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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 20th February 2022

We are gradually getting back to normal …

By now I am sure you all know that the Government has ended its Covid Plan B with mandatory face coverings in public places and Covid passports both dropped. This means we will be reverting to measure outlined in Plan A. This should not be seen as the "finish line" because the virus and future variants cannot be eradicated - instead "we must learn to live with Covid in the same way we live with flu".

In line with the new guidelines, face coverings are no longer mandatory in our church and that wearing them will become optional and a matter of personal choice. Please do respect everyone individual decision. Derek

TODAY'S SERVICE – Last week we began a mini-series entitled, "Growing the Body of Christ". This week Simon will be bringing us the second in the series as we look at "Agape love through the Body". This is based on 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. Next week we will be returning to the "When I feel …" series as we look at "What should I do when I feel hopeless?" based on Psalms 42 & 43.

TODAY'S FLOWERS – The flowers this week are donated by me in memory of John. Fondly remembered and sadly missed. Marjorie

PRAYER MATTERS - Let's pause to pray, taking some time to listen for God's still small voice using His Word as a springboard and the Holy Spirit as our guide.

ALPHA 2022 – Final call - our course will commence on Monday 21st February and will run until we hold a Sunday ALPHA Celebration Service on 15th May. If you want to know more about faith in the Lord Jesus, then this may be of interest to you – but I do really need to know today. Clive.

PRAYER FOR ALPHA - Many of the church family are already praying for our upcoming Alpha, this is much appreciated. If you would like to gather together to pray, we can gather either in the prayer room at church or at our house, on Monday evenings from 7.00pm - 8.00pm (starting 21st) to pray and wait on the Lord for the group and team. Please let me know if you prefer a day time gathering, and I can arrange one. Please make a note of and pass any pictures or words of encourage/knowledge that you feel appropriate to share to either myself or Clive so that they can be released to those who need them. With grateful thanks, Lucienne Edwards 265527

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS – After last's weeks bumper number of birthdays, this week we will be celebrating Val Goodwin's birthday (25th). Do make sure you wish her a big Happy Birthday on Friday. 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).

CORPORATE PRAYER MEETING – Advanced notice, the next corporate prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2nd March at 10.30am.

TODDLER TIME – As it is half term next week, there will not be a Toddler Time on Monday 21st February, but worry not, we will be back in action on Monday, 28th February. Why not join us?

COMMUNITY CAFÉ – Just in case you were wondering, we will be open on Tuesday 22nd February from 10am to 12noon as normal. If you haven't been yet, why not join us this week. Clive.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week, Arthur's reminds us again that even on the darkest day, we can always turn to Jesus.

"Most of all love"

One day tomorrow becomes the past.
Nothing in this world can last.
People crave for wealth and fame,
But in the end it's all the same
We gain the whole world,
But at what cost?
Just like the sheep,
So lonely and lost
We trust in that which is only temporary,
That one day will cease to be.
But put your trust in things of eternity.
Faith, hope peace joy
But most of all love

Arthur Magee

THE WELL - A NEW PRAYER INIATIVE - We will be starting up a new prayer time called "The Well. This will take place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10.30 till 11.30am, commencing 16th March.
Why "The Well" ? A well serves to provide water from a deep place, in our case this is the living water. In John 4: 13-14 Jesus says that He is the living water. If you want to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus why not join with others who desire the same. Together we will reflect, be still in his presence and drink from the water of life. As we wait in His presence He may choose to give us a prophetic word to share. " I waited patiently for the Lord; and he turned to me and heard my cry" Psalm 40:1

QUARTERLY CHURCH MEETING – Last chance - Just to remind you we are seeking your opinion as to the best day and time for future quarterly church meetings. We would like you to all pray about this before making your decision.

The options to be considered are:

- Thursday evening from 7pm;
- Saturday morning from 10am or
- Sunday morning following the service.

The ballot forms are now available at the back of the church together with a box to put them in. You can also reply by email or by written response but not by phone. You need to list your preferences in order. 1 being your first choice and so on. Final date for submission Sunday 27th February. Derek

… and finally

- **FIRST RESPONDER** – As Simon will be away for a few days over half term, I will be acting as first responder. Please contact me if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek
- **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** - Friday 4th March, 10.30a.m. Bognor Methodist Church. It is for anyone who wants to go and has been planned this year by ladies of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Barbara**.**
- **DAVINA RUMSBY** – Davina has been having problems with severe pain in her legs. Investigations are currently ongoing, but Davina is currently not feeling at all well. Please pray a correct diagnosis, correct treatment, healing and peace of mind for Davina and Alan.
- **ROD AND CAROLE GREENWOOD** – Rod and Carole will be going to Romania from 23rd February until 8th March as they recommence their ministry there following the problem with Covid over the last 18 months. Please pray for safe travelling and a good harvest of souls.
- **HAZEL BELL** – As you probably know Hazel had a mild heart attack recently and had go into hospital for tests. I am glad to say she is now at home but needs to take it easy for several weeks whilst the doctors sort out the best way forward. Hazel gets very breathless and would like us to pray that this can be successfully treated soon. Please also pray for healing and for peace of mind for both Hazel and John.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Janice Sprules, Eve Williams, Marjorie Flynn, Ruth (Anna's sister), Emily Brown, 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. They miss the fellowship, and we miss them. Please do give some of them a ring this week let them know we do really care.

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