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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 3rd January 2021

ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

This weekend we will be worshipping both in church and online. This week, Simon begins our New Year with his talk entitled, "Past, present and future – time to trust" based on Revelation 1:7-8. Twelve months ago, the archbishop of Canterbury urged people to make personal connections with others in 2020 to create a new unity in a divided society. In his new year message, Justin Welby said: "Let's go for a heroic new year's resolution. Let's resolve to reconnect. To reach out to just one person we don't know, or from whom we have drifted apart. "Pick one person. Pick up the phone. Send them a text. Meet them for a cup of tea. Make that connection. Let's begin cementing our unity one brick at a time." How appropriate that message seems in retrospect for what followed as we struggled to cope with various forms of lockdown. Over the past year, Simon has constantly urged us to reach out to our neighbours, this remains a real need in 2021. 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.

This week we begin a new n=midweek series which can be accessed using the same link.

NEW MIDWEEK SERIES – 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. Over the next seven weeks we will be looking at:

- 6th January - The "I will" of Salvation – John 6:37
- 13th January - The "I will" of cleansing – Luk5 5:13
- 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

WORSHIPPING IN CHURCH – We will be re-opened the church for Sunday morning worship this weekend with restricted numbers. It certainly isn't church as we know it or how we want it to be – but it does comply with the government's current advice. Please do tread the government's advice – particularly to people who are vulnerable or over 70! Remember, when on the church property (and that includes the car park), you must observe social distancing and wear a mask within the church boundaries at all times. By now, you should have told me whether you want to continue to worship home (Status - HOME) or whether you want to attend the live service (Status – CHURCH). You are free to change your mind at any time by letting me know in writing as we have to keep detailed records of who attends for "Track and Trace" purposes. If you are unsure as to how this will work and how it affects you, please give me a ring. Derek

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us that whatever we are currently going through, we have no reason to be downhearted. Why? Because there is "Good News" ahead.

Good News

I know that He is alive
And that I need Him so.
His amazing love
That will never let me go.
I know that He is alive,
He is with me every day.
That small still voice within me,
His overwhelming presence when I pray.
When I think of how we suffered
The way he bled and died.
But oh what Love,
How secure we are,
To know that He is Alive.
It is easy to keep quiet
To keep our faith inside.
But "shout for joy"
How wonderful
Our Jesus is alive,

Arthur McGee

LOOKING FOR WORK 1? Then this may be of interest to you.
BOGNOR REGIS FOOD BANK - **JOB VACANCY** - Project Co-ordinator
An opportunity has occurred to recruit a part-time Co-ordinator for the Foodbank from February 2020. Part time; 15-20 hours per week.
If interested email – timothycrook@hotmail.com by FRIDAY 8th January at 5.30pm, with a statement of interest explaining why you would like to be considered and any other experience you've had that might be appropriate to the post.

LOOKING FOR WORK 2 - We really do need to expand our team of pastoral phone callers if we are to continue with this much appreciated service. If you have a phone, enjoy talking to people and can spare up to 3 hours a week, then this could suit you. This is your chance to serve the Lord and bring His light into people's lives. Please contact me if you are interested. Derek.

PASTORAL PHONE CALLS – If you do not want to receive these calls, can you let me know as I will be updating our lists over the next two weeks? 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 1 - Please 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 - Please continue to pray for Marie who is due to go to Southampton Hospital on 3rd January ready for her neuro operation on the following day. Please pray that the operation goes ahead and is successful. Please also pray that Marie remains upbeat and positive at this difficult time.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 3 - 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 4 - 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, George Woods, and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time

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