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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 8th 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 with Simon leading worship and speaking. The title of his talk this week is "Open up you gates" based on Psalm 24. Simon believes this psalm is prophetic for us at ABC and contains some key things that the Lord wants to show us.

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 off on holiday from next week, our speakers over the next few weeks will be:

- 15th August Derek Joshua 1:1-9
- 22nd August Clive Judges 7
- 29th August Roy Connor Matthew 16:13-26

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

BRIDGET LONG'S LIFE CELEBRATION - 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 60 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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS – Today's flowers have been donated by Dorothy Ridley in fond memory of her husband Peter who died 2 years ago

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: 29th August, 17th October, 7th and 21st November and the 5th and 12th December.

UPDATE ON POLLY BENNETT - Polly began her monthly treatment for NHL on this week and this will go on 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

This week Arthur reminds us that, as Christains, we are who we are "Because of Him".

"**Because of Him**"

Because of Him,
He saved a wretch like me.
Because of Him.
At last, I'm free.
Because of Him,
I can face the grief and pain.
Because of Him,
I can overcome the sin and shame.
Because of Him,
I have joy beyond compare.
Because of Him,
Love and peace are always there.
Because of Him,
I do not fear the evil in the night.
Because of Him,
At last, I saw the light.
Yes, "Because of him".

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 – It's Beryl McLaughlin's birthday on 11th August, so do wish her "Happy Birthday" on Wednesday or maybe send her a card. 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).

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 the article in the Bognor Observer please click this link.

- **SUMMER HOLIDAY** – Simon, Nicky, Emily and Anaya are jetting off for 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.
- **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
- **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.
- **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.
- **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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