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ABC NEWS

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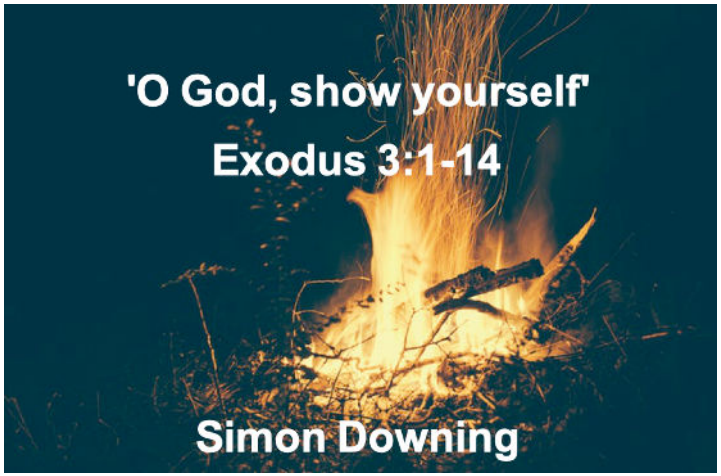

Sunday 21st November 2021

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 in the prayer room, to pray specifically for the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Simon's band will be leading the worship and Simon will be delivering his message entitled, "O God, show yourself" based on Exodus 3:1-14. Today's service will include communion. 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!

KEN TUCKER – As most of you will know by now, Ken recently went to be with the Lord. Ken 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. The funeral service will be held at 1.15pm on Wednesday this week. This is for family members only. This will be followed by a thanksgiving service for Ken's life here at 2.30pm. Please do join us. Kay would like to thank you all for the cards, phone calls and love that you have shown her over the last few days.

BARNABAS TALK AND TEA TODAY – There will be an informal meeting in the church foyer for those who want to know more about the work of the Barnabas Fund starting at 4pm today. 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. If you want to join us then please speak to Barbara this morning.

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

THANK YOU - A big thank you to all who so generously filled the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please pray for the massive organisation needed in the transportation and delivery of the shoeboxes and for all the children who will receive them. They are often the only present they receive! So, a huge thank you all for your generosity. Brenda.

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.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that, even though we might not always understand God's plans and His timing, we should simply trust Him – because He really knows best!

"**Every Day**"

So many things 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.
Yes, the Lord is always there,
Every day, to show you the way
Amen.

Arthur Magee

TODAY'S FLOWERS – Today's flowers have been kindly donated by Lynne Allard in memory of her Mum who would have been 94 on 27th November!!

A HELPING HAND NEEDED - Next Sunday Ann Tyler will be joining us for Sunday morning worship. She will arrive by taxi but will need someone to escort to her seat and sit with her during the service. She will also need to be escorted to the taxi after the service. Can you help? Please let me know if you can. Derek

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 Jackie Ward will be celebrating her birthday on Monday (2nd). 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).

LOVE ALDWICK LADIES CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT – Thursday, 9th December 19.15. For all Ladies in the church and their friends. Please book this event in your diaries and ensure all those interested are booked in via Nicky. There will be non-alcoholic mulled wine, tea, coffee, and mince pies. Places are likely to be limited - so act quickly. Ring Nicky on 07943537785. Cost £3 per person.

… and finally

- **FIRST RESPONDER** – Simon will be acting as first responder in the event of emergencies and urgent prayer needs.
- **VIVIENNE NEWMAN** – Vivienne had a nasty fall on Saturday and ended up at St. Richard's Hospital. She injured her face amongst other things but tells me she is now improving and hopes to be with us on Sunday although she still feels a bit battered and shaken. Please continue to pray for healing, peace of mind and pain relief.
- **EILEEN MAGEE** – Eileen had her first cataract operation last week and is now back home. Arthur tells us that Eileen's vision is much improved and would like to thank you for your prayers and support. 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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