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

ABC NEWS



Sunday 7th 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 returns to his series on the Holy Spirit. His talk this week being entitled, "Holy Spirit V – Images – oil" based on Zechariah 4:1-6 and Exodus 30:22-25. Yes, we already have the Spirit, in Christ, of course, but there is more. We so need to allow this Spirit to move amongst us, for his oil to move in us and between us – lubricating us as the Body of Christ together to the glory of his name. 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 the children of church members all of whom are finding "home schooling" a bit of a struggle. As one youngster said to me today, "Being at home all the time is BORING! I want to see my friends!" I think we can all echo that sentiment.

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 will be continuing with our series on the "I will" statements of Jesus. This week, Simon will be preaching on the "I will of confession" based on Matthew 10:32 where Jesus says, "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven." Jesus challenges each one of us to openly live for Him. There can be no such thing as a "hidden" Christian. The way we live our lives should supply enough evidence that can be seen by the world – to show that we are indeed Christians. This is a really important reminder to us all so do 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 as above from 4pm on Tuesday.

This will be followed by one more sermon on the "I will" theme.

- 17th February -The "I will" of Glory – John 17:26

CHURCH FINANCES – A huge thank you to all of you who have been regularly giving to the church over the past 10 months. Your generosity is keeping the church in a sound financial position during this enforced lockdown. Of course, we would always welcome others who would like to give regularly. This can be by direct debit or cheque. Talk to me if you want to any advice on how to do this. Derek

AN UPDATE ON KAY AND KEN TUCKER – Ken had to have two teeth removed today and he is feeling very wobbly. Both Kay and Ken now has to self-isolate for a week which puts Ken's operation at the Nuffield Hospital in doubt again. Kay is also finding walking difficult Please pray that Ken's operation goes ahead soon and the outcome is successful. Please also pray for Kay as she continues to struggle.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us what a privilege it is to be alive in God's wonderful world.

"Privilege"

Oh, what a privilege to be alive.
To see the wonder of the golden sunrise.
How it takes my breath away
when I see the immensity of the Milky Way.
And when I walk past a school
and hear the children at play.
And when I walk through a garden
on a beautiful day.
There are so many things
I could describe,
Such a privilege to be alive.
Early in the morning I hear the birds' song
to welcome the new day
as slowly the stars fade away.
Oh, thank you Lord for the gift of life
And all the wonders that we see;
And for the privilege that
He died for you and me.

Arthur McGee

GOOD NEWS – Bev and Jim would like to thank God for the arrival of their granddaughter, Lois Ivy, born in St Richard's Hospital on Thursday morning to Sarah and Chris (and her "big" sister, Miri). They would also like to say a big thank you to those who have been praying for Sarah and baby.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – If you haven't already done so, please do congratulate Bridget Long who was 90 on Feb 1st and Ernie Payne who reached the same milestone on Feb 6th.

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

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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.

WONDERFUL NEWS – Following our joint prayers, Brian Goldsmith's grandson Simon was able to get an immediate Saturday internal flight from his temporary home and mission work in Trinidad, instead of that 10hrs road trip overland, arriving at the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra. Here he was able to stay with Latin Link workers and on the Saturday get his Covid test with a negative result. Simon was then able to fly to Gatwick where he arrived on Thursday to be picked up by his Dad. Simon and his parents are spending 10 days confined to their Storrington home and are so grateful for our prayer support. This is an amazing answer to prayer that Brian wanted to share with us all. Our God really is good so let's praise His Holy name.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST - Please pray for Mavis whose only sister died this week. Mavis is very upset and needs our prayer support.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST – Marion is gradually improving but still needs our prayers. Please pray that her breathing and her ability to talk improves over the next few days.

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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