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

ABC NEWS



Sunday 22nd 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. This week refreshments will be served in the church but you are encouraged to remain cautious and not to mingle too closely.

This week Brenda's group is leading worship, and Clive will be speaking. The title of Clive's talk is "Your weakness, God's strength" based on Judges 7:1-25. Over the past three years, Simon has quoted the prophet Isaiah several times, when speaking for God, he says, "Behold I am doing a new thing" This is very much our theme at the moment, as we look forward to spreading God's word and love for all of the people in this area. The good news is that we go forward in the Lord's strength not ours! Do try to join us if you feel able. Derek.

Our online services

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.
As Simon and his family are currently now on holiday, our speaker next week will be:

- 29th August Roy Connor Matthew 16:13-26

Roy has preached here on many occasions and always brings a thought-provoking message. Roy was, at one time the minister at Bognor Baptist Church, in Victoria Drive.

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 feedback on whether you would like these services to continue in some way. Please let me know. Derek.

TODAY'S FLOWERS – Flowers this Sunday are given in memory of Jason's mum Pauline Lodge. Haze & Jay.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE FLOWERS? – This really is a great way of honouring a loved one or celebrating a special occasion. It's a worthwhile ministry as, courtesy of Joyce and Peter, the flowers are distributed to any who are sick or housebound. If anyone wishes to donate flowers, please contact Brenda. Currently, the following dates are free: 17th October, 7th and 21st November and the 5th and 12th December.

ABC CHURCH HISTORY BOOK – As requested, more copies of ABC Church History are on order following the Love Aldwick day. Please contact me to order at £5 per book. Brenda.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – The Salvation Army have been invited to host the delayed World Day of Prayer for 2021 on Friday 10th September at 10.30am. The service has been written by the women of Vanuatu and has been adapted by the local World Day of Prayer committee. All are welcome to join in this service - not just women. There will be teas and coffees after the service. The Salvation Army, Canada Grove, Bognor Regis

TRANSPORT BUDDIES - As we restart church it is likely that a number of members who cannot drive may now need lifts to church. This could be a service other church members with cars who lived nearby, may be prepared to offer. If those who would need a lift, or those we can offer lifts, could let me know I will endeavour to set up some transport buddies. Clive

ADVANCED NOTICE – SUNDAY CLUB - Is God calling you to be involved in the Sunday Club (from crèche to teens)? If so, do let me know and make a note in your diary of a meeting on Monday 6th September at 7pm fin the church or all who want to be involved in shaping our children's ministry. Anna.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

Sometimes life is just hard going. We all have days where we struggle to make sense of the things that are going on in and lives. At such times, it is quite natural to ask, "Why?". In this week's poem, Arthur doesn't suggest he knows the answer but he directs us to the one who can help us to get through it.

"**Why**"

Sometimes it's difficult to understand
the sadness and the sorrow,
And to face another tomorrow.
Sometimes no matter how hard we try,
we cannot help but ask the question "Why?"
But we are only human,
our flesh is weak.
He is our shepherd,
And we are his sheep.
Turn your eyes upon Jesus.
Look into his wonderful face.
There you will find the answer,
In His love and in His grace.

Arthur Magee

LOVE ALDWICK – LUNCHEON CLUB - At last!! We will soon be able to reopen Luncheon Club!! It will be the first Wednesday of each month and so we will begin on September 1st. We serve at 12:15pm. It will be good to restart after an 18month gap!! Brenda.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY –I don't know of any 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).

LEAFLET TEAMS NEEDED - We will sending out another set of leaflets soon announcing the launch of our "Community Café" and will need people to deliver them. Please let Clive or Derek know if you can help as soon as possible?

LOVE ALDWICK – As you have probably heard our first outreach event was a great success with around 100 people enjoying a free cream tea - most of whom were new contacts to us. Thank you to the team who helped make this event the success it was – judging by the feedback we have received. To see some photos from the event, please click this link.

… and finally

- **SUMMER HOLIDAY** – Simon, Nicky, Emily and Anaya are now on their well-deserved summer holiday next week. Please pray for this to go ahead after the recent disasters they have suffered through late changes to the rules because of Covid. Please pray too that they will be able to relax and recharge their batteries after an exhausting 16 months.
- **FIRST RESPONDER** – As Simon will be away until 30th August, Derek will be acting as first responder for any prayer needs or urgent help during this time.
- **ERNIE AND JOY PUFFETT** – Sorry but I got this wrong recently. Ernie is now back home and would welcome a phone call but may be a little slow getting to the phone. Joy is currently still not at home as she needs ongoing care. Please thank God for both of them and continue to pray for their ongoing healing.
- **MARION BRYANT** – Marion has been in touch this week and wants to send her love to you all. She also wants to thank you for your ongoing prayer support. She says, "I am beginning to make some slow positive progress now. May God bless you abundantly."
- **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.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Polly Bennett, 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.
- **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP** – If you are not yet a member of ABC or you simply don't understand what membership is all about, then this might help. Membership is a covenant (or commitment) to be in relationship with other believers, in which we agree to walk together as disciples of Jesus, grow together, mature one another, worship and serve together in God's mission for this church. Every member of a Baptist church is equally valued and essential for the smooth operation of the church. Want to know more? Then speak to one of the leadership team.

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