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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 service we will be meeting around the communion table as we remember that Jesus died for our sins, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day and that He is alive today. All of this happened according to the Scriptures. In other words, it was all part of God's amazing plan to for us to be brought back into fellowship with Him. Now that is worth celebrating. 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 three of Toddler Time was busy once again. Everyone seemed to have a great time and new friendships have been established. Do pray for this new venture and, of course, do spread the word amongst your neighbours and friends.

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. Now here's a thought – why not invite one of your neighbours to join you there?

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. So do wish Rosanne Gould (17th) and Helen Lawrey (20th) 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!

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING – Our next quarterly Church meeting will be held on Thursday 25th November at 7pm (Please note the change of start time). At this meeting we will be bringing you reports on several regular worshippers who are now seeking membership. We will also be asking for your opinions about potentially moving future church meetings to a Sunday following the morning service. This is because many of you find coming out in the evenings quite difficult. As you can see, this will be a very important meeting, so please write it in your diary and make every effort to be there.

PASTORAL CARE – We are currently rethinking our pastoral care system to show that we really do love each other and care for each other. If you have any suggestions as to how we might do this, do let me know. I will be calling a meeting for the pastoral phone line team and anyone interested soon - do watch out for further updates. Thank you for all you already do. Derek.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week's poem reminds us that we really do have a friend in Jesus. Earthly friends will sometimes let us down. They won't be available when we need them most. But, rest assured, Jesus is always there, waiting for you to reach out to Him. He is never unavailable and never too busy to respond to your needs.

"**My Friend**"

How overwhelming to comprehend
that the Son of God calls me friend.
The God of all creation,
His power beyond imagination.
Oh, what love
that He died for you and me
And left our sin and shame upon that tree
His amazing grace, that will never end.
Oh, what love
that He calls me friend.

Arthur Magee

OPERATION CHRISTMAS - A big thank you to all who took the shoe boxes to fill for Operation Christmas Child. As they have to be shipped to various countries, the final Sunday for bringing them to ABC is November 6th. Anything after that date cannot be sent. So please bring them along any time before that and place them on the "wall" of boxes on the platform. Any donations, please give to me rather than sending them individually, and then we can send one amount all together. Many thanks in anticipation!

BOGNOR FOODBANK VOLUNTEER FAIR - we are currently recruiting for exciting volunteer and trustee positions. If you have a heart for the community, professional experience and insight, or the ability to help out with the practical day to day operation, then it would be great to meet you. Thursday 21st October, 7:30 to 9:30 PM, The Shore Community Church Victoria Dr Bognor Regis. The roles we are recruiting for are Trustees (Treasurer, Secretary, Property & Facilities lead) and Volunteers (Front line support, Warehouse support, Donation collection drivers).

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.
- **JOY PUFFETT** – As some of you will know by now, Joy died on Monday after a long illness. Please thank the Lord for her life and pray for Ernie as he comes to terms with his loss. As Ernie can't get to us anymore, he is currently worshiping at the Shore Community Church which is in walking distance of his house. Details of Joy's funeral will be shared with you when they are finalised.
- **KEN TUCKER** – Ken was taken ill during Tuesday night and is very poorly. He was eventually taken to St. Richard's on Wednesday. He is still there as the doctors try to diagnose his problems and begin suitable treatment. Pease pray for the correct treatment and healing. Simon has visited ken in hospital and says that Ken seemed quite chirpy although slightly confused. Please also pray for Kay as she is obviously distressed by Ken's illness.
- **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
- **UPDATE ON THE LAWREY FAMILY** – Good news! Hayley is back at college, Helen is back at work, David and Daniel are fine. Please thank God for his healing hand in their lives over the past three weeks.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Dorothy Ridley, 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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