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

ABC NEWS



Sunday 5th December 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.

This week we will be holding our monthly family service as Simon reminds us of the importance and difficulty in "Waiting". 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.

FINAL CALL FOR CHRISTMAS GOODIES – Final call for our 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. If you missed Saturday's collection do talk to to me. Brenda

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.

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.

THE IMPORTANCE OF WAITING – Sometimes it's hard to wait but today Simon will be reminding us to "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord" (Psalm 27:14). We should be moving in God's timing not our own.

THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS – Have been donated by John and Janet Cowley in memory of their sister Susan.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – In all the excitement last week, I missed out Bernard Veasey's birthday which was on 30th November – so do please include him in this week's greetings. This week we have 4 other birthdays - Pat Richardson (5th – today), Carole Greenwood (6th), Keith Scott (8th) and Chris Grant (12th – next Sunday). 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).

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING – the leadership team will be meeting on Thursday 9th December at 9.30am in the Youth room. Please pray that the meeting runs smoothly in line with God's directions for His church.

WORSHIP TEAM MEETING – We will be meeting on Tuesday, 7th December at 7pm in the church sanctuary. If this involves you, please make every effort to attend. Please pray that we have a harmonious meeting!

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that even as we grow older and more frail, there really is no need to be afraid – because the Lord is always near!

"**No need to be afraid**"
Oh, what security.
To be in the shadow
of the Almighty.
He will shield you with his wings,
whatever evil brings
No need to be afraid
Trust in the promises
Jesus made.
He's amazing love
Protects you from fear,
Oh, what joy
To know our Lord is always near
Amen.

Arthur Magee

WEEKLY OFFERING – Thank you for your continued financial support for the various ministries of our church. I am grateful that many of you now donate through the bank which makes my life as treasurer mush simpler. As we no longer take an active collection during our Sunday worship services, we have positioned an offering box on the back wall of the sanctuary near to the main entry doors. Please place your offerings in there. The box is emptied later in the day and no money is left on the premises in line with or insurance policy. Thank you again for your generosity in supporting the Lord's work here. Derek

ADVANCED NOTICE 1 – 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.

GOOD TO SEE AGAIN – It was good to see Anne Tyler again last Sunday. Anne is currently residing at Oban House in Victoria Drive. Anne hopes to be with us at least once a month from now on.

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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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