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

ABC NEWS



Sunday 14th November 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.

Simon would like as many of you as possible to arrive at 10am for an impromptu prayer meeting at the back of the church, to pray specifically for the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Today is our traditional Remembrance Day service which will includ 2 minutes silence at 11am. Clive's band will be leading the worship and Simon will be delivering his message entitled, "The Glory to Come" based on Romans 8:18-20. For worshippers who are still unable to join us, in person 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!

BARNABAS TALK AND TEA – 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 starting at 4pm. Barnabas Fund 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 and his talk will be supported by several short videos. The Barnabas Fund is one of the missions we support as a church. There will be a "Bring and Share" 'Sunday afternoon tea' for all those who wish to attend. Please email or ring me and tell me if you are bringing something savoury or something sweet. Barbara

ADVANCE NOTICE 2 – We will be beginning our Christmas season by organising a collection of Christmas "goodies" for local homeless people who are supported by Stonepillow. This will be on Saturday 4th December from 10am to 12 noon. Stonepillow have advised us that they would like you to donate:

Tinned meat, sweet treats, biscuits, crisps, coffee and sugar, long life milk

Or simply extra funds as they can put them to where we need them. Brenda

PRAYER ROOM – Hello church family. Please go into the prayer room and pray the prayers which have been requested by your brothers and sisters. Do add your own requests onto the heart, they will remain for two weeks but can be easily updated. It may be a good opportunity to go into the prayer room at the end of Sunday service. Prayer brings us into the presence of our Father and carries much power. Bless you, Angela

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA – We urgently need more volunteers to man the kitchen at the end of our Sunday services. We all enjoy a cup of team or coffee after the service, so why not join the team that makes it happen. Please talk to John or Joy if you can help.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26th – As we will be having our Christmas morning service at 10am on 25th December, we have decided not to hold a service on 26th December.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that, even when we are down in the dumps, we still have a lot to sing about!

"**My Heart Sings**"

How wonderful the miracle of creation;
So many wonders beyond imagination.
When I see the intensity of the Milky Way,
How it takes my breath away.
When I see the sunset reflecting across the golden sky.
When I see the beautiful wings of a butterfly.
When I hear a new-born baby cry.
How can they take for granted the wonder all around?
From the very smallest creature to the universe unbound.
Oh, how my heart sings,
When I see all these things
Amen.

Arthur Magee

OUR LINK MISSIONARIES - Brian and Jackie Chilvers latest report tells of how they are appreciating being able to help one another in their hospital work and how Brian has been able to design their own hospital inhalers using coke bottles! Please feel free to pick up a copy of their letter from the back of the church.

VENTILATION AT ABC – Please note that the government's advice remains there should be adequate ventilation where groups are meeting indoors. This is for our own safety. Please do not shut the windows but maybe wear something warm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – This week Margaret Vincent will be celebrating her birthday on Tuesday (16th). So why not wish her a "Happy Birthday" from us all. If you want to be placed on our birthday list, please contact Lynne Allard (265360. If you want details of the BMS birthday scheme, then please contact Brenda (265984).

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** – Simon will be acting as first responder in the event of emergencies and urgent prayer needs.
- **KEN TUCKER** – As most of you will know by now, Ken went to be with the Lord last Sunday. He was a lovely man and will be greatly missed by us all but especially by his dear wife Kay. Please pray for Kay and the family at this sad time. Please also pray for an improvement in Kay's own health as she continues to struggle to get around. There will be a thanks giving service for Ken's life here at 2.30pm on Wednesday 24th November.
- **VIVIENNE NEWMAN** – Vivienne had a nasty fall on Saturday and ended up at St. Richard's Hospital. She is home again now but obviously a bit battered and shaken. Please pray for healing, peace of mind and pain relief.
- **EILEEN MAGEE** – Eileen had her first cataract operation on Wednesday and is now back home. As she also suffers from glaucoma this was more complicated than usual. Please thank God that things went well and do continue to support her in prayer.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Bob Hobart, Molly Hawkins, Christine Grant, Doreen Evans, Ann Tyler, Polly Bennett, Mavis Eade, Eve Williams, Janice Sprules, Hilary Naesmith, Michelle and Jon Crane, 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 else interested soon – so do watch out for further updates. Thank you for all you already do. Derek.

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