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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 4th 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 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 "Names of God". The title of Simon's talk is "Names of God IX - Abba" based around Romans 8:12-16. – In this series Simon has been intentionally linking the names of God to the character of God – something perhaps take that we don't think about too often as we tend to see things from our point of view. 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 Clive will be bringing us part 12 entitled, "Leaders Lead". This week's message comes from Acts chapter 20:17-38 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 all churches need leaders who lead. Historically, however, churches often go off track because of strong, leadership. Yes, leaders need must lead but their ideas need to be inspired by the Holy Spirit through spending time with the Lord rather than their own intellect. 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. 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.

PRAYER WALK - There is a Prayer Walk this Sunday at 4pm, open to any Christians. They have had them before. This Sunday the starting and finishing point is near the newly planned abortion clinic (where the covid jabs were given) at the Hothampton car park. Please join me there. Barbara.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – It is John Richardson's birthday on 4th July. So why not wish John a big happy birthday on Independence Day. 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).

GOOD IS GOOD – ALL THE TIME – Brian Goldsmith tells me that his recent post op exam should amazing healing. So much so, that Brian is now able to drive his car again. He will also be able to take his planned holiday in Menorca as swimming will be therapeutic. Brain says he simply can't stop praising the Lord. Thank you all for your answered prayers. God is good – all the time. Derek

This week Arthur reminds us that no matter what we are going through, the Lord is always there. Sometimes we need to look up and see the tears in His eyes as He shares our grief and pain.

You were there

When I was in the dark
In that land of despair.
I thought I was all alone
But Lord, you were there.
The storms of life rage around me
No one seemed to care
But even in that desperate place
Oh Lord, you were there
Temptation may surround me
Caught in the devil's snare
In his strength I was set free
Yes Lord, you were there
His overwhelming love
Nothing can compare.
No words can express
The joy I feel to know
He is **always** there.

Arthur Magee

THANK YOU FROM PAM McLAREN – I would like to say a big thank you to all of my friends at ABC for the love and care you have shown on me over the past month. Receiving the news sheet, the preaching notes, the cards and flowers were all much appreciated. With all my love, Pam.

LOVE ALDWICK INVITATION CARDS – 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. 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

- 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.
- Margaret Vincent had her first cataract op on Wednesday. Margaret says she things went well but still feels a bit odd which is probably to be expected while it heals. She is now waiting for her second operation. Please thank God that things have gone to plan so far and pray that her next operations takes place soon and that Margaret's eyesight is soon fully restored.
- Arthur's operation to deal with his kidney is now taking place on Monday 5th July. Please pray for a successful outcome and for pain relief.
- Marie Stoneham is suffering from neuropathic pain in her right hand side and is due to see her doctors on Friday 9th July. Marie described her symptoms as having a chronic shooting or burning pain. Sometimes it is unrelenting and severe, and sometimes it comes and goes. Please pray for immediate pain relief, healing and a successful appointment next week.
- David Hanchard has had the results of the results of his X-ray which shows that there is a right hand twist at the bottom of the spine, and the top of the fulcrum apparently didn't fuse properly with the rest of it, David now needs to see a chiropractor and/or G.P to find out the next step. Apparently it has been there 64 years sand so David doesn't quite know what to expect. Please pray for healing and the correct treatment.
- **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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