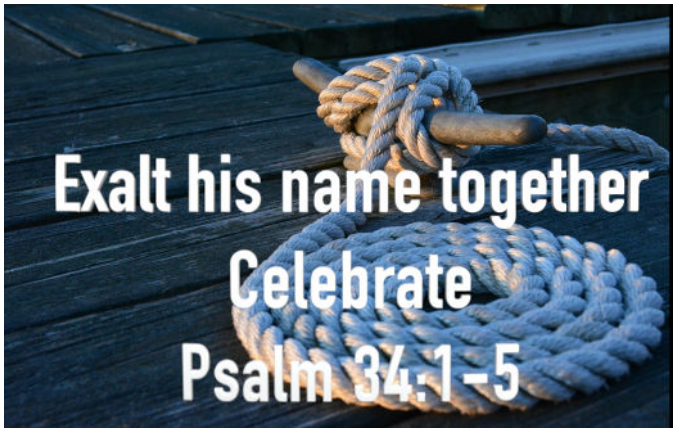
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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 1st August 2021

WE ARE BACK TO NORMAL …

… well almost. Following the Government's current guidelines and the subsequent advice from the Baptist Union, the church is now fully open for worship. 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. Refreshments will be served in the hall but you are encourage to remain cautious and not mingle too closely.
Simon is definitely back with us, leading worship and speaking. The title of his talk "Exalt His name together - Celebrate" based on Psalm 34:1-5. Simon wants you to see today as a celebration, not of the end of Covid19 but of the church being open once more and us all being able to freely worship the Lord. As no doubt Simon will be reminding us in his talk, this the beginning of the next phase in the church's mission to "Love God, love each other and love lost people". Do try to join us if you feel able. 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 4pm on a Saturday afternoon. 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. Instead of our midweek service this week, we have uploaded the soundtrack of the celebration of Bridget Long's life for those who were unable to get to the church on 24th July. Find yourself a comfy chair as it lasts for around 80 minutes. You can access this service through the website by going to https://youtu.be/n14cW_7y_JQ. This is will take you directly to our YouTube channel.

Midweek worship services – We are currently pausing these for the next few weeks whilst we decide on whether to continue with the same format or try something different. We would appreciate you feed back on

T**ODAY'S FLOWERS** – Today's flowers are donated by David Hanchard, in memory of his mother, Marjorie Hanchard

UPDATE ON POLLY BENNETT - Polly begins her monthly treatment for NHL on Monday 2nd August until Christmas Eve. We have taken advice from the hospital and the following has been suggested. She would like to continue coming to church and meeting people during this time but it is important that the church family understand that if they are unwell they should get nowhere near her as her antibodies to resist COVID or any other disease will be compromised. As long as there is no physical contact , people maintain a social distance and use hand sanitiser she will be able to attend church (although seated away from the main congregation) and still have visitors as long as she feels up to it and the visitors are themselves not unwell and prepared to maintain social distance. Because I live with Polly, I am subject to the same regime, BUT please don't stay completely away from us and please do not think that we are being unfriendly. It is just a temporary arrangement and we would be grateful if you could pray for a successful treatment and that after Christmas we may see an end to this difficult regime. Clive

MISSIONARY NEWS – Our link missionaries, Brian and Jackie Chilvers are now back in Chad and would value prayer as they adapt to life there. Things fitted in well time wise during there stay in UK, being able to their second covid jabs, and they go back, saying they know that God will 'continue to watch over our coming and going.' (Psalm 121). You can find out more about them by going to https://www.bmsworldmission.org/letters/june-2021-20/

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur reminds us that God gave us our imaginations to transport us from the realities of here and now to wonderful places and moments that He has created for us.

"**Imagination is a wonderful gift**"

Sometimes when it's raining outside,
I sit in my favourite armchair, then close my eyes
And let my imagination take me for a ride.
To use your imagination is a wonderful gift
and can give your spirit a lift
Sometimes I zoom up to the stars,
to the orbits of Jupiter and Mars.
Sometimes I sail the seven seas
and discover many mysteries.
Then I visit heaven,
what a glorious place to be.
Love and joy for all eternity.
Sometimes I'm a boy again,
playing with my brothers with our Hornby train.
Then I'm marching round the streets
playing my bugle in the boys brigade
with all the Christian friends I made.
Then I say once more the loved ones
that meant so much to me.
And it seemed they were always smiling
in my memory
That's strange I can hear a voice calling me
Oh, it's the wife waking me up
with a nice cup of tea.

Arthur Magee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – It's Angela Halfacree's birthday on 1st August, so do wish her "Happy Birthday" on Sunday. I don't know of any other birthdays this week, so if it is yours, why haven't you told me! So, 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).

… and finally

- **NEWS FROM PETER & LOUISE DAY** – We will be moving to Littlehampton on 23rd August as the housing association has approved the 'mutual exchange'. Unfortunately this means we will be looking for another church. Due to Peter's medical vulnerabilities, we've made the difficult decision not to return to ABC in the interim as we have decided to stick to a few rules for a little while longer, which also includes the amount of people we mix with indoors. We won't be very far away so do feel free to call if you want to chat or find yourself in our neck of the woods. New address will be 1 Hampton Place, Wick, Littlehampton. Mobile number will obviously stay the same, the landline will be disconnected around 23rd August. God bless, Louise and Peter.
- **ERNIE AND JOY PUFFETT** – Ernie and Joy are both now back home and would welcome a phone call but may be a little slow getting to the phone. Please thank God for their safe return and continue topray for tgheir ongoing healing.
- **PAM RYAN** – Pam is now back at home but still struggling. Please pray for a steady improvement in her health and mobility around the home.
- **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
- **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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