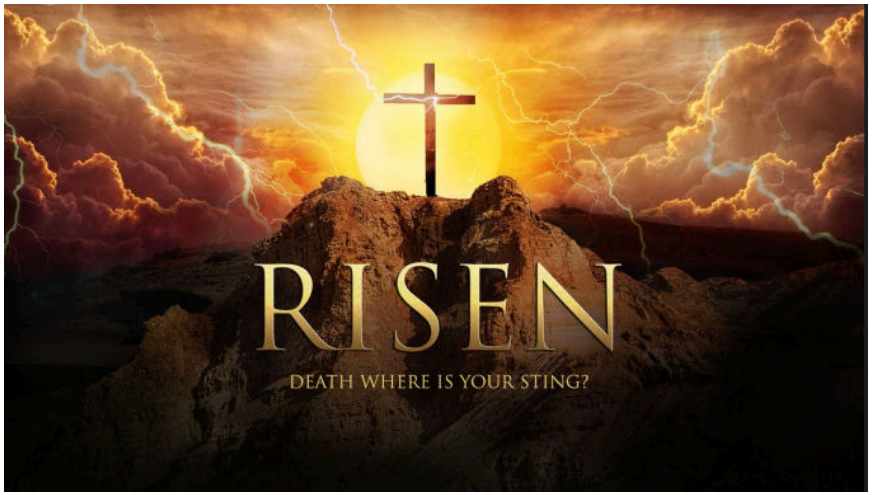
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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 4th 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 brings us his Easter Sunday message, based on 1 Corinthians 15:12-26 when he reminds us that resurrection is REAL whatever cynics might say. In this passage Paul reminds us that Jesus' resurrection is a foretaste of what is to come for all believers. One day we really will see Jesus face to face. 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 8-part series based on the importance of Christian unity, entitled, "United we stand, divided we fall." This week we reach week 7 where Simon will be preaching on "Building on a firm foundation" based 1 Corinthians 3:1-22.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM SIMON - I just wanted to write, that I hope you will have a blessed time over this Easter period and that as many of you will be reflecting on Jesus' death and resurrection, you will have an increased sense of his reality and peace in your lives, and you will truly know afresh a deeper awareness of Holy Spirit. God bless you and thank you for all your support.

With love, Simon

CHURCH FLOWERS - The flowers in the church today have been given by an anonymous donor, in memory of Brian instead of having them at the Crematorium for the funeral.

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 thanks the Lord, that wherever we find ourselves, we can lift up our eyes and see the Lord in the beauty of His creation,

"To be able to see"

As I climbed the Hill early in the morning,
when it's quiet and still.
I have time to pause and reflect,
away from the hustle and bustle of life.
Away from the worry and strife.
Sometimes we need to stop
and leave our worries behind.
To consider the past and look to the future
to find Peace of Mind
So many questions to ask,
as we go on our way.
But sometimes the only answer is to pray
As I come to the top of the Hill,
I see the sunrise reflecting its golden light
as it says farewell to the night.
The Blackbird sings its song of joy;
suddenly my spirits lift
Oh, thank you Lord for this wonderful gift.
The gift of being alive; to be free;
to be able to see.

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.

… and finally

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

RIGHT OF WAY - As laid down in our deeds, the back gates will be locked for 24 hours from 8pm on Easter Sunday until 8pm on Easter Monday. For are sorry for any inconvenience this might cause.

LOVING OUR COMMUNITY – We are told that Liz and Mick Nichols have been delivering 20 questions each week and giving a cheese scone to many people in the West Meads are but mainly to the elderly who are stuck indoors with only 4 walls and a TV, no modern technology or family nearby. Please give thanks to God and pray for this practical demonstration of loving our neighbours. What about you? Are you inspired by their efforts? If so, this week's Easter challenge is, "What could you do in your area to help the lonely?"

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 KAY AND KEN – Ken is back at home and needs to take things easy for a while. Please pray that his chest infection continues to respond well to the treatment he is receiving and that he is able to rest. 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 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.

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 and Ernie Puffett, Val Collett, Pam Ryan and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time.

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