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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 18th 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, Simon will be bringing the message, based on Psalm 139:1-12, with his talk on "Names of God III – Yahweh Shammah". This is the third in Simon's mini-series on how God is portrayed in our Bibles. 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 begin a new 13 part series entitled, "Unstoppable – A journey through the Book of Acts". This week Derek will be bringing us episode one "Unstoppable – the birth of the church" based on the words of Acts 2:42-47. In this series we will be considering God's plans for His church and asking, "Why do we do what we do?" and "Is this what God wants us to do?"

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.

BIRTHDAY WISHES – We should be sending a great big ABC "Happy Birthday" to Eve Williams whose birthday is on Tuesday(20th).

A MESSAGE FROM SIMON – I just wanted to express my thanks for your support over this recent period. I would also like to let you know that I will now be doing less phone calls to the membership and regular attendees, compared with recent months. As you know, I have been calling everybody in the church telephone directory over this last year or so, but with me now increasingly booking people in to visit, I will have less time to phone so many people. As you know there are many pastoral needs in the church.

With that said, please be assured this does not mean that I am not there for each and everyone of you. If you ever need me at all, you have only got to call me, and I will call you back, or come round if necessary. This email is in no way meant to convey anything other than my ongoing commitment and love to you all. Thanks everyone.

Simon

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us that the real reason we are here is to bring glory to God as we "Live for Jesus everyday".

"Live for Jesus everyday"
Live to live and not to die,
Live to laugh and not to cry ,
Live to love and not to hate
Live to count your blessings and appreciate.
Live for the future and not the past
Live for the things that will last
Live for each other and be kind
In all these things
You will find peace of mind
But most of all live for Jesus everyday
For only he is the life, the truth and the way

Arthur McGee

DRAMA GROUP START-UP - I have volunteered to head up a church drama group for ministry purposes. This will not be every week, just when required. Please be aware that there is a fair deal of commitment required as we will need to learn lines and acting skills. I am hoping to meet (at a mutually agreeable time) fortnightly to start with on Zoom until restrictions ease sufficiently, in order for the group to get to know one another and to practice skills. However, when preparing a piece for performance we will need to meet at least weekly. If you are not using the internet at the moment but would like to be involved please let me know as you are welcome to join as soon as we are meeting physically.If you feel that you would like to be involved either by acting or assisting with writing, sound effects, technology, costume or props then please do let me know. With grateful thanks - Lucienne Edwards

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.

UPDATE ON THE JESS FAMILY - As you may know from their past few newsletters, the Jess family has been in the UK for some time now due to travel restrictions, and they anticipate remaining in the UK as this chapter with BMS draws to a close. Please do join us in praying God's richest blessings on Dee and Hye-Young and their children during this time of transition, and as they continue to settle back into life in the UK. Barbara.

NEW PARTNERSHIP – We will now be looking for a new partnership within BMS. Does anyone have a particular preference or reason to choose a particular area, occupation or person(s)? Barbara.

… and finally

BETTY BENNETT – As most of you know by now, Betty died on Tuesday morning. Please give thanks to the Lord for her life and her love of the Lord. Please also pray for Clive, Polly and the rest of the family as they come to terms with Betty's death. We will keep you informed of the arrangements for Betty's funeral.

MARION BRYANT - Marion has recovered from her very bad chest infection but, following tests, she now also has Coeliac Disease. As a result of all this, she now has her extreme anxiety back, spends most days in bed and has to constantly have Bill at home. Please also pray for Bill but he is also in need of prayer. Please prayer for them both.

BRIDGET LONG'S FUNERAL – Just a reminder 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.

UPDATE ON KAY AND KEN – Ken is still 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 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.

PLEASE ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Janet Sprules, Tony Brock, Vivienne Newman, Mavis Eade, Hilary Naesmith, Rosanne Gould, Jean Shaw, Mick Parker, Michelle and Jon Crane, Arthur and Eileen McGee, Chris Grant, Mary Edwards, Kate Moss, 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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