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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 9th 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 past week, Simon and Anaya have tested positive for Coronavirus although Anaya was then clear in her PCR test. Nicky and Emily have now recovered are now also clear and back at school/college. Simon is currently quite unwell, with a raging sore throat which makes speaking difficult and generally debilitated. Of course, he must remain isolated at least for the next few days which means that Simon is unable to lead us today. Please do continue to pray that Simon is restored to full health as soon as possible.

TODAY'S SERVICE – As Simon is still isolating John will be leading today's service and I will be preaching. My sermon will be based on John 13:33-35 where he will be emphasising that although we might all like to do great things for God, it is actually *"small things done with great love that will change the world."* Derek.

LOVE ALDWICK TODDLER TIME – Toddler Time will be springing into action on Monday 10th January at 10am. So if you know anyone with young children who is looking for somewhere safe to bring their toddlers, and meet other children and their parents, please do invite them to join us at Toddler Time.

LOVE ALDWICK COMMUNITY CAFÉ - We will be continuing with our community café on Tuesday at 10am. Why not join us for coffee, cake and a chat?

PRAYER MATTERS - Dear friends, here are many prayer requests by your brothers and sisters in the prayer room, please go in and pray them. There seems to be great need at this time. Thank you and bless you. Angela.
OUR LINK MISSIONARIES – If you want to know more about Brian and Jackie Chilvers our link missionaries. Then go to this link to https://www.bmsworldmission.org/people/brian-and-jackie-chilvers/
Let us all pray that they will be encouraged, guided and blessed in their individual roles and in their relationships with the local Chadians.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS – Whoops – I missed Janet Cowley's birthday which was on Saturday (8th January) – sorry Janet but here's a big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** from us all. It will be Cilla Wood's birthday on Thursday (13th January), so do send her your 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).

TODAY'S FLOWERS - These have been given by Lynne Allard in memory of her dad, Roland, who would have been 98 today.

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.

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

THIS WEEK'S POEM

As we move into2022, still under the cloud of coronavirus, it's good to remember the blessings we have received in the past and look forward to God's goodness continuing in the future. So, Arthur's poem this week is a reminder that we should always count out our blessings.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

If all the days were sunny days,
How we would complain
Along for just one stormy day
to bring the rain again.
If all the days were rainy days,
And the weather was never fine,
We would soon get tired of the rain,
And want the sun to shine.
But sunshine after rain
Remind us that our troubles
will pass away again.
Yes, rainy days and sunny days
by turn they come and go.
But, all the days are happy days
to those who count their blessings
And make them so.

Arhur MaGee

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.

]Note from me] Arthur also intends to keep sending us his poems to give us an uplift when things seem to be going wrong. Derek.

PASTORAL CARE GROUP COORDINATORS – 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. This is something anyone can do so 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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- **FIRST RESPONDER** – Derek will be acting as first responder this week in the event of emergencies and urgent prayer needs.
- **A DIFFICULT WEEK** – In the last week Eve Williams, Hilary Naismith and Emily Brown has all ended up in St. Richards hospital. Hilary is in Birdham Ward, Eve Williams is in Apuldram Ward, Emily Brown is in Lavant Ward and Janice Sprules remains in Middleton Ward. Please pray that all of these ladies get the correct diagnosis, the correct treatment, peace of mind and, of course, healing. As Simon is isolating, he is unable to visit any of these ladies at present. It is also difficult for any of us to visit in the current situation. Please read the following guidelines from St. Richards about staying in touch and sending messages to loved ones.
- **STAYING IN TOUCH –** We continue to recommend that you use digital services such as FaceTime, Skype, Zoom and WhatsApp to stay in touch with loved ones during their hospital stay, to minimise the risk of spreading or contracting the virus. In addition, within the Trust, we have access to some iPads and mobile phones for use and we will continue to operate an initiative to enable loved ones to keep in touch remotely, see below:
- **MESSAGES FOR LOVED ONES:** Emails can be sent to wshnt.MessagesToLovedOnes@nhs.net or letters posted to *Messages to Loved Ones*, St Richard's Hospital, Spitalfield Lane, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 6SE. Messages will be printed and laminated for delivery to the wards Monday to Friday.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Kay Tucker, Vivienne Newman, Bob Hobart, Molly Hawkins, Christine Grant, Doreen Evans, Ann Tyler, Polly Bennett, Mavis Eade, 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.

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