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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 6th February 2022

Things are slowly improving …

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

Brain Goldsmith is preaching at Southbourne Free Church today. Please pray for his ministry there and for the Holy Spirit to lift this small church as it struggles to continue.

TODAY'S SERVICE – As it is the first Sunday of the month, we will holding our monthly family service where Simon will be asking (and hopefully answering) the question, "What do I do if I feel worried?"

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. Bless you all. Continuing in prayer for your protection in His service. Angela

PEACE TOGETHER PUZZLERS -If you enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles, why not come along to the Peace Together Puzzlers 10-12 on Saturday 12th February. Enjoy a coffee and do a puzzle. Alternatively come and borrow a puzzle to do at home. We have a good selection of 500 and 1000 piece puzzles to choose from. Looking forward to seeing you there…Claire Millington "

ALPHA 2022 - With our gradual emergence from COVID the time seems right to make available a new ALPHA course. ALPHA provides an opportunity over 11 weeks for individuals to explore what the Christian faith is all about in a friendly, informal and unhurried environment and where any issues or questions they might have can be raised and discussed properly. Our course will commence on Monday 21st February and will run until we hold a Sunday ALPHA Celebration Service on 15th May. Of course, we will be inviting interested people from our community but there may be those from our congregation who might feel that such a course would be helpful to them. If that is you, or perhaps you are in contact with someone from among your friends or family who might be interested, please ask for more details and/or sign-up forms. There are some invitation cards that can also be used if required. Clive.

ALPHA 2022 HELPERS WANTED – in order to run the course we would also like a few volunteers to help facilitate it. In particular, we need:

- a few people who are prepared to provide catering services (we are only serving desserts and drinks - so this is not too onerous.)
- a number of people who will provide prayer support throughout the programme (including a small group of on site prayer partners - running in parallel with the sessions.)

If you want to be involved in any way with this initiative, please talk to Clive Bennett or John Smith.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS – This weekend we have two birthdays to celebrate, so do take not - it is Dorothy Ridley's birthday on Saturday (5th) and young Ernie Payne will be 91 on Sunday (6th. Do wish them both a very 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).

THIS WEEK'S POEM

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

"Jesus is the answer"

Am I praying into thin air?
Is there really someone there?
Am I lost in time and space
In this pointless rat race?
Can it be true, what others say,
that all we know will someday pass away?
When we say children dying in misery,
People drowning in the sea,
Others murdered in the street
some left with no arms or feet
Yes am I praying into thin air?
Is there really someone there?
So many times, I've asked these questions
And I don't know what to say.
Only trust in Jesus
When he said I am the way.

Arthur Magee

QUARTERLY CHURCH MEETING - Just to remind you of our next church meeting which is scheduled for this Sunday 6th February 2022. You will recall that the reason we are meeting on a Sunday this time as a trial, is because the last two church meetings have been poorly attended through a variety of reasons importance that we all meet together, to discern the will of God for our church.

There will be short break after the service for you to get a cup of tea or coffee and then we will come together in the sanctuary for the meeting. The meeting should be over by 1.30pm at the latest.

We will then be 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.

In mid-February, we then ask you to make your preference known in a secret ballot. This can be by email or by written response.

… and finally

- **FIRST RESPONDER** – As Simon is back in action, He will be acting as first responder this week in the event of emergencies and urgent prayer needs.
- **BRIAN GOLDSMITH -** Please pray for Kimberley, 32, one of my grandchildren who has suddenly lost the sight in one eye. Her work in fashion and design demands good eye sight. Her Mum Debbie is not a believer (as yet) so our concern through prayer could be very meaningful.
- **MARJORIE FLYNN** - I would like to thank everyone for their kindness shown to me on the loss of John. Thank you for all the support, prayers, cards and flowers that I have received. I really appreciate it.
- **EVE WILLIAMS** - Eve was due to return to Royal Garden Hotel but due an outbreak of Covid at the small hospital in Horsham, she now has to isolate for 10ndays. This was a major disappointment for Eve. Please pray for the Lord to make Himself known to her in a real way during this enforced isolation and pray too for continued help her through the pain and towards recovery.
- **JANICE SPRULES** – I have spoken to Janice today and she says that the pain relief is helping here to cope with the help of her daughter who is living with her and the carers who come in 4 times. She sends her love to us all, thanks you for your prayers and would love to hear from you. Do thank God that Janice is now back at home but do continue to pray for pain relief, peace of mind and a strong sense of God's presence with her
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – 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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