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

ABC NEWS



Sunday 5th 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. This week refreshments will be served in the church but you are encouraged to remain cautious and not to mingle too closely.

This week Simon will be leading our new style "Family Service" as he encourages us to welcome newcomers into our midst – hopefully together with their children. The title of Simon's talk is "Changes" based on 2 Corinthians 5:17 - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

Do try to join us if you feel able. Derek.

Our online services

This week our Sunday morning online service will be different to the "Family service" held in the church as it is not possible to recreate the family service online in its present form. Many of you will fondly remember our dear sister, Doreen Garbett, who died so unexpectedly just over two years ago. You may remember her for the fabulous array of hats she always wore on Sundays, but she was also a captivating speaker. So, in memory of Doreen, our online sermon this week will be a repeat of Doreen's last sermon preached at ABC, in the evening of 16th June 2019. The title of her talk is, "Loving your neighbour" based on Mark 12:28-34. This service will go 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.

Roy Connor's sermon from last week can be listened to by clicking this link.

TODAY'S FLOWERS – Today's flowers are given, "In loving memory of my mum, Stella Smewing, who passed away four years ago and is so sadly missed by all her family." Janice Mandry.

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 URGENTLY NEEDED – There are a number of church members and regular worshippers who can no longer drive but would love to come to church. Can you help? If you drive to church, would you be able to offer a lift to someone who lives nearby?. 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

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week's poem reminds us that even when things seem just too hard to stand, the light of Jesus still shines brightly. We just need to remember to open our eyes to His never-ending glory.

"**His Light**"

How can I go on to face another day,
when so many I have loved have passed away?
How can I go on, when all those dreams of yesterday
are gone and in the future all I see is pain and misery?
But then I see His light,
that penetrates the darkest night,
That gives me hope and joy inside,
who is my saviour, friend and guide.
Yes, because of the cross,
I will never be afraid again,
He helps me overcome the fear and pain,
When all the trials of this world have faded away,
We will spend forever, with our Lord, in that eternal day.

Arthur Magee

CALLING EVERYONE INTERESTED IN 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.

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 – Last week, I missed Arthur's birthday on 1st September, so please do send him belated greetings – perhaps even in verse! This week it is Jean Shaw's birthday on Friday, 10th September, so do remember Jean in your prayers as well as wishing her a big "ABC Happy Birthday". 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 is now acting as first responder in the event of emergencies and urgent prayer needs.
- **THE CHILVERS** – If you would like to know more about our link missionaries, then do click this link to read their August newsletter.
- **DOREEN EVANS** – In case you haven't heard, Doreen Evans recently had a stroke and was admitted to St. Richards. She is now back at home but clearly needs our prayers. Please pray for her recovery as a matter of urgency.
- **ANN TYLER** – Is now back in Bognor Regis. She is currently residing at Oban House, Victoria Drive. Please pray that she settles down there and for continued healing.
- **CLAIRE MILLINGTON -** Claire's mother died recently after a long illness. Claire asks us to pray for the family and the arrangements for the forthcoming thanksgiving service. She also asks us to pray for her dad, whom is 90, and finding the situation very tough.
- **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.
- **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.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – 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.

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