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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 28th 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 this week but will **re-open** on Easter Sunday with but still under the current restrictions which means, social distancing, masks, sanitiser, no singing and restricted numbers. We will be restricted to 35 worshippers (more details inside). As numbers are restricted we will be continuing with our online services on Sundays and Wednesdays. This Sunday, Simon brings us his Palm Sunday message, based on Luke 19:28-40 when he reminds us that Jesus is King, he is Lord, he is Messiah and Christ, and he is the one who opens up blind eyes, so that people can 'see'. 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 6 where derek will be preaching on "Divided we fall" based 1 Corinthians 1:1-17.

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

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.

THANK YOU ABC - Dear ABC, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all those who sent me cards and wished me a Happy Birthday. You are a kind and generous people, and I am grateful! Naturally, I would have told you this face to face, but alas I am still not able to at this time, for obvious reasons. God bless you all. with love, Simon

THANK YOU, LILLIAN HOBBS, - Long-time worshippers will not doubt remember Lillian who died recently aged 103 in Bristol. Lillian continued to follow us at ABC through the weekly news sheet even though she had moved away to be near her family. Well, this week, we were surprised and delighted to receive a legacy of around £2000 from her estate. Lillian clearly remembered us even at the end.

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

NEWS SHEET ITEMS – Please send me any items you want to include before Thursday contact@aldwickbaptistchurch.co.uk.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us of the beauty of God's sunrise and sunset. How lucky we are to live by the coast where we really appreciate the splendour of God's creation.

"Sunrise, Sunset"

Early in the morning
I climb to the top of the hill.
I see the sunrise to welcome the new day.
I feel I can almost touch the peace
and tranquillity there,
Far from this world
With its burdens and care.
Yes, far from life's hectic rate race,
Oh, what peace I find with God
in that secret place.
Sometimes I stand on the seashore,
the sunset reflecting its golden light.
Slowly, the sun slips away to give way to night.
How awesome is God's beauty;
sometimes I feel I see His face,
alone with Him in that secret place.

Arthur McGee

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED 1 - 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 31st.

EASTER FOODBANK COLLECTION – Brenda is organising an Easter collection of food for a local Foodbank. The items they desperately want are:

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Cartons of UHT milk
- Jam, peanut butter.
- Children's biscuits and sweets
- Cereals

If you can help, Brenda will be at the church on Saturday from 10am to 1pm and will collect your items from the porch at the front of the church. Thank you for any contributions you feel able to donate.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY -Tricia and John will be celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary on Saturday 3rd April. Congratulations from us all.

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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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ERNIE PUFFETT – who has now moved from St.Richard's to Dovecote View Care Home. He will be in isolation for 5 days. He remains unwell and in need of our prayers. It is Ernie birthday on 3rd April - a card or two might be very welcome, I'm sure.

PLEASE PRAY FOR JAN HARRIS – Jan had her hip replacement operation on Thursday 18th and is now back at home. Unfortunately, she is quite nauseous and feeling sick a lot. Please pray that she will soon feel better and that she will be able to manage now she is back at home.

UPDATE ON KAY AND KEN – Ken now has a bad chest infection and has been readmitted to hospital. Please pray that his chest infection responds well to the treatment he is receiving. Kay says she is feeling OK but still gets very tired. Please pray for peace and for renewed energy for Kay.

PLEASE PRAY FOR BETTY BENNETT - Betty is now back at Greenway but she is struggling at present. She is still not well and would welcome prayer. Please pray that she receives the correct treatment and remains comfortable.

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.

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED 2 - 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.