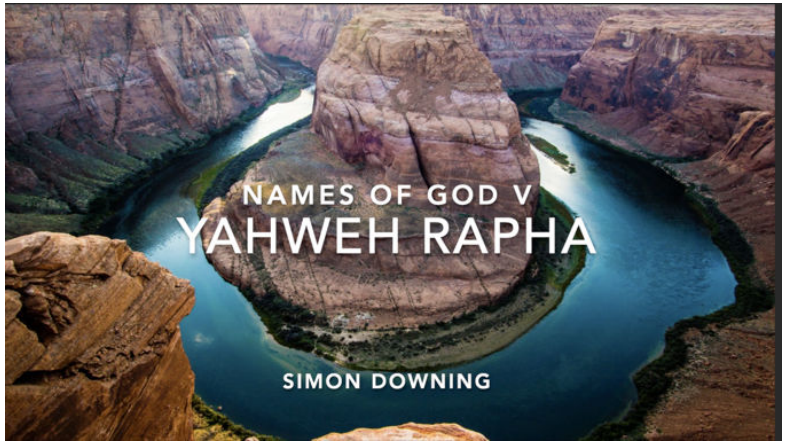
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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS



Sunday 2nd May 2021

ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

Following the Government's current 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 Exodus 15:22-27, with his talk on "Names of God V – Yahweh Rapha". This is the fifth in Simon's mini-series on how God is portrayed in our Bibles. Simon will be beginning a new series on prayer next week which will run concurrently with his series on the "Names of God". 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". 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 week Derek will be bringing us part 3 as we take a look at "The threat of sin within" based on Acts 4:32-37, 5:1-11. This is quite a quite a difficult passage which has serious implications for all of us in our walk with God.

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 now open for Sunday morning worship but still 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. We are monitoring the both the Government's and the Baptist Union's guidance as to when this may change. We just ask that you remain patient and vigilant for the time being. Derek.

MESSAGE FROM SAMARA LEVY OF SAMARA'S AID. - 'The locusts were reported yesterday to be in an area so close to our fields, which makes them a grave risk to the very precious wheat crops that our team are growing. All we can do is pray, and we would urge you to pray with us for the protection of our small but priceless growing crops and that they will not devour any of the essential produce that is currently growing in Syria, either ours or other farmers'. *Also* 'Please pray for the safe supply and delivery of urgently needed medical equipment to our centre.'

BIRTHDAY WISHES - We would like to wish a great big ABC "Happy Birthday" to Ann Tyley whose birthday is on May 5th.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

In his poem this week, Arthur reminds us that although our paths will ultimately divide, there will come a time when we are all together again.

"Together again"

It seems so long ago
that I started on life's road
Sometimes I travelled light,
Sometimes with a heavy load
When I think of all the loved ones
who meant so much to me.
And it seems they were always smiling
in my memory
Sometimes the road led me
to the Valley of despair
But at other times there was
love and joy beyond compare.
But no matter where I run,
I know one day this road will take me home.
Home to that place
away from sorrow and pain
Where we will never say
goodbye again
Yes, home to that place
away from space and time
Where love will rule forever
And God's light will always shine

Arthur McGee

DO YOU REMEMBER CONNIE GARBETT? – Connie was captain of the Girls' Brigade in the 1980'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 (840169), if you would like to see it.

BMS WORLD MISSION – In future, we will be supporting Brian and Chilvers as our linked BMS missionaries. They recently arrived in Chad to begin their missionary work but, due to the political instability in Chad, they have returned to the UK on the advice of the British Foreign Office who advised all British nations to leave the country immediately. Please read their newsletter for further details.

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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.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR RAJENDRA - We have just heard that Avinash's father, Rajendra (who has been a frequent visitor to ABC) is very poorly. Rajandra is in Delhi and has been diagnosed with both Covid and typhoid. He has been able to get some treatment, so please pray that he responds positively to the treatment. Pray too for his wife, Rose, who is very concerned and for Avinash and his family here.

PLEASE PRAY FOR DAPHNE - Daphne Ashby is currently experiencing significant pain. She asks for prayer for her appointment with a specialist next Thursday, that he will understand what is happening and find the best way to help her.

SOME GOOD NEWS - Mavis Eade is back at home but waiting to go for a scan in Worthing. Please pray that the appointment comes through quickly and for relief from pain.

MORE GOOD NEWS - Ken Tucker is also back at home. Please praise the Lord. Please do pray that he continues to improve and pray for strength for Kay.

PLEASE ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Stella Filby, Joy Brown, 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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