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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 29th August 2021

WE ARE BACK TO NORMAL …

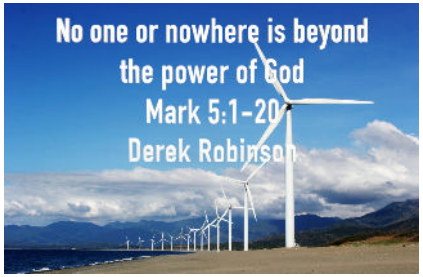
… well almost. Following the Government's current guidelines and the subsequent advice from the Baptist Union, the church is now fully open for worship. The chairs will be arranged slightly differently to enable people to sit together or sit alone as they choose. Masks will be optional, and we urge you 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 Barbara's group is leading worship, and Roy Connor will be speaking. The title of Roy's talk is "New Beginnings for us" based on 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 with Stuart Filby as his assistant minister.

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.
Due to technical difficulties this week, our online sermon will be different to Roy's sermon in the church.



The title of our online service is "No one or nowhere is beyond the power of God" based on Mark 5:1-20. This is an important sermon in our series based on Isaiah's words from God, "Behold, I am doing a new thing" (Yes - at ABC!). We do urge you to watch this sermon at some time over the next week.

SIMON IS BACK – Simon will be back at his desk on Tuesday 31st August, hopefully after a refreshing holiday with the family. Please pray for his ministry here and for the family. Thank God for bringing them to us.

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.

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

This week's poem challenges us to look around us and take in the wonders of God's creation. As Arthur sadly points out, so many people simply take the beauty of nature for granted. They never seem to wonder where it all came from and "Why" it is so.

"**Why**"

When I walk through a beautiful garden
on a summer's day;
When I look up to the millions of stars
in the Milky Way.
How it takes my breath away.
When I sit by that peaceful stream
In that tranquil place
where I can rest and dream.
When I walk through the valleys and the hills
Where I see the golden daffodils.
When I see the rainbow
in the summer showers.
How wonderful to see
all the summer flowers
So many people take for granted
all the wonders as life passes by
And never stopped to ask the question "why".

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.

LOVE ALDWICK – COMMUNITY CAFÉ – We hope you like the new décor in the vestibule! We also hope that you will support our new venture which will open on Tuesday, 7th September from 10am to 12noon as part of our "Love Aldwick" initiative. This replaces the pre-COVID "Cafe Connect" and "Coffee Pot" cafes which the church ran for many years. Do invite a friend to come with you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – This week, can you all please wish Joy Puffett a big "Happy Birthday" on Monday (30th). We are trying to update our birthday list. 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

- **FIRST RESPONDER** – As Simon is back, he will be resuming as first responder.
- **THE CHILVERS** – If you would like to know more about our link missionaries, then do go to https://www.bmsworldmission.org/early-days-a-z/ for a light hearted look on their life in Chard.
- **PERRIE SIMS** – Is now back home following the recent operation to fit two stents into her heart. Thank you for your prayers. Please do continue to pray for her ongoing recovery.
- **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.
- **BRIAN GOLDSMITH** – Brian is now on holiday in Menorca as he returns to many of the places he and Hazel enjoyed visiting whilst she was alive. It will also give him a chance to swim in warm salt water as recommended following his recent hip replacement. Brain asks us to pray for his safety especially, as will be driving a hire car, and for opportunities to share the Gospel with strangers and old friends.
- **MOLLY HAWKINS** – Molly is currently self-isolating prior to her planned hip replacement operation in the next few weeks. Please pray that Molly stays well, that the operation actually goes ahead and is successful.
- **ROSANNE GOULD** – Rosanne has asked us to pray that she soon gets an answer from the Probate Office concerning her late husband's estate. She is finding the hold up difficult to handle.
- **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.
- **PLEASE PRAY TOO FOR** – Our members and friends who are still unable to worship with us through ongoing concerns about coronavirus especially as cases continue to rise across the country. They miss the fellowship and we miss them.

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