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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



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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 is taking a break from his series on the Holy Spirit. His talk this week 'entitled, "Long roads and perspectives" based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-16. As Christians we are all walking along the road of life with its ups and downs, but the good news, is we have a constant companion in Jesus. We simply have to trust Him at all times but especially when you hit an uphill stretch. 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. Again, 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 also pray for their children Anaiah and Samuel.

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, Clive will be preaching on the "I will of the comfort" based on John 14:18 where Jesus says, "I will you not leave you as orphans; I will come for you." In fact, this week there are two "I will's of comfort in this verse - We will never be left by Jesus as orphans and Jesus will come for us. In hard times, such as we are going through at present, these are such important promises that we need to hold on to with all our might. Intrigued? Then make sure you join in with our midweek worship service.

We must always remember that 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 two more sermons on the "I will" them.

- 10th February - The "I will" of confession – Matthew 10:32
- 17th February -The "I will" of Glory – John 17:26

AN UPDATE ON BETTY BENNETT - Betty is back at Greenways following her emergency dash to St. Richards. Please pray for a correct diagnosis to her problems, peace of mind and for healing. Remember Betty's new phone number 829676.

AN UPDATE ON MARIE – Good news, Marie is feeling much better and her balance is getting better. Her surgeon thinks things went well and hopefully she won't need any further treatment. Please continue to pray for her continued improvement.

AN UPDATE ON KEN TUCKER – Ken's operation at the Nuffield Hospital had to postponed for a few weeks. Please pray that next time, Ken's operation goes ahead and the outcome is successful. Please also pray for Jay who has also been unwell.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us that we will often get it wrong because we are only human. The good news is that God is always by our side, through good times and bad, so there is no need to panic.

"We are only human"

Jesus did not say it would be easy,
But as you know He is by your side.
He did not say you would always find the way,
But you know He be your guide.
There will be times when you feel in despair,
But you know in the end,
He will always be there.
We all have free will
To choose the path we take
And many times,
we will make a mistake.
We are only human,
Our flesh is weak.
He is our shepherd
And we are His sheep.
Yes, He did not say bit would be easy,
So many times, we slip and fall.
But, oh what love,
That He died to save us all.

Arthur McGee

PAULINE RAE – We have recently heard that Pauline Ray has gone to be with the Lord. I am sure this will be of all who remembers Pauline, who was David Makepeace's sister. David reports that her mobility had decreased dramatically over the last 18 months and she had been in a nursing home for 12 months. She died quite peacefully although suddenly in her 88th year.
David and Jean are well and send their love and best wishes to to their old friends at ABC.

HILIARY NAESMITH - Hiliary has now moved to Cherington's Nursing Home, 15 Stocker Road, Bognor Regis,. PO21 2QH.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST – Please pray for Janice Sprules as she is still suffering with her legs, but she says is she is feeling a little better day by day.

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

… and finally

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 FROM BRIAN GOLDSMITH - Please pray for SIMON HOWLING my grandson. Following graduation from Moorlands Bible College, Simon has spent the last two years in Trinidad, capital city of the Beni Lowlands . He has been involved in youth work in an Evangelical Church there. He is due to return to the UK in February, with his flight booked to Gatwick. Bolivia has suffered from the Covid19 pandemic to a lesser degree than neighbouring Brazil. But Trinidad has just declared that it is going into a two-week lockdown as from Thursday 28th January (tomorrow). It could last longer. Simon cannot come home without a Covid test and can only get one in Santa Cruz – a 10 hour road journey distant. If and when he is able to travel he could be asked to quarantine in an hotel costing in the region of £1,000! Still with me? How would you pray? However, we KNOW God delights in answering the most complicated of prayers. Please uphold Simon in your prayers and his parents, Karen (our daughter) and David her husband. Watch this space . God has called Simon to serve him full time in Bolivia, so he would be returning at a later date.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST - Joy Brown is still tired and weak and remains confined to bed. She does say she is feeling a little better this week. Please pray for strength and peace for Joy and her family.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST - 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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