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

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Aldwick Baptist Church



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Can it be true?

By now I am sure you all know that the Government has ended all its mandatory Covid restrictions. 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. We will continue to reserve two rows for people who wish to wear masks and maintain a safe distance between themselves and others. Please do respect everyone individual decision. Derek

TODAY'S SERVICE – This week we return to our series on coping with real life on a day-to-day basis as we try to answer the question, "What do I do when I feel hopeless?" To make it clear hopeless here does not mean useless but rather hope-less when we feel cut off from God. This will be based on Psalms 42 & 43.

If you can't actually join us, you will be able to access the service live form 10.30am by going to:

http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons

TODAY'S FLOWERS – The flowers today have been donated by Sheila Sergeant in memory of her dear husband, Maurice. Always remembered and loved.

PRAYER FOR ALPHA - Many thanks to everyone for their prayers for the Alpha course. Please note that if people would like to gather to pray on Monday evening in the prayer room, please arrive via the church's front door by 6.50pm for a prompt start at 7.00pm, as we will need to lock the door just before 7.00pm for security reasons. Please pass any words or pictures on to either me or Clive that you think appropriate. Again many thanks, Lucienne.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS – This week we will be celebrating three birthdays. It's Matt Wood and Hayley Lawry birthday on 28th (Monday) and it is also David Goodwin's birthday on 1st March (Tuesday), so don't forget to wish them a big happy birthday. 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 –The next corporate prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2nd March at 10.30am. Please do join us if you feel able.

MESSY CHURCH – Thursday, 3rd March at 3.30pm. This is a fun event for families with children. The theme of this week's adventure is "The sleeping bridesmaids. Children must be accompanied by an adult and food will be provided.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 4th March, 10.30a.m. Bognor Methodist Church. The theme of the day is "I know the plans I have for you". It is for anyone who wants to go and has been planned this year by ladies of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Barbara**.**

CHURCH MEETING SURVEY – The final day for submitting your views will be on Sunday, 27th February. So far we have only received 46 returns which is very disappointing.

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING – Our next meeting will at 9.30am on Thursday 3rd March. Please pray for us as we seek God's guidance on His future plans for the church.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week, Arthur's picks up on last week's storms as he reminds that we all have dark days but this is followed by the sun (Son).

"After the storm"

It's great when after the storm the sunshine comes,
and we can relax in its warm rays.
How we look forward to those sunny days.
Sometimes we struggle through the storms
of life's sorrow and pain.
But how wonderful when the storm is over
and the sun shines again
When we see the sunshine after the long dark night,
Oh what joy to see the morning light.
Yes, we all have dark day to endure.
But on one thing we can be sure
That after the wind and the rain
Jesus will be there
And the sun (Son) will shine again.

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

THANK YOU FROM SAT-7. Sat-7 says thank you to everyone at Aldwick Baptist Church for our prayers and support. They are very grateful for us standing with them and helping their ministry reach even more people at a time of challenge across the world. There is a leaflet at the foyer notice board about their involvements. They certainly are an amazing blessing in the world!!!

… and finally

- **FIRST RESPONDER** – Simon will be back on Monday and will be acting as first responder. Please contact Simon or Derek if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek
- **JANICE SPRULES** – Janice is back at home being looked after by her daughter. Please thank God for this good news but do go on praying for Janice and her family as they struggle with her serious illness.
- **EVE WILLIAMS** – Eve is also back at home from hospital and is in good spirits but still in a lot of pain. Eve broke her leg in three places and finds movement very difficult and painful. Please pray for relief from the pain and for healing.
- **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.
- **HAZEL BELL** – As you probably know Hazel is also back at home but is still struggling to breathe freely. Please pray for healing and for peace of mind for both Hazel and John.
- **ROD AND CAROLE GREENWOOD** – Rod and Carole are now in Romania until 8th March as they recommence their ministry there following the problem with Covid over the last 18 months. Please pray for safety as Romania is very close to Ukraine and a foe good harvest of souls.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – 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 Eede, 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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