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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 27th June 2021

ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

Following the Government's current guidelines and the subsequent advice from the Baptist Union, the church remains **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 around 35 worshippers – so you need to book a seat. As numbers are restricted, we will be continuing with our online services on Sundays and Wednesdays. This weekend, Simon returns to our series based on the "Prayer". The title of Simon's talk is "Prayer IV - How great thou art" based around Psalm 148. – In this series Simon is reminding us of the importance and the privilege of prayer. Sometimes we forget that prayer takes into the very throne room of God and should be taken very seriously indeed. Derek.

Our online services

Our Sunday online 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 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 really wants us to do?"

This week Simon will be bringing us part 11 entitled, "Repent or resist: how the gospel advances in your community and in you". This week's message comes from Acts chapter 19: 8-34 and so you may find it helpful to read through this chapter before the service. You should find this talk very relevant to us today as there is little doubt that as Christians we are certainly experiencing a culture clash with the world in general.

This service can be accessed using the same link as above from 4pm on Tuesday.

If you have missed any of the previous talks in this series, then they can be accessed through the website by going to http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/latest-news/online-sermons.

HOPEFULLY – We will soon be able to open the church again with no restrictions on numbers and modified social distancing. We have provisionally pencilled this in for Sunday 25th July subject to a Boris update on 19th July. Clive will be contacting you next week with our plans for a church meeting on Thursday, 22nd July and a corporate prayer meeting on Tuesday, 27th July. It will certainly be wonderful to get together again.

NO HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES THIS WEEK –We don't know of any birthdays this week, so if it is your birthday, why haven't you told us! So, to avoid missing out, please contact Lynne Allard (265360) who is acting as our birthday monitor! If you want details of the BMS birthday scheme then please contact Brenda (265984).

GOOD NEWS 1 – Brian Goldsmith is now at home and is very upbeat his progress so far. So much so that he will be in church on Sunday. Please give God thanks for Brian's positivity and pray for ongoing healing.

GOOD NEWS 2 – Mavis Eede has finally had her scan and she is "ALL CLEAR". Mavis would like to thank you for your ongoing prayer support and is looking forward to seeing you all soon. Please thank God for this news and continue to pray for a return to full health.

THIS WEEK'S STORY

Two weeks ago, Arthur's poem was entitled "Lost" in which he pointed out that many people in our society simply don't realise they are spiritually lost. This then reminded him of an interesting experience he had as a driving instructor which he shares with us below.

Lost the Found

As some of you know, I used to run my own driving school for many years. Normally, I would pick up my pupils from their homes but if they lived outside the area, I would meet them at the railway car park. One day I had just taken a pupil back to the car park after her lesson, when a lady ran over to my car and in a very distressed state. She earnestly asked for my help as she and her husband been driving around for ages, looking for Chichester. They needed to find the Nuffield private hospital as her husband was very worried about his brother who was the patient there. As I walked over to their car, I could see he was not in the right frame of mind for me to give him a detailed set of directions on how to get to the hospital. As you probably know, Chichester can be a complicated place to drive with a lot of one-way streets and roundabouts. So I suggested that they followed me in my driving school car. As we drove into the hospital, I could hear a loud cheer coming from their car. I then waved to them and drove away thinking what a wonderful feeling it is, when you find the way after being lost.

Arthur Magee

POSTSCRIPT – Arthur's story reminded me that D. L. Moody the great America evangelist once said, "… if we only lead one soul to Jesus Christ, we may set a stream in motion that will flow on when we are dead and gone." Of course we all want to do great things for God, but perhaps, God is only calling you to share your faith with a neighbour over a cup of coffee.

LOVE ALDWICK – A CALL TO PRAYER – As you probably know by now, our first 'Love Aldwick' event set for 31st July which is fast approaching. The event is a gentle way to bless and love our local community, in the form of a local treasure hunt in the centre of Rose Green village with strawberry cream tea and some light children's activities. This will be held outside in the car park, with any suitable precautions in place. I am setting up a prayer team to cover the event and to lift the community up in their response to it. Please contact me if you would like to join the prayer team, we could hold the meetings on Zoom, or we could meet physically (socially distanced) at my house if there is up to 6 of us. We would much appreciate the church family's individual prayers for the event as well. Many thanks, Lucienne Edwards"

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THIS WEEK'S NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- I have just been speaking to Arthur again, a resident poet. He is still in a lot of pain with kidney stones but finally has his appointment at St. Richards for his operation on Monday. Please pray that this does happen and that he recovers quickly.
- Simon visited Ann Tyler this week and was kindly serenaded with her own rendition of edelweiss. Simon reports that Ann is settled and doing well.
- Kay had a fall last week which was painful but doesn't appear to have caused any lasting problems. However, kay has been having problems with her eyesight and has been to the hospital for a check up. She is now waiting for a further appointment. Ken seems to be doing well but obviously concerned about Kay.
- Margaret Vincent had her laser surgery in both eyes. She is recovering and taking drops 4 times a day to aid healing and to avoid infection. Her first cataract operation is now booked for 30 June. Please thank God for his provision so far and for ongoing healing.
- Pam Ryan still needs ongoing care and there is still concern about her blood pressure. Please pray for peace of mind and general healing for Pam.
- Mary Edwards is suffering from Bell's Palsy. As you may know this is is temporary weakness or lack of movement affecting 1 side of the face. Most people do usually get better within 9 months. Mary is feeling pretty down about this at present and would welcome our prayers. Please pray for peace of mind and healing.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Kay and Ken Tucker, Ian Surrell, Mavis Eade, Vivienne Newman, Eve Williams, Janice Sprules, Hilary Naesmith, Michelle and Jon Crane, Arthur and Eileen McGee, Chris Grant, Joan Brett, Val Collett and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time.

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