aldwickbaptistchurch

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

# ABC NEWS




## Sunday 9th 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 beginning a new series based on prayer. Simon's first talk is entitled, "Prayer 1 – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Through this series we will seeking the Lord's guidance on how to make our prayer time more effective and more in line with God's heart.

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 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 4 as we take a look at "Stephen – the unstoppable Christian". This week's message covers Acts chapter 6 and 7 and so you may find it helpful to read through both chapters before the service.

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.

**IT'S OUR BIRTHDAY** - The church will be 83 years old on Tuesday, May 11th. Unfortunately, we can't celebrate together over a meal, or even share a piece of cake – but, hopefully, we will be celebrating the end of the COVID19 restrictions soon. But, for now, do continue to take care.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES** – We have lots of birthdays within the fellowship this week. So, let's all wish them a big "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" on the appropriate day so let's celebrate with Doreen Gaudoin and Shelia Sargent on 12th; with Rod Greenwood, Margaret Beckett and Joy Smith on the 13th and with Emily Brown on the 16th.

It's been a sad year for many of us. I lost a very dear friend but find comfort when Jesus said, "In my Father's house, there are many mansions." This is the inspiration behind my poem this week.

**"Heaven"**

Last night I dreamt I was in heaven.
Oh what a glorious place to be.
Love and peace for all eternity.
Yes in that place,
away from sorrow and pain
where we will never say goodbye again
Last night I dreamt I was in heaven.
No fear no doubt no temptation.
Just beautiful music and singing
beyond imagination
I saw heaven as a summer garden,
it's beauty beyond compare.
A place of perfect contentment,
away from all troubles and care
Yes far away from space and time.
Where we will all be together
And God's light will always shine.

Arthur McGee

**WORSHIP GROUPS** – As the Government's roadmap unwinds, we do hope that soon we will be able to worship again together without restrictions led by our worship groups. Simon would like to know fairly soon, if you would like to be involved with the worship team family, either in a band, and/or part of the sound-desk-computer side of things. This applies equally to members of the original teams but also to anyone else who feels God is calling them into this ministry. If that is you, please contact Simon.

**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.

**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. Derek.



**THIS WEEK'S NEW PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Pam Ryan is in hospital and has been suffering from low blood pressure. Can you please pray for a correct and speedy diagnosis, correct treatment, peace of mind and healing?
- You may recall that last week we asked you to pray for Avinash's father in India who had been diagnosed with both Covid and typhoid. Please now include Shibali's father who has also contracted Covid and now needs our prayers. Both families are in areas of high Covid infections and in reality they all need our prayers.
- Eve Williams has had a fall and is in hospital. More details as soon as we have them.
- Joy Brown died last Sunday which, ass you know from my previous emails this was not unexpected. Please pray for the family as they face up to their loss. Please also thank the Lord for Joy's life and her service to the Lord.
- Please thank God that Bob Hobart has finally got his new oxygen machine and is now feeling "on top of the world".
- Daphne wants to thank you for your prayers and says she is feeling better but still has some pain and so please continue to pray for complete healing.
- Mavis Eade is feeling slightly better but sleeping a lot. Mavis will be having a scan on Wednesday (12th) and is a little bit apprehensive. Please pray for peace of mind and a positive outcome.
- Good news - Ken Tucker is making steady progress but Kay is really tired and had a fall. Please pray for Ken's ongoing progress and for peace and rest for Kay.

**PLEASE ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Stella Filby, 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 and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time.

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