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

ABC NEWS



Sunday 21st 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 two 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 still be only available online although we do intend to **re-open** the church on Easter Sunday (more details inside). This Sunday, Simon continues with his series, "Names of God" as we reach "Names of God II - Yahweh Yireh" based on Genesis 22:1-18. This service will also include communion – so make sure you have your bread and wine ready. 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.

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 5 where Clive will be preaching on "Unity and Diversity" based Ephesians 4:1-16.

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

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS - To Alan and Davina Rumsby on their recent sixty first wedding anniversary. As Alan says, "We will be celebrating sixty one years of wedded bliss on the 12th March." Congratulations from us all and sorry that I a week late with this! Derek

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

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED 1 - Clive sent out an email regarding this year's AGM. The continuation of the COVID restraints means that we will be unable to hold our AGM on 15th April as planned. The Leadership have therefore postponed this meeting to 22nd July 2021 (subject of course to any changes that there might be in the Government rules for emergence from lock down).

There are a few items of business however that we need to ask ABC members to respond to via e-mail communication (sufficient responses necessary to have a quorate decision made.).

- TRUSTEE RE-ELECTION - This requires immediate action from you.
- MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - Emily Brown. This also requires immediate action from you.
- ABC Membership guide – Updated pages were attached.

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED 2 – LOVE ALDWICK 2021. This email outlined our outreach plans for when we are able to restart fully which could be in early July. In particular we wanted your reactions to our proposed, "Good neighbour celebration day." We asked for your response. Please can you do this asap.

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED 3 - I urgently need your video contributions for our Easter morning sunrise service which of course will be online. I simply want you to record, "He is risen, He is alive. Hallelujah" and send your recording to me preferably before March 28th.

BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES - to Peter Wilkinson whose birthday was on 19th March. Happy birthday Peter!

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us that that however we are feeling and whatever we need, all we need to do is "Call on His name."

"His Name"

When you are in that valley
Overwhelmed with fear and pain.
Do not be afraid, you will find the way
When you call on His name.
Yes, when you go through sad times
When you suffer grief and pain,
Trust His love, you will overcome
When you call on His name.
This life can be so pointless
For those who live for possessions and gain.
But we have a priceless treasure
When you call on His name.
The cross has set us free
Our lives will never be the same again.
We have love and peace forever
When you call on His name.

Arthur McGee

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED 4 – REOPENING THE CHURCH - We are intending to re-open the church on Easter Sunday but still under the current restrictions which means, social distancing, masks, sanitiser, no singing and restricted numbers. We will be restricted to 35 worshippers, so, if you wish to attend, you have to **reserve a place**. We will be creating a **new list**, so you **must inform me** of your intentions by email or letter. We cannot use the old list as the situation has now changed. As before, I really need a reply from everyone indicating whether they want to be classed as HOME or CHURCH. Unfortunately, we will not be able to admit anyone who is not on the list. This is for the safety of us all. If more than 35 want to come, then we will simply take the first 35 positive responses. As before please do not congregate in the car before or after the service. Current covid restrictions are still in force and the number of cases in this area is still above the national average. Derek.

UPDATE FROM KEITH – I have spoken to Keith this week and he would like to thank you all for your prayers and messages. They are always most welcome. Keith is keeping busy and has formed his own mini house group with Eve Williams and two others. Please pray for this ongoing ministry.

A BIG THANK YOU – to Liz Nichols and Anna Applin for organising the wonderful Mothering Sunday cards that went out last week. I know they were appreciated by many of you.

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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.

PRAYERS FOR ANN – Simon has been able to see Ann and she will be attending the service. Please pray for Ann as this will be an extremely difficult time for her. Please pray too for Simon who will be leading the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR BETTY BENNETT – Betty has been in hospital this week but is now back at Greenways. She is still not well and would welcome prayer. Please pray that she receives the correct treatment and remains comfortable.

PLEASE PRAY FOR BRIDGET LONG – Bridget is still struggling and is finding it difficult to speak, so talking to her on the phone is difficult. She is also frequently quite breathless. She would definitely like you to continue praying for her and possibly send her a card or note. Bridget is currently at Arun Lodge, Stocker Road, PO21 2QF.

PLEASE PRAY FOR JAN HARRIS – Jan was due to have a hip replacement operation on Thursday 18th. As yet we are not sure if this went ahead but please pray that everything will soon be resolved and that she will be able to manage when she returns home.

UPDATE ON KAY AND KEN – Ken has a bad cut on his leg which has to dressed twice a week by a nurse. Please pray that his wound heals quickly. Kay says she is feeling OK but still gets very tired. Please pray for renewed energy for Kay.

PLEASE ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Janet Sprules, Tony, 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, 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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