aldwickbaptistchurch

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

ABC NEWS



Sunday 18th July 2021

THINGS ARE CHANGING …

Following the Government's current guidelines and the subsequent advice from the Baptist Union, the church will be fully open for worship from 25th July. The chairs will be arranged slightly differently to enable people to sit together or sit alone as they choose. Masks will be optional and we urge you to make your own decision about this. There will be no refreshments on 25th but these will return 1st August although served in the hall. This, of course, is subject to any changes that might occur in the meantime.

This weekend, Simon continues with our series on "Prayer". The title of Simon's talk is "Prayer VI – Our father who art …" based the Lord's teaching to his disciples as recorded in Matthew 6:9-13. 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

For the moment we will be continuing with our online services but this will be reviewed soon.

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 Simon will be leading us in a reflective communion service entitled "In a quiet place" based on Mark 6:31.

Please join Simon in taking communion by having your bread and wine ready as the service progresses.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR SIMON, NICKY, EMILY and ANAYA – As you may already know Anaya has tested positive for Covid19 following contact at school. This means the whole family must isolate for 10 days. Please pray for Anaya to recover quickly and for the remainder of the family to stay healthy. As you can imagine, this has caused a lot of worry for the family and put addition stress on Simon. Simon is obviously concerned about his own family but also regards us all as his extended family. Please pray in particular for peace of mind and rest for Simon as he endures this enforced separation from the church family. Clearly Simon will not be carrying out any personal visits in the next ten days.

CONSEQUENTLY – The date of the church meeting has been changed to Thursday 29th July at 7.30pm (from 22nd July). The date of the prayer meeting has been changed to Thursday 22nd July at 7pm (moved from Tuesday 27th July). This will enable us to come together as a church family to pray for Simon and his family as well as the future direction of the church as we come out of the pandemic. Please do try to attend this important prayer meeting.

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 Kate Moss's birthday on 22nd July. So why not wish Kate a big happy birthday on Thursday. 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 reminds us of the value of precious memories. We so often fail to realise just how special even casual meetings can be. Sometimes we take things for granted when, in fact, we should be treasuring every moment we share with our loved ones.

"So many sunsets"

As I stood on the seashore
The sunset reflecting its
golden light over the sea.
I thought about all the loved ones
who meant so much to me.
So many sunsets,
so many days gone by,
so many precious memories.
Some of them make be happy
But some that make me cry.
Hello what a privilege to be alive
To be aware of life and all we see
Thank you Lord for the gift of life
that you gave to me.

Arthur Magee

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. By now most of the invitation cards have gone out, so please pray for contacts that we might meet through this event. Please pray about future events that could be used to bring the community together. If you have any great ideas, why not send me an email or give me a ring?

You never know, your idea might just be the start of a journey that eventually brings a stranger to Jesus – so be inspired by the Lord. Take it to Him in prayer.

… and finally

- **BRIDGET LONG THANKSGIVING SERVICE** – There will be at thanksgiving service on Saturday 24th July at 2pm at ABC organised by the family. All are welcome
- **TRANSPORT BUDDIES** - As we restart church it is likely that a number of members who cannot drive may need lifts to church. This could be a service other church members with cars who lived nearby them may be prepared to offer. If those who would need a lift or those we can offer lifts could let Clive know he will endeavour to set up some transport bodies
- **IAN SURRELL** – Finally Ian has received a diagnosis of the problems he has been having with his legs. He has been diagnosed as having lymphedema but complicated with cellulitis. This makes walking extremely difficult. Please pray for healing and that Ian now receives the correct treatment and that he can find peace in his situation.
- **HELEN MUIR** - Please pray for helen,our cleaner, who is unwell with COVID19 despite having had both her vaccinations.
- **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.
- **MARIE STONEHAM** reports that with increased medication, she is now feeling a lot better. Thank you for our prayers but please do keep her on your prayer list.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Kay and Ken Tucker, 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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