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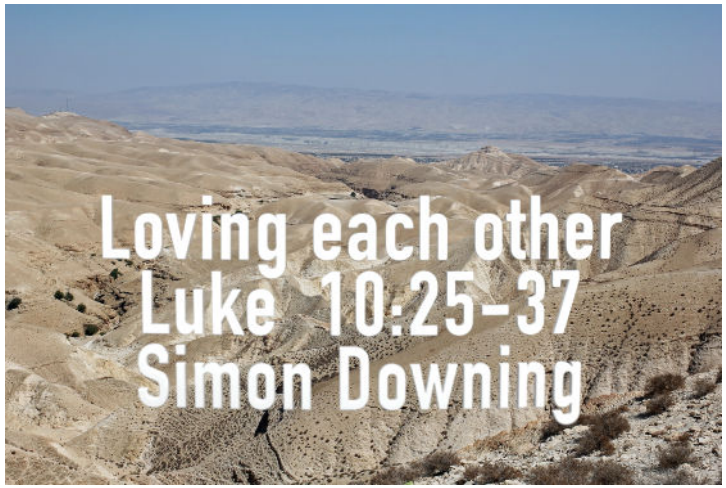
Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 26th September 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 are now all back in the church enabling people to sit together or sit alone as they choose. Masks are optional, and we urge you to make your own decision about this. Refreshments will be served in the church but you are encouraged to remain cautious and not to mingle too closely.

This week Brenda's team will be leading worship and Simon will be preaching. He will be continuing in our new mini-series. His talk is entitled, "Loving each other" based on Luke 10:25-37. For worshippers who are still unable to join us, we are continuing with our online service for the present. You can access that service by clicking here. Do try to join us. Derek.

"Behold, I am doing a new thing"

As we have been saying for several weeks, we firmly believe that as we come out of lockdown, God will be doing a new thing here at ABC, through his people - and that means all of us, including Simon but also including you and me. And so church family, today we must look at being prepared for change, because God is going to do something new, right here in Aldwick.

So off we go again!



LOVE ALDWICK TODDLER TIME – We are launching our new group on Monday 27th September at 10am. So, calling all parents, grandparents and guardians, if you want to find somewhere to bring your baby/toddler, and meet others like you, Love Aldwick Toddler Time is the place to be. Please pray for this new venture and, of course, do spread the word amongst your neighbours and friends. There is a suggested donation of £1 per family.



LOVE ALDWICK MESSY CHURCH – We are relaunching Messy Church on Thursday, 7th October at 3.30pm. This is the place for families with younger children to come, have fun in an interactive way and enjoy a safe and friendly environment. Refreshments will be available. There is a suggested donation of £1.50 per family. Do pray for this venture and spread the word. "Messy Church" is back!



THANK YOU TO THE LEAFLET DELIVERY TEAM – Thank you to Bernard, Ronnie, Peter, John, Brenda, Derek and the Downing family for responding to the call. Two sets of 1500 leaflets went out this week. Please pray for a positive response.

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THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week's poem reminds us to be thankful of the assurance given to us by Jesus when we put our life in His hands. Do thank the Lord that every day offers us new opportunities to share God's love with others.

"**Blessed Assurance**"

So many times,
we have to say goodbye along the way.
How we long for them to stay.
We hold on
to all the memories of times we shared
And Lord how much we cared.
Every member was so precious,
when we look back on those years.
All the laughter and joy, but sometimes tears
But oh how wonderful
that we have the assurance of life.
To be together again in eternity.
In that place away from space and time
Where love will live forever
and God's light will always shine.

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Arthur Magee

THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS – This week's flowers have been given by Jeannie Baker and her family in memory of her beloved husband who died 5 years ago. He is still sadly missed every day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – This week is a bumper week for birthdays. So do wish each one of them a big "ABC Happy Birthday" on the appropriate day . So let's celebrate with Hannah Mustchin on 26th, Eileen McGee and Anna Applin on 28th, Sandra Field on 29th and John Cowley on 30th. As you know, 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).

NEXT CORPORATE PRAYER MEETING – The next opportunity for us to come together as a body of God's people will be at our monthly corporate prayer meeting on **Tuesday 28th September at 7pm**. It is really very important for us to come together before the Lord in prayer if we are to be at one with Him and with each other. Please do make every effort to join us for an hour.

Harvest 2021

We will be celebrating the Lord's ongoing provision for us next weekend as we launch the "Love Aldwick – Harvest Time Family special".

As we have done in the past, your food donations will go to our local foodbanks. In particular, they would like

- Tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned fish
- Long life fruit juice, jam, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard
- UHT milk, , instant mash potatoes, sauces and toiletries

On **Saturday 2nd October 12pm to 2pm**, we are inviting you to bring along your own harvest food donation and if you feel inspired help to build a harvest display for 'Foodbank'. For younger people there will be a chance to play some games, have a free drink and hot dog!

On **Sunday 3rd October 10.30am to 11.45am**, we will be holding our Family Church Service - Harvest Celebration. There will be another opportunity to bring your food donations, light candles to give thanks to the Lord, A prayer tree, with fun and a focus on God's goodness

… and finally

- **FIRST RESPONDER** – As Simon is back, he is now acting as first responder in the event of emergencies and urgent prayer needs.
- **HAZEL LODGE** - Haze is having problems with that the blood vessels in the lower part of the brain. She is currently waiting for an MRI appointment at St Richard's hospital. Please pray for a correct and swift diagnosis, correct treatment and healing. Please also pray for calmness and peace for both Haze and Jason.
- **VIVIENNE NEWMAN** – Vivienne had an operation on her hand and wrist on Wednesday and reports that everything seemed to go well. BUT, she is in a lot of pain and is finding trying not to use her hand very difficult. Please pray for healing.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Bob Hobart, Molly Hawkins, Christine Grant, Dorren Evans, Ann Tyler, Claire Millington, Polly Bennett, Kay and Ken Tucker, Perrie Sims, 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.