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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



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GETTING BACK TO NORMAL …

… but that really needs to be God's normal, not ours. So please be open to God's Holy Spirit leading us in directions that might not be so familiar to you. After all God has promised us that He is doing a new thing at ABC, and we need to be in tune with His directions. In today's talk, Simon feels that his emphasis this week should be on reminding us of the "Glory of God" as revealed to Isaiah in chapter 6 verses 1 – 5. Sometimes the pressures of everyday living, and our shortcomings distort our understanding of the greatness of our God. We need to recapture the Biblical view of God as high and lifted up, to empower us to deal with our problems and concerns as well as giving us the confidence to witness for Him in an alien culture. 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.

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 – Week two of Toddler Time was even busier than last week. Nevertheless, everyone had a great (but tiring) time. Do pray for this new venture and, of course, do spread the word amongst your neighbours and friends.



LOVE ALDWICK MESSY CHURCH –Messy Church returned with a bang on Thursday with around 30 children and their parents coming along. Thank you to Nicky, Simon and the team for a great afternoon.

LOVE ALDWICK COMMUNITY CAFÉ – Is going from strength to strength. So, if you have some time to spare on Tuesday morning, anytime between 10am and 12 noon, we would love to see you.

TODAY'S FLOWERS - Today's flowers have been donated by Margaret Raines in memory of her late husband, Ron, who died 17 years ago. Their wedding anniversary would have been of October when they would have married 53 years. I still miss him every day. Love Margaret xxx.

NORMAN JOHNSON -The funeral of Jan's husband Norman will be on 26th October at 2pm at Chichester crematorium. Then afterwards at the Inglenook Hotel. If anyone would like to be there, they would be welcome. Please let me know if you would be coming to the Inglenook for catering numbers. Jan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – This week we have (at least) two birthdays to celebrate although neither of them are currently attending ABC. Nevertheless do wish Jon Crane (11th) and Rod White (17th) a big "ABC Happy Birthday" on the appropriate day. As you know, we are trying to update our birthday list. Please contact Lynne Allard (265360) who is acting as our birthday monitor!

THANK YOU - A big thank you to all who so generously donated food to the harvest Food Bank appeal last Sunday. The Food Bank were amazed at just how much had been donated and were extremely grateful especially with the extra demand they are currently experiencing. Thanks also to Liz and Mick for taking it all to the Food Bank.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week's poem reminds us that there is so much we simply don't understand about life – but we know someone who does. So why not simply trust Him.

"**Father in your strength**"

As I struggled up the mountain track,
the heavy rain and wind pushed me back
The track was so hard to bear,
but it seemed the light was always there.
Sometimes I fell in stress and pain,
but I soldiered on and got up again.
Then at last I saw the peak.
So overjoyed, I could hardly speak.
That light had seen me through.
And when I surveyed that glorious view,
Father I knew my strength had come from you.

Arthur Magee

FRANK IS BACK IN ACTION – Frank resumed his school's ministry last week and this is a quote taken from Arundel C of E School in their weekly blog. "It was so lovely having our bestie back at ACE. The boys and girls loved seeing him and it was wonderful he was able to share his Christian message with Year 6. Frank called his talk for Ichthus Class, 'Back to Basics'... This is what he talked about: Six things the Bible teaches about Jesus:

1. The Bible teaches that Jesus is the Son of God.
2. The Bible teaches that Jesus is God become a man.
3. The Bible teaches that Jesus is God and man combined together.
4. The Bible teaches that Jesus was born of the virgin Mary and lived here on earth for 33 years.
5. The Bible teaches that Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the whole world.
6. The Bible teaches that 3 days later Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven.

ADVANCED NOTICE – On Wednesday 3rd November we will be praying as a whole church at 10:30 through to 11:30. This is a whole church praying event based on the words that have been given recently and based on the letter that I sent out. It is very important that we gather and pray with authority in the name of Christ. Simon

… and finally

- **FIRST RESPONDER** – As Simon is back, he is now acting as first responder in the event of emergencies and urgent prayer needs.
- **JILL LOMAS** – Please pray for Jill as she comes to terms with the loss of Steve. Some of you have asked for Jill's address. It is 30 Lane End Road, Middleton on Sea, West Sussex. PO22 6LT
- **DOROTHY RIDLEY** - Dorothy is very much in need of your prayers. She is suffering from shooting pains in her neck that go into her head. She is hoping to see a chiropractor soon but would value your prayer. Dorothy's daughter, Sue, recently contracted Covid and that has been an addition worry. Fortunately Sue is now clear and started back at work this week although she gets very tired (more prayer needed here). Dorothy has just had her PCR results back and is in the clear.
- **PAM RYAN** – Thanks to Cynthia, Geoff, Janet and Joyce, Pam had a wonderful 92nd birthday last Tuesday. She said it was her "best birthday, ever." Pam would love to be able to join us in worship every Sunday morning but needs a lift from Millview Close in Pagham. Can you help? If so, please have a word with Clive.
- **JOY PUFFETT** –Joy Puffett is very weak at present. Please pray for strength for Joy and the family at this very difficult time.
- **HELEN LAWREY** – Please pray for the Lawrey family who are struggled with illness at the present time.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Bob Hobart, Molly Hawkins, Christine Grant, Doreen Evans, Ann Tyler, Claire Millington, Polly Bennett, Kay and Ken Tucker, Perrie Sims, Mavis Eade, , 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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