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

ABC NEWS

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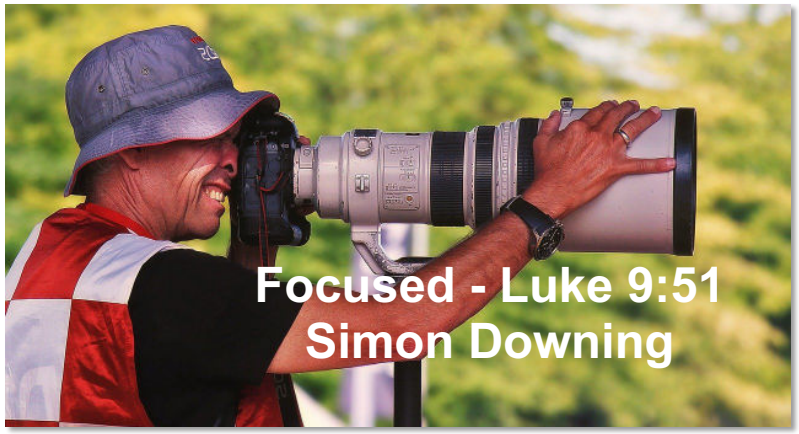

Sunday 7th November 2021

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 monthly family service. Simon's band will be leading the worship and Simon will be delivering four mini talks spaced out during the service. The title of Simon's message is "Focused". Sounds intriguing – so don't miss it. 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!

ADVANCED NOTICE 1 – 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 in the early evening. We will be confirming the time next week. 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. 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. Barbara will be asking people later to let her know what sort of thing they would like to bring. Do let Barbara know if you would like to attend.

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

THANK YOU - Thank you to all of the helpers who gave their time and energy to the Light Party last week. We had a lot of fun! A special thank you to the mystery person who left some yummy goodies for us to enjoy. Anna.

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.

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**"

Sometimes it seems so hard
To face another day.
When things we took for granted
have simply gone astray.
But then I see His light,
That penetrates the darkest night.
It gives me hope and joy inside,
He is my saviour friend and guide.
Yes because of the cross,
We will never be afraid again.
He helps me overcome the fear and pain.
When all the trials of this world have faded away,
We will spend forever in that eternal day.
Hallelujah!

Arthur Magee

BRAIN GOLDSMITH – Brian is preaching at Arundel Baptist Church this morning. He would appreciate your prayers as the church faces an uncertain future following Steve's Lomas recent death.

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 – Last week we missed Marjorie Flynn's birthday on 5th – sorry Marjorie. This week it's Angela Harvey's birthday on Wednesday (9th) and Michelle Crane's (11th). So a "Happy Birthday" ladies 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).

… and finally

- **FIRST RESPONDER** – Simon will be acting as first responder in the event of emergencies and urgent prayer needs.
- **EILEEN MAGEE** – Eileen will be going into hospital on 10th November for a cataract operation which apparently may prove to be more complicated than usual. Eileen is a bit apprehensive about this and would welcome your prayer support.
- **KEN TUCKER** – Ken has a had another 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 also pray that Ken can soon be moved to a nursing home nearer to Kay. 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, Polly Bennett, Kay and Ken Tucker, 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 interested soon - do watch out for further updates. Thank you for all you already do. Derek.

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