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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 7th 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's sermon is entitled, "All Israel will be saved" This is based in general on Romans chapters 9 to 11. In these chapters God reveals through the writings of Paul the secrets of Israel's past, present and future. 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 Ann Turner who is currently in Arundel District Hospital struggling with the loss of Brian, her own health and the need to plan Brian's funeral. Please also pray for Simon as he works on a eulogy for Brian and has little to go on. 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 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 3 and Derek uses Genesis 11:1-9 to warn us of the dangers of, "The Unity of Unbelief". In the following week, Simon will be continuing with the series with his talk entitled, "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.

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.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us that that however we are feeling and whatever we need, "He will be there."

"He will be there"

When you feel all is lost,
He will be there beside you.
When you lose the way,
He will be there to guide you.
When you feel vulnerable and weak,
He will be there to defend you.
When you need a friend,
He will be there to befriend you.
When you ask Him into your life,
He will be there to save you.
How wonderful that wherever you may be,
He will be there for all eternity.

Arthur McGee

DID YOU KNOW? – It's Joy Brown's birthday on Thursday, 11th March. I sure we all want to wish here a "Happy Birthday" after all she has been through over the last few months. So why not send her a card or give her a ring? Please thank God for Joy on Thursday and don't forget to shout out loud, "Happy Birthday Joy!"

CAMPAIGN FOR A COVID_FREE WORLD - You may have heard about BMS' exciting new petition, Campaign for a Covid-free world, that launched last week. It's been so exciting seeing Baptists across the UK joining us in calling the UK Government to engage in a fair, global distribution of vaccines, so that everyone can be safe – and we'd LOVE the family at Aldwick Baptist Church to join us too.

There is a fun little video that explains the campaign beautifully that will be included in our midweek service this week. Do try to watch this video and sign the petition.

AN UPDATE ON THE MUMFORDS - Our contacts Andrew and Hannah Mumford and their three children are leaving their assignment in Liberia with MAF at the end of March and moving to Scotland to settle the children in British education there. If anyone would like a link to their letter and their video of scenes from their time in Chad and Liberia please contact Barbara by emailing bfarrington@uwclub.net. (Their letter will hopefully be placed on the notice board at church when we return there.)

AN UPDATE ON ERNIE PUFFETT – Ernie is really missing the fellowship at ABC and would love to chat with some of you over the next few weeks. If you want to talk to him then please ring him on 01243 864249.

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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.

AN UPDATE ON ANN - Please pray for **Ann Tyler** who is now at Arundel District Hospital, Chichester Road, Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 OAB, phone 01903 882543. Pray for a correct diagnosis and for a satisfactory plan for her ongoing care.

PLEASE PRAR FOR CYNTHIA DAILEY - Cynthia has not been feeling 100% recently although she feels a little better than she did last week. She's currently undergoing some tests and would appreciate our prayers that everything is fine. Please pray that Cynthia continues to feel better each day and will soon be back to good health. She's looking forward to seeing everyone again very soon. Please add Cynthia to your prayers today.

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 ON JANICE - Janice is now waiting for an appointment to see her cardiologist after her recent check-up where the doctors found a clot in her heart. This may take up to 4 weeks. Please 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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