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ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 12th December 2021

LATEST BAPTIST UNION GUIDELINES

As you probably know by now, the Government has moved to its Covid19 – Plan B. In this guidance the Government, has advised churches that face coverings much be worn in places of worship from 10th December, for those not exempt. In an email written directly to faith groups, the Government states that exceptions to this ruling exist for those leading a service, reading and so on, from the front. Although the government also say that "there is a reasonable excuse exemption which allows people to remove a face covering while singing", we disagree with this exemption and **would ask you to wear masks throughout the service.**

However, Simon would still 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.

FURTHER ADVICE – The Government have also advised that there is a requirement for those attending various large or enclosed gatherings to have an NHS Covid Pass or evidence of a negative lateral flow test. If you have been fully vaccinated, then you should be able to download your Covid passport through the NHS App. If you are not sure how to do this, then do ask for help

TODAY'S SERVICE – Clive's band will be leading our worship today with Simon bringing God's word to us. The title of his talk today is "Prince of Peace" based on Isaiah 9:1-9. Although this is a well know Advent passage, Simon will not only be reminding us of the historical background to this passage but also pointing out the significance of the promises and prophetic words spoken through Isaiah's words. This service will also include communion. You can watch this service through our website by clicking here.

THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS – Today's flowers have been donated by Jean Shaw in memory of her late husband Mike – Still much loved and much missed.

CHURCH MEETING MINUTES - The minutes of our last meeting will be available for collection at back of the church on Sunday.

STAMP COLLECTING - As Christmas draws nearer, a reminder to keep all used stamps as cards begin arriving. Last year, Baptist Missionary Society were able to make £13,500 from your used stamps, so every single one can really make a difference. Please remember to leave a border of at least 1inch/ 2.5cm round each stamp and put your stamps in the box on shelf at back of Church.

STONEPLLLOW COLLECTION - A sincere thanks to all who so generously donated last Saturday. Stoneplllow were amazed at the number of large bags of food and toiletries, all of which are very much need for the number they feed over Christmas. Plus £145 in cash was donated which likewise will be put to great use.



THIS WEEK'S POEM

"**The Gift**"

So many times, we meet along the road.
We look back and treasure all the memories
and all the love we shared and how much we cared.
Sometimes I long to go back in time,
Just to see once more those loved ones of mine.
"We are just passing through", you hear them say,
And tomorrow is another day.
But I have met so many I have loved,
Who meant the world to me,
Who will never leave my memory.
Some people seek happiness in possessions and gain
But in the end, it's all the same.
To love is the greatest gift of all.
A gift that is free, but Jesus gave for you and me
Forever in eternity.
Amen

Arthur Magee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY –This week we have 2 birthdays Chris Grant (Today - 12th) and Margaret Raines (15th) Do wish them all a very "Happy Birthday". 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).

A GOLDEN CELEBRATION - Next Saturday, December 18th will be Janice Mandry's Golden Wedding. Congratulations and our love on this special occasion.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD - From today there will be a card on the shelf in the Church for members and friends to sign in lieu of sending individual cards. Donations to Barnabas Fund if desired.

NEXT SUNDAY – We will be holding our Nativity Service at 10.30am on 19th December and our "Carols by Candlelight" service at 6pm on the same day. Mince pies and hoy drinks will be served after the service. Christmas gives an opportunity to invite your neighbours and friends to join us.

ADVANCE NOTICE 2 – Our Christmas morning service will be a family event beginning at 10.30am and last for approximately 45 minutes. Please invite all of your family.

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- **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.
- **FIRST RESPONDER** – Simon will be acting as first responder in the event of emergencies and urgent prayer needs.
- **KAY TUCKER** – Kay is finding life without Ken very difficult at present and needs our prayer and support. Kau is also suffering with her own health problems. Do please pray for healing, peace of mind and safety around the home.
- **EVE WILLIAMS** – Eve is back home at the Royal Garden Hotel following her recent fall and trip to St. Richards. Please pray for an improvement in her general health and better balance in her movement around her flat.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Kay Tucker, Vivienne Newman, 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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