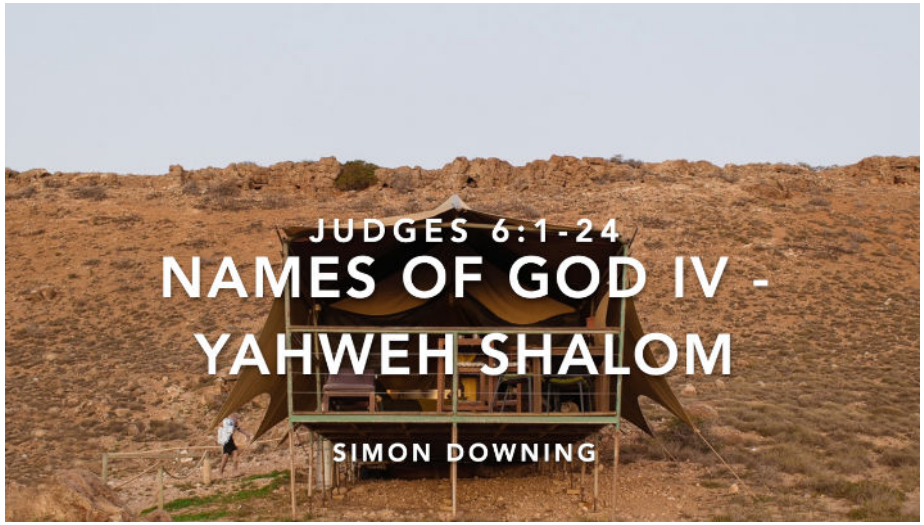
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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 25th 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 Judges 6:1-24, with his talk on "Names of God IV – Yahweh Shalom". This is the fourth 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 continue with our new 13 part series entitled, "Unstoppable – A journey through the Book of Acts". This week Simon will be bringing us part 2 "The unstoppable name of Jesus" based on passages from Acts 3 & 4. 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 although the number of cases in this area is falling. The church remains closed for all other activities. Derek.

THE COMMITTAL & CELEBRATION SERVICE FOR BETTY BENNETT

The family have been overwhelmed with the cards, flowers, phone calls and kind thoughts from a number of the ABC family as well as a number of friends. The comfort of the Lord and the comfort of so many has made the grieving process more bearable and we rest in the assurance that she is "absent from the body and present with the Lord".

It is obvious that Betty was held in high esteem and will be missed by the many who knew her.

The service of committal is at the Crematorium in Chichester at 1.15 pm on Tuesday 27th April followed by a Service of Celebration for her life at 3pm in the church. Sadly access to both services is limited by invitation only due to COVID. However, a number of spare service programmes will be available on request and as will also be a video of the Celebration service.

Thank you again. Clive & Polly

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur speaks to those who doubt the Lord Jesus, with the reminder that one day they will ….

The Doubter

I don't believe in God,
You hear the doubter say.
I don't believe in a saviour,
To guide me day by day.
I don't need the grace,
The forgiveness that it brings.
I don't need the Lord,
Who they say is the King of Kings.
Then, one day in deep distress
Life without purpose, just emptiness.
He cried, "Lord forgive me"
I do need you so.
I need your love,
That will never let me go.

Arthur McGee

DRAMA GROUP START-UP - I am heading up a new 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

DO YOU REMEMBER CONNIE GARBETT? – Connie was captain of the Girls' Brigade in the 1990's. She was baptised here in 1972 by Rev. Wisewell, and her funeral service was led by Rev. Paul Kerley in 2004. Her daughter Maggie has a photo album, and wonders if anyone would be interested in looking through it. It includes several historical happenings at the church, photos from a trip to the Holy Land and, of course, Brigade photos. Please phone Liz Nichols (84019), if you would like to see it.

BIRTHDAY WISHES - We would like to wish a great big ABC "Happy Birthday" to Janet Norton whose birthday is on Thursday 29th.

… and finally

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.

PRAYER REMINDERS - Please remember to pray for Tony Brock who will moving to Cumbria very soon where he will continue to receive supportive care. Please remember Ernie Puffett who is currently receiving care at Dovecote View in Westhampnett and his wife, Joy, who is being cared for in Donnington. Please also pray for Ann Tyler who seems to be making progress whilst she is in care at Chidham. Please pray for a long-term solution for Ann's needs.

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.

MAVIS EADE – Please pray for Mavis as she is currently in St. Richard's hospital suffering from pancreatitis. She is in a lot of pain and is generally disorientated. Please pray for pain relief, for correct treatment and for peace of mind. Please also pray for her daughter, Wendy, who is visiting Mavis every day and is very worried about her.

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

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