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

ABC NEWS



Sunday 24th October 2021

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 will be returning to his mini-series on "Loving God, Loving each other and Loving the Lost". This week his focus will be on "Loving the lost" as he preaches on Luke 15:1-7. It's easy to get comfortable as a Christian living in the developed and wealthy West. Jesus never intended us to insulate ourselves from non-Christians. In our reading today we see Jesus's heart for the lost where He emphasizes the great love that God has for the lost. Don't miss this 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 be prepared!

ADVANCED NOTICE 1 – 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

ADVANCED NOTICE 2 – There will be an informal meeting in the church foyer for those who want to know more about the work of the Barnabas Fund on Sunday 21st November at 4pm. Their ministry raises awareness of the persecuted church across the world, encourages us to pray fort the persecuted church and includes giving financial support to Christians when they suffer discrimination, oppression and persecution as a consequence of their faith. Brian Goldsmith will be the main speaker. The Barnabas Fund is one of the missions we support as a church. We will be providing a 'Sunday afternoon tea' for all those who wish to attend. Please let Barbara Farrington know if you will be attending.

THANK YOU – Rosanne would like to say thank you to all those people who sent her birthday cards and good wishes.

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 – We do not appear to have any birthdays this week as far as we know. But this could be wrong as we are currently 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).

LIGHT PARTY – Next Sunday afternoon, there will be a Light Party for the children in the hall from 4pm to 6pm. There will be refreshments, games, craft and food. Your prayers and support would be most welcome

A FEW DAYS OFF- As it is half term next week, Simon will be having a few days off to recharge his batteries and spend more time with his family. If you need any help next week please contact me or one of the deacons. Derek

THIS WEEK'S POEM

Someone said to me how Can you believe in a God you've never seen I told him God is everyone please let me to write today's poem.

"**I see God everywhere**"

I say my God's face
in the beautiful day.
I see His joy
in a child play.
I see His wonder
in the stars at night.
I see His freedom their line
In the birds in flight.
I see His love
in a mother's eyes .
I see His glory
In the golden sun sunrise.
I see His beauty
in the kingfisher's wings.
I feel His peace
when the Blackbird sings.
Oh, want joy it brings
when I see all these things.
His mighty power
beyond imagination.

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!

SUNDAY MORNING LIVE – We are currently experimenting with broadcasting our Sunday morning service live. If you would like to take part in this trial do let me know because we value your opinion. Derek.

… and finally

- **FIRST RESPONDER** – As Simon is having a few days off next week, I will be acting as first responder in the event of emergencies and urgent prayer needs. Derek
- **JOY PUFFETT** – Joy's funeral service will be held here at 1pm on Monday 1st November. Please thank the Lord for her life and pray for Ernie as he comes to terms with his loss.
- **KEN TUCKER** – Ken has a had a rough week in St. Richard's hospital and is not at all well. Please pray for healing, for pain relief and for peace of mind. Please pray too for Kay who is finding life quite stressful at present. If you can help with Kay's transport to and from the hospital, please let me know. Derek.
- **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.
- **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.

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