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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 21st February 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 concluding his series on the Holy Spirit with his sermon entitled, "The Holy Spirit V – Images – The dove and the seal. This is based on John1:29-34 and Ephesians 1:123-14. 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. 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. Pray too for Avinash and Shibali who have both been unwell and, of course, both work at St. Richard's hospital. Please also pray for everyone else who works in our local hospitals as I am sure they are feeling very pressured at present. Pray too for our local clergy who are also finding life without personal contact extremely challenging.

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 we begin a new 8-part series based on the importance of Christian unity, entitled, "United we stand, divided we fall." Simon will be begin the series with his talk entitled, "True Christian Unity" based on Romans 15:1-6. In the following week, Clive will continue with the passage from Romans 15 with his topic, "All are welcome in the House of the Lord."

This service be accessed using the same link as above from 4pm on Tuesday.

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MISSED BIRTHDAYS – Sorry but we have just missed two birthdays this week. So please wish Molly Hawkins (17th) and Christopher Mustchin (18th) a belated, but loud, "Happy Birthday". Next week Val Goodwin will be celebrating her birthday and the 25th. So let's all do our best to wish her well.

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

ADVANCED NOTICE – King's Gate Church (formally CCF) will be celebrating their 50th anniversary over the weekend of March 20th/21st. Due to the current restrictions this will be online on the Saturday from 9.30am to 4pm where Ben Leney, amongst others, will be bringing some highlights from his transcriptions of the Roger Price's Fellowship Life Studies. On the Sunday, there will be a special zoom service to help us mark 50 years of faithful witness for Jesus. Ben's suggests you put the dates in your diary now.

A BIG THANK YOU - From Mavis for all your letters and cards on the loss of her dear sister. Please continue to pray for Mavis as she is still very upset.

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

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us that even in our darkest hour, the ligyt of Jesus is shining bright, if we only look to Him.

"Set Free"

Once I was down
In that deep pit,
In that dark place
With no exit.
But then I saw His light,
That penetrates the darkest night.
Oh, to feel the fresh air
Upon my face.
To rest in His amazing grace,
No longer a slave to sin and misery.
Thank you Lord,
For the day you set me free
On the cross at Calvary.

Arthur McGee

AN UPDATE ON JOY BROWN - Joy's daughter is there most of the time and carers go in. Her daughter goes home three nights to be with her husband. Joy is now very week and naturally speaking unlikely to get up and about again. She finds it very difficult to hear on the phone, but she appreciates the call. Joy's daughter says her mother wants to thank everyone at the church for their prayers and for caring so much about her. Joy looks forward to the news sheet and to Simon's visits as she wants to keep in touch with what is happening.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021: The service planned for this year is entitled 'Building on a Strong Foundation' and has been written by the women of Vanuatu – an archipelago of 80 islands in the South Pacific. Due to the pandemic, it has been decided to postpone the Ecumenical Service in Bognor Regis from the 5th March until September (date and venue yet to be decided). Let us keep the people of Vanuatu in our prayers and thoughts especially on the 5th March.

(A VIRTUAL) MEN'S BREAKFAST – 8.30m on 27th February available on Zoom to anyone who is interested. The speaker this month is Sir Jeremy Cooke. You will need the password which is available from Clive.

THANK YOU – We would like to thank all the kind folk who've written to us, Emailed, sent cards etc, to pass on their sympathy following Pauline's death, please. Thank you very much, and our warmest good wishes to you all.

David and Jean Makepeace.

… and finally

AN UPDATE ON TONY - Tony is in Abbots Lawn, Sylvan Way, PO21 2RS, for 8 weeks. Phone number is 01243 823288. Although Tony doesn't know yet they are moving to a bungalow that their daughter has found but it is in Cumbria! There will be more room there and paved work outside for Tony to move around in his wheelchair. Please pray that Tony accepts this move as he wasn't initially keen on the idea.

AN UPDATE FROM SAMARA - Our three areas of focus to support the Syrian people are Food, Health and Education. We need to take ownership of the growing and production process as much as possible, even if just for a narrow group of important foods. (In the utterly broken economy of Syria, widowed mothers have been forced to make many degrading decisions for themselves and for their children, just to eat and survive. UNICEF stated in a report this month that between November 2019 - November 2020, there has been a 251% increase in the prices of the food.) Please pray that we can make inroads into this urgent problem.

URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS - We have just heard that **Janice Sprules** went to the hospital for a cardiac check-up yesterday and that the doctors found a clot in her heart. The doctors need to check with the consultant on Monday as to the next step. Please pray for Janice's peace of mind, for the correct treatment as soon as possible and for healing. Please pray too for **Ann Tyler** who was moved from St.Richards to Avisford Park Hotel yesterday as they have certain rooms set aside, with carers, for patients but unfortunately Ann had a bad turn and is now back in the emergency ward at St.Richards. Pray for correct diagnosis and for a satisfactory plan for her ongoing care.

PLEASE ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Avinash and Shibali, Vivienne Newman, Mavis Eade, Hilary Naesmith, Rosanne Gould, Jean Shaw, Mick Parker, Michelle and Jon Crane, Arthur and Eileen McGee, Bridget Long, Marion Bryant, Chris Grant, Mary Edwards, Kate Moss, Joy Smith, Stella Filby, Joan Brett, Joy Puffett, Val Collett, Pam Ryan and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time

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