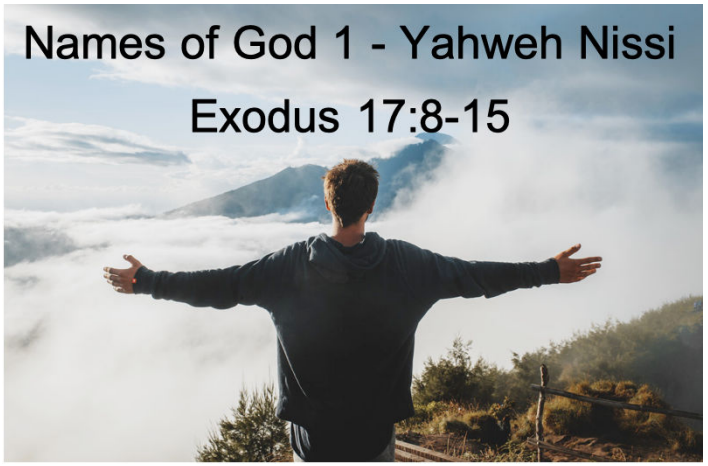
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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 14th March 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 begins a new series entitled, "The Names of God.' His sermon today is based on Exodus 17:8-15 and the title of His talk is "Names of God 1 – Yahweh Nissi." We are hopeful of re-opening the church for limited numbers as before, from Easter Sunday, 4th April. More details next week. There will be no "live" sunrise service this year, but we will be holding a very special online sunrise service which will involve contributions from many of you – see inside for further details. 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. As you probably know, schools have returned to almost full classrooms this week and so hundreds of local children are back in the classroom. Despite all the precautions that are being taken, they will be at risk of mingling with people who are unknowingly carrying the coronavirus. Please pray for children everywhere that they remain virus free. Pray too for their parents, carers and teachers all of whom will be further at risk. Whatever your political views, please also pray for the Prime Minister and his team as they try to guide us back to safety.

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 new 8-part series based on the importance of Christian unity, entitled, "United we stand, divided we fall." This week we reach week 4 where Simon will be preaching on Ephesians 2:1-22 as he brings us, "The only hope for a divided society."

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

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 suggests you put the dates in your diary now.

YOB CAMP 2021 – No not that sort of YOB! YOB stands for "Youth of Bognor". YOB Camp is run by a team of Christian volunteers who want to give the children and young people aged 8 -12 an unforgettable holiday. This is a chance to make new friends, try out exciting activities and get to know God. The proposed date is August 15th to 21st at the Westbrook Centre, IOW. If you want to know more go to their website www.youthofbognor.co.uk.

AN UPDATE ON ERNIE PUFFETT – Ernie was taken into St. Richard's hospital on Wednesday following a series of mini strokes. He will shortly be moved into respite care. Please pray for peace of mind, correct treatment and healing. Please also pray for Joy his wife.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us that that however we are feeling and whatever we need to remember "What a wonderful God" we have.

"What a wonderful God"

How awesome the wonder of creation,
God's power beyond imagination.
How can we take for granted
the wonders all around?
From the very smallest creature
to the universe unbound.
The miracle of creation,
in everything we see
How great is our creator,
what a wonderful God is He.
He made us in His image,
self-aware and free.
So, we can choose to be with Him
For all eternity,

Arthur McGee

DID YOU KNOW? – It's Simon's birthday on Friday, 19th March. I sure we all want to wish him a "Happy Birthday" after all of the pastoral care he has shown for us throughout this year of lockdown. So why not send him a card or give him a ring? Please thank God for Simon on Friday and don't forget to shout out loud, "Happy Birthday Simon!"

CHRISS & CHRIS MUSTCHIN – Please amend your prayer directory as their address is now 11 Follet Close, Aldwick, Bognor Regis. PO21 4XH.

BOGNOR FOODBANK NEED YOU - Do you have handy or professional skills in building or decorating-related tasks? If so, then Bognor Regis Foodbank is in great need of refurbishment work in order to reopen its doors to the public when government restrictions allow. If you want to help, please contact bognorfb@hotmail.co.uk.

ONLINE SUNRISE SERVICE 4TH APRIL 2021 – Due to the current restrictions we will not be able to hold our annual Sunrise Service on the beach at Pagham. As last year I will be organising an online version of this event and I want to include as many video clips of you bringing us an Easter message as I can. Last year you were very creative, so please do support this venture. Send you clips to me as soon as you have them as this service takes quite a while to organise. For you want a reminder of last year's service then go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m42_lBaNOL4&ab_channel=AldwickBaptistChurch. I will send out more details by email. Derek.

… and finally

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.

BRIAN TYLER'S FUNERAL – Brian Funeral is on Friday 26th March at 10:15 at Chichester Crematorium. If anyone wishes to attend, could they please notify me as numbers are limited re capacity /social distancing. Brenda. Ann will be allowed to attend, so please continue to pray for her. Simon will be leading the service, so please pray for him as he prepares.

AN UPDATE ON ANN - Please pray for **Ann Tyler** who is stll at Arundel District Hospital, Chichester Road, Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 OAB, phone 01903 882543. Pray for a satisfactory plan for her ongoing care. Simon has been allowed to visit Ann and reports that seem seemed a little brighter after his visit.

PLEASE PRAY FOR JAN HARRIS – Jan is due to have a hip replacement operation on Thursday 18th. Pray that it will go ahead safely as planned and that she will be able to manage when she returns home.

AN UPDATE ON TONY - Tony is in Abbots Lawn, Sylvan Way, PO21 2RS, for 8 weeks. Phone number is 01243 823288. Simon reports that Tony has shown some signs of improvement but has also experienced some bad patches. Please continue to pray for Tony and his family as they have some really bid decisions to make about moving to another part of the country.

AN UPDATE ON JANICE - Janice is still waiting for an appointment to see her cardiologist and says the wait is certainly teaching her perseverance! She would like to thank you all for your prayers and messages and says, "God bless you all!" Please continue to pray for Janice's peace of mind, for the correct treatment as soon as possible and for healing.

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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