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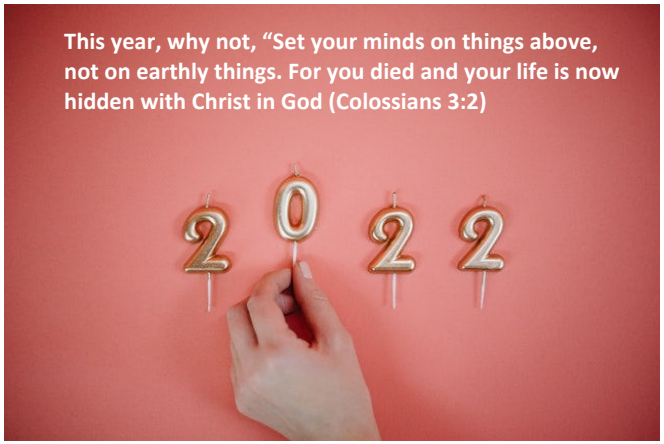

Sunday 2nd January 2022

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. 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.**

Unfortunately, over the Christmas period, Emily and Nicky have tested positive for Coronavirus as well as Simon's mother Diane. As a precaution the whole family have been isolating throughout the last 8 days. This does mean that Simon is unable to lead us today. Please pray that the Downing family are all restored to full health as soon as possible.

TODAY'S SERVICE – As Simon and his family are still isolating Clive will be leading today's service. His sermon will be based on Psalm 92 where he will be emphasising that, even though we are starting the new year in uncertain circumstances, we can always trust God because He is good all the time.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST CORPORATE PRAYER MEETING OF 2022 - Wednesday, 5th January at 10.30am in the church. Please remember that It is by prayer that heaven is opened and its resources made available to be received through the Holy Spirit. Please join us.

LOVE ALDWICK COMMUNITY CAFÉ - We will be restarting our community café on Tuesday, 4th January at 10am. Why not start the year off by joining us for café, cake and a chat?

LOVE ALDWICK LUNCH CLUB IS BACK – After a busy Christmas, why not let someone else worry about the shopping, the cooking and the washing up for a change? You will be guaranteed a warm welcome and a wholesome meal if you join us at 12.45pm on Wednesday, 5th January. Brenda.

LOVE ALDWICK MESSY CHURCH - Thursday, 6th January at 3.30pm. A chance for local families with youngish children to meet here in a fun and interactive way. There is definitely a child friendly atmosphere and there is even a delicious meal. So, if you know anyone who might be interested, why not bring them along. You will be most welcome.

LOVE ALDICK PEACE TOGETHER PUZZLERS - If you enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles, this notice is for you. The Love Aldwick Peace Together Puzzlers will start on Saturday 8th January from 10-12. It will be held at ABC on the second Saturday of the month and will be an opportunity to have a coffee and do a puzzle. Alternatively you may wish to come and borrow a puzzle for the month to do at home…..Claire Millington.

LOVE ALDWICK TODDLER TIME – As it is a bank Holiday on Monday, Toddler Time will be springing into action on Monday 10th January at 10am.

OUR LINK MISSIONARIES – If you want to know some of the unexpected things our link missionaries did in 2021, then do go to this link. https://www.bmsworldmission.org/things-we-didnt-expect-to-do-in-2021/

LET'S CELEBRATE THOSE SPECIAL OCCASIONS - If anyone wishes to commemorate a special occasion, birthday or to remember someone, would you consider donating the money for flowers in ABC? Not only does it help to decorate the Church for Sundays, but they are distributed every Monday to the housebound, those not well and anyone in need of a bit of cheer. Please contact me and I will add your name to the calendar. Many thanks in anticipation! Brenda.

A CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Just in case you are still in the mood for a Christmas diversion, why not try the quiz sent to us by Data Developments. Send or give your answers to me on or before Sunday January 9th. The first three all correct submissions will win a much sort after Aldwick Baptist pen.

Q1. Who created the first Christmas Cracker?

Q2. What Bing Crosby song is the best-selling single ever?

Q3. Stollen is the traditional fruit cake of which country?

Q4. According to Clement Clarke Moore's poem, "Twas the Night before Christmas", visions of which sweet foodstuff danced in children's heads?

Q5. What is a 'Bûche de Noël', commonly eaten in France at Christmas?

Q6. When was the first Christmas Card sent?

Q7. In the song "Frosty the Snowman" what made Frosty come to life?

Q8. Needle, plate, dendrite, column and bullet are types of what?

Q9. Which UK monarch delivered the first Christmas Broadcast to the BBC in 1932?

Q10. On the tenth day of Christmas, what does my true love give to me?

Hopefully you didn't find that too difficult! If all else fails, you can always ask Google! Send you answers to me as soon as possible. Derek

PRAYER DIRECTORY UPDATE - I am intending to publish a new Prayer Directory in January 2022 – as a number of details have changed over the past year or so. Normally I would produce a draft with your contact details included (that I believe to be correct) and ask you to show any changes. That is difficult at present as COVID has interfered with church attendance and not all members/attenders are on email. Therefore, I would ask the following:

Have a look at your current directory (if you have one) and advise:

- Do you not wish to be included in the future directory?
- Do you wish to be (but have not previously been) included in the directory and have you filled in a data protection form?
- Are there are any changes in your personal contact details?
- If you have not had a photo included before and want one can you please supply a photo or ask me to take one of you.

If none of the above apply I will assume that the entry will be as before.

Finally in view of the less-than-ideal way this updated directory will be produced it is anticipated there will still be errors in it and I would just hope that you will understand the reasons for that and make manual adjustments to your copies when you become aware. Please advise me by e-mail or note by Wednesday at the latest. Clive

… and finally

- **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS -** If you want to be placed on our birthday list, and receive a celebratory slot in the news sheet, please contact Lynne Allard (265360. If you want details of the BMS birthday scheme, then please contact Brenda (265984).
- **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** – Derek will be acting as first responder this week in the event of emergencies and urgent prayer needs.
- **A MESSAGE FROM ARTHUR** – Our resident poet of the lockdown, Arthur Magee will unfortunately is leaving us to attend a church nearer his home which is more accessible for his wife Eileen. He would like to thank you all for your prayers and support in some difficult times. He would particularly like to thank Simon and Derek for their regular drop-ins.
- **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.
- **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 OVERSEEERS WANTED** – We are looking for between 12 and 20 people to take keep a watchful eye on around 6 church members or regular attendees. This is part of the restructuring our pastoral care system by which we intend to show that we really do love each other and care for each other. Do let me know if you are willing to do this rewarding activity. Thank you for all you already do. Derek.

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