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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 11th July 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 40 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 V – First Love" based around Revelation 2:1-5. and it is all to do with 'intimacy in prayer.' 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 concluding 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 Derek will be bringing us part 13 entitled, "Unfinished". This week's message comes from Acts chapter 28 but you may find it helpful to read through both Acts 27 and 28 before the service. You should find this talk very relevant to us today as there is little doubt that all churches need to make sure their ministry is biblically based. Historically, churches have moved their missional focus to supporting missionaries financially whereas God's church was set up to be a missionary force itself. Individually and corporately, we need to ask God to give us all a real heartfelt burden for the lost. This week, every week, put it on your prayer list. This service can be accessed using the same link as above from 4pm on Tuesday.

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. We plan to hold 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.

ON THE MOVE – Avinash, Shibali, Anaiah and Samuel Masih have finally moved. Their new address is 9 Devonshire Road Bognor Regis PO21 2SX West Sussex. Please thank God for His guiding hand in the move and ask Him to bless their new family home. Their phone numbers are unchanged.

PRAYER FOR LOVE ALDWICK - Please can I ask for continued prayer for the upcoming Love Aldwick event on Saturday 31st July. Also pray for the community to come and enjoy the afternoon with us. Please see notices, fliers and posters for details. If anyone would like to pray together Margaret and I will be praying Tuesday evening. Many thanks, Lucienne

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – It is Joyce Kaufman's birthday on 11th July. So why not wish Joyce a big happy birthday on Sunday. If you do want the world to know when it is your birthday, 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).

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur takes a more lighthearted look at life as he reminds us that no matter what we are going through, it really helps if you can see the funny side of some of the situations you encounter.

"Having a laugh makes you feel much better"

If you can laugh when you're caught in the rain
And have forgotten your umbrella again.
If you can laugh when you fall over a cat
And you fall flat on your back.
If you can laugh when the telly is on the blink
And someone's blocked the sink.
If you can laugh when the car won't start
And the garage can't get the part.
If you can laugh when the postman delivers the bill that you can't afford
And your hairdresser tells you you're going bald.
If you can laugh when you walk through the town
and your trousers fall down.
If you can laugh when you go to buy a loaf from the baker
and walk into the undertakers
Laugh and the world laughs with you
Weep and you weep alone
So take a tip from keep laughing me
And make yourself a nice cup of tea!

Arthur Magee

BRIDGET LONG THANKSGIVING SERVICE – There will be at thanksgiving service on Saturday 24July at 2pm at ABC organised by the family. All are welcome

LOVE ALDWICK INVITATION CARDS – As you probably know by now, our first 'Love Aldwick' will be held on 31st July. The event is a gentle way to bless and love our local community, in the form of a local treasure 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. The event will begin at 2pm and last until 4pm. We have 2000 invitation cards to deliver and would welcome more volunteers to take responsibility for organising a round. There are 10 rounds and so far 5 have been allocated, can you help? If so, speak to Clive as soon as possible. Offers of help on the day would also be welcome!

THIS WEEK'S NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Polly Bennett has been diagnosed with a low grade and treatable lymphoma. She will need treatment over six months. Clive and Polly would both welcome prayer from the ABC family during that time because that is much more powerful than medication. Also they would ask you're your understanding, if they are unable to fulfil our obligations at any time over that period.
- Please pray for Helen Muir our cleaner who is unwell with COVID19 despite having had both her vaccinations.
- Please thank the Lord, that Arthur's operation went ahead on Monday and he is now home and recovering well. Arthur would like to thank you all for your calls, cards and prayers. They were very much appreciated. He would appreciate your ongoing prayer support for both Eileen and himself.
- Simon visited Marion this week and reports that she seems to be on the mend and is feeling more upbeat about things in general. Please thank God for His provision and pray for this improvement to continue.
- Rosanne has asked if we can pray for her brother-in-law, Donald Gould, who has got to have an eye operation and scan. Please pray for peace of mind, correct treatment and healing.
- Marie Stoneham saw her doctors on Friday about the chronic shooting and burning pain she has been experiencing. Marie says the appointment went well and has been given more pin relief to help her cope. Please pray for ongoing pain relief 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, Chris Grant, Joan Brett, Val Collett and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time.

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