible Society's Bible-based literacy classes in the far north of Cameroon. He taught many Christians to read and write. At night he was a volunteer guard at his church. One night, Boko Harram attackers crept into the church unnoticed and Jonas was shot twice in the head.

Another Bible Society worker, Joseph (father of eight), fled with others to mountain caves when Boko Haram were in his area. A sick child of Joseph's started crying so to prevent the cries revealing their presence he and his wife and child returned home and he was brutally murdered.

Another worker, a Bible translator escapee from Boko Harram, was lost in the mountains for a week before being rescued. The threat is relentless and it's the same in neighbouring countries. The fact is people are longing for truth and love and are searching for God. Christians might be few in number, but their witness is drawing people to Jesus - and they need help to share the Bible.

The Bible Society provides a Bible to someone longing to know God, teaches people to read and write using the Bible as the main text and offer Bible-based trauma healing to families broken by fear and grief.

In the face of terrorism many Muslims are searching for the God of love.

Every obstacle is in fact a mission opportunity for Bible Society - a rich harvest field. Barbara.

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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. 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. Derek.

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 – Ken Tucker has to go to Nuffield Hospital on Monday for tests on the cancerous marks on his head before his operation to remove them on Wednesday. Please pray for a successful outcome and for peace of mind for both Kay and Ken at this time.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 2 – Please pray for Janice Sprules as she is really suffering with her legs and the subsequent loss of mobility.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 3 - Joy Brown is very tired and weak. She has had several falls and is currently confined to bed. Please pray for strength and peace for Joy and her family.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 4 -– Tony Brock is still in hospital and still struggling. Please pray for a correct diagnosis, correct treatment and healing. Please also pray for his wife Daphne who is obviously very concerned.

PLEASE ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Avinash and Shibali, Vivienne Newman, Mavis Eade, Hazel Lodge, Hilary Naesmith, 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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