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ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 25th July 2021

THINGS ARE GETTING BACK TO NORMAL …

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. 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.

As Simon is currently self-isolating, this weekend, Clive will be leading worship and I will be your substitute speaker. The title of my talk is "Keep right on to the end of the road" based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Although this was written 2000 years ago, the message it contains is timeless and very suitable for us today as we continue to grapple with the problems caused by Covid19 and enforced isolation. 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.

In our midweek series this week Clive will be urging us to celebrate together and to Praise the Lord for all of His goodness towards us especially over the last 16 months. Quoting Clive, "For me, one of the greatest privileges is to be able to sing again and lift our voices together in celebration and praise - something which the COVID regulations and masks prevented." So why not join us and raise the roof in your own house. Who knows what effect this might have on your neighbours. This service can be accessed using the same link as above from 4pm on Tuesday.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO 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 have been isolating for the past 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 the whole family. There is some good news, Simon's isolation ends on Monday morning and he will return to his desk during the day.

CHURCH MEETING – As you probably know as a consequence of Simon's isolation, the date of the church meeting was changed to Thursday 29th July at 7.30pm. If you feel able do try to come to this important meeting as we try to return to some sort of normality.

TODAY'S FLOWERS – Today's flowers have been donated in memory of Gloria Jarvis which went to be with the Lord four years ago. Still greatly missed.

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 the darkest hour comes just before the dawn. So, whenever you are feeling down or simply struggling with life, why not think of the glories of the dawn.

"The darkest hour"
When you are going through the trials of life
Feeling tired and worn.
Remember the darkest hour
Is just before the dawn
Oh, what glory when we see
that new day dawning.
Praise the Lord for the joy in the morning
no more fair, pain or temptation
Just love and pace forever
beyond our imagination.
Oh what a wonderful place to be
together with our Lord for eternity.

Arthur Magee

PRAYER FOR BRIAN GOLDSMITH – Brian is preaching at Southbourne Free Church on 25th July. This will be his first preaching engagement and he would welcome your prayer support.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – It is both Nicky Downing and Anaiah Masih's birthdays on 28th July and Alexander Wood's birthday on 29th July. Do prayer forvthem and send them your gretings. 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).

URGENTLY NEEDED - For the Community event on July 31st, we are in need of one more free standing gazebo and some additional free standing parasols. They will need to be delivered to ABC on the Friday as the car park is out of use for parking on the Saturday. If anyone has a gazebo/ sunshade, could they please bring it to ABC around 9:30am when someone will be there to receive/help. Please inform Clive if you can help in this matter

… 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 would like to express our thanks to everybody for their support, particularly with the phone calls etc as I know it's meant a great deal to Peter to be able to chat. We'd also like to thank you for your support and friendship and wish you all the best going forward in this 'new normal' we find ourselves in. 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.
- **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. Many thanks, Lucienne
- **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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