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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 11th April 2021

ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

Following the Government's new guidelines and the subsequent advice from the Baptist Union, the church is now **open** for Sunday worship. We do, however, still need to follow the current restrictions which means, social distancing, masks, sanitiser, no singing and restricted numbers. We are 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, Clive will be bringing the message, based on Acts 22:30 – 23:11 with his talk on "Faith under Pressure". Clive will be asking us if our relationship with the Living Lord Jesus is strong enough to cope with the pressures of everyday. If not, what are you going to do about it? 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 concluding our 8-part series based on the importance of Christian unity, entitled, "United we stand, divided we fall." This week Clive will be reminding us that "Unity is the basis for receiving and sharing god's blessing" based on the words of Psalm 133.

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

THE CHURCH IS NOW OPEN FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - We are re-started Sunday morning worship but 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**. 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. The church remains closed for all other activities. 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

BIRTHDAY WISHES – Yes, I know it's a bit late but can we all wish Samuel Masih "Happy Birthday" for the 8th April. But wait - there is more! Can we also wish his dad, Avinash, "Happy Birthday", too for the 10th April.

BIRTHDAY WISHES – OK this one is on time. Please wish Davina Rumsby "Happy Birthday" on the 17th April.

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED 1 – **LOVE ALDWICK 2021**.Clive sent out a email recently which 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. But so far we haven't heard from many of you. Please can you give us your views as soon as possible?

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us that however dark it might appear, there is a guiding light that shows us the way to go. We only have to follow His light and all will be well.

"His Light"

As I travelled through the cold dark night,
In the distance, I saw a light.
Although the path was hard to bear.
Oh, what comfort that light was always there!

Sometimes the path was very steep,
Sometimes there were the valleys of despair,
But through it all, He led me on
The Light was already there!

The storms of life rage round me,
War and destructions everywhere;
But He guides my path, He is my hope
The Light is always there!

The light seems so much brighter now,
As the path comes near its end,
Oh, what joy to be in His light for evermore,
My Lord, my life, my friend!

Arthur McGee

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED 2 - Clive also 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.

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

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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 DON'T FORGET STELLA FILBY - I had a phone call from Stuart Filby this week and he sends his love to you all. Both her and Joyce are well although Stuart's eyesight continues to deteriorate which is causing him some difficulty. He wants you all to know that his mother, Stella, is still at Arun Lodge but remains very poorly, Please pray for Stella to be comfortable and at peace with her situation. Please also pray for Stuart and Joyce.

BRIDGET LONG'S FUNERAL - We have just heard that Bridget Long's funeral will be in Ledbury on 26th April at 1pm. The service will take place at the graveside and is restricted to family members only. Bridget will then be buried alongside her husband, Derry. Please pray for the family as they come to terms with Bridget's death.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR BETTY BENNETT - Betty is now back in hospital. She is still not well and would welcome prayer. Please pray that she receives the correct treatment and remains comfortable. Please pray too for Clive and Polly at this difficult time for them all.

UPDATE ON KAY AND KEN – Ken is back in hospital with various problems and is clearly unwell. Please pray that he responds well to the treatment he is receiving and that he is able to get some rest and find some peace. Kay is feeling pretty down at present and needs our prayers to sustain her.

PLEASE ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Janet Sprules, Tony, Vivienne Newman, Mavis Eade, Hilary Naesmith, Rosanne Gould, Jean Shaw, Mick Parker, Michelle and Jon Crane, Arthur and Eileen McGee, Marion Bryant, Chris Grant, Mary Edwards, Kate Moss, Stella Filby, Joan Brett, Joy and Ernie Puffett, Val Collett, Pam Ryan and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time.

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