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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 3rd October 2021

WE REALLY 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.

Today we will be celebrating harvest in our family service. Simon's band will be leading the worship and Simon will be delivering three mini talks spaced out during the service. 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!

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.



LOVE ALDWICK TODDLER TIME – Last Monday morning at 10am we launched our new group. We didn't really know what to expect but we were delighted that 28 mums turned up with their children. 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. 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!

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.

LOVE ALDWICK LUNCH CLUB – Feeling hungry? Would you like someone else to do the cooking? Then why not join us this Wednesday, at around 12noon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – This week we have (at least) two birthdays to celebrate. So do wish Pam McLaren (4th) and Pam Ryan (5th) 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!

STEVE LOMAS – Some of you may not have heard that Steve Lomas, the minister of Arundel Baptist Church and a former deacon here, passed away last weekend. Steve's Thanksgiving Service is on Friday, 15th October at Arundel Baptist at 1 pm. Anyone who knew Steve is invited to attend.

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 leave it up to Him today, tomorrow and everyday?

"**Day by Day**"

So much we do not understand,
But leave it in his hands,
He is your creator.
He made all you see.
He is your hope.
He is your life.
He is your destiny.
Do not lean on your own understanding.
Trust in him
to show you the way,
Our Lord is always there,
to guide you day by day

Arthur Magee

MISSIONS SUPPORT – Our Church currently financially supports BMS, BMS Home Mission, SAT-7, Barnabas, the Bible Society and MAF. Barnabas and SAT-7 are especially involved with the people of Afghanistan. Barnabas helps in setting up businesses, sending food aid, printing New Testaments in native languages and supporting living costs for Christians in Afghanistan and the countries they have fled to, also funding flights of escape. (They have rescued hundreds.)
We have also collected clothes, bedding, etc., for Samara's Aid. (Samara is now very much involved in building medical centres/hospitals and centres for widows and orphans to live, learn and play).
We plan to continue to invite speakers to inform us about the work of the missions we support and would be pleased to know of missions/organizations you are interested in and perhaps hear more about those.
Please feel free to contact me as deacon for missions about your thoughts and to read/take leaflets from the mission shelving near the back of the church.
Barbara Farrington.

NEXT SUNDAY – Simon will reach the end of our mini-series on Loving God, loving each other and loving the lost as he preaches on Luke 15:1-7. Why not read this passage in advance of this message and pray for God to reveal His truth to you.

… 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. Many of you will remember Jill as our fearsome Girls Brigade leader in days gone by.
- **PAM RYAN** – 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.
- **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 recently 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, 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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