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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 20th March 2022

Getting closer to the end?

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 – Last week we looked at, 'as in the days of Noah' which was an 'end times' sermon. If you missed it then please listen to the talk online as it contained a very important message for the church. Today, I feel led to do the *second* talk, that God spoke to me about which I mentioned in passing last week. Today's talk then, is called 'high ground and high places.' Last week, I made it clear that in the days ahead the world is going to go through a number of massive issues, before Jesus returns. So, my question today is this: What might the Spirit saying to The Church, right now?

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

OUR APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR UKRAINE – We want to thank you so much for your generosity in giving to this important cause. In total we have raised £1423.88. £698.88 came in donations from the Love Aldwick World Cuisine Evening and £725 came from donations collected in church or sent to me in the post. Consequently, we have donated £725 to the Barnabas Ukraine Appeal and £700 to the DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) Ukraine Appeal.

LOVE ALDWICK WORLD CUISINE EVENING - "There were some wonderful sights, sounds and smells at "Love Aldwick Special" World Cuisine Night held at Aldwick Baptist Church (ABC) last Saturday. The event was fully booked and after a quiz about World landmarks and European country shapes, there was some superb food on offer cooked by a number of church volunteers. On offer was: - Indian curries, Chinese Noodles, Italian pasta, Hungarian goulash, Greek salad, Thai curry, Moroccan Vegetarian Tagine followed by German Black Forest Gateau and some American Cheesecakes. Most of the guests tried a little of everything and found that somehow all of the foods (from whichever country they originated) blended together - there's a lesson in there somewhere about human beings too. The evening finished with some table talk with a few questions like: James Bond's family motto was "The world is not enough" - do you think that is true? ABC run a number of different Community events during the week and their next "Love Aldwick Special" is planned for Saturday 11th June - more details to follow!" Clive.

PREACHING TEAM - I am preaching at Southbourne Free Church today and would appreciate your prayers for this small but faithful group of Christians as they meet to worship the Lord. Please pray too for my own clarity and boldness as I deliver quite a challenging message. Derek

CAN YOU HELP? - "Are any of you are able to tell me if my parents Trevor and Margaret Hunt who are deceased were baptised at your church. They were regular attendees at the church both when they lived in Elmbridge Crescent and when they lived in Elizabeth Avenue." Janis Chapman (their daughter). Derek

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week, Arthur's reminds us to look forward and upwards as Jesus has promised that we really do have a wonderful future.

"That Wonderful Day"

How I long
to see Jesus
face to face
in that heavenly place.
Can you imagine
how wonderful that will be?
Free at last,
for all eternity.
Love will overwhelm us,
all hatred and fear
will pass away.
The choirs of angels singing,
as we fall down
on our knees and pray.
Oh, what joy
there will be
on that wonderful day.

Arthur Magee

THE IMPORTANCE OF SCRIPTURE - By reading the Bible we sit with the resurrected Christ in His school of discipleship. The scriptures enable the Holy Spirit to lead our prayers. Angela

LADIES EASTER CRAFT NIGHT – Thursday 31st March at 7.30pm in the church. Please invite your friends and neighbours. To book a place please ring Nicky on 07943537785

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS – Apparently, we don't have any birthdays in our records for this week but, of course, that doesn't mean there aren't any 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.

DUTY DEACON – Today's duty deacon is Brenda Nanson.

SAMARA'S AID APPEAL – We have donated £300 to this appeal which provides medical aid and humanitarian aid for displaced people, refugees, orphans, widows and victims of war in Syria and the Middle East.

… and finally

- **FIRST RESPONDER** – Simon is now acting as first responder. Please contact Simon or Derek if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek
- **PASTORAL CARE** - Although Simon has overall responsibility for the pastoral care of the church, he cannot do everything by himself. He needs our help! After all, 95% of pastoral care is knowing someone cares about you and will be there for you. It doesn't have to be the pastor and so, from today, our new pastoral care system is now in operation.
  To make this work, we have subdivided the membership and regular worshippers into 20 pastoral groups (PG). You should all receive a copy of the groups within the next few days.
  Each group has its own notional coordinator (PGC).
  It is the pastoral group coordinator's responsible to make sure everyone in their group feels cared for and to report any concerns or prayer needs to their pastoral group deacon.
  It isn't the pastoral group coordinator's role to do all of the work but rather to get their group talking to each other, supporting each other and generally show that we do love each other.

  PERRIE SIMS – On Thursday Perrie was admitted to hospital with heart problems. As yet we don't have any further details. Please pray for a swift an accurate diagnosis, correct treatment and healing.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Ernie Puffett, Vivienne Newman, Eve Williams, Marjorie Flynn, Emily Brown, Hazel Bell, Kay Tucker, Bob Hobart, Molly Hawkins, Christine Grant, Doreen Evans, Ann Tyler, 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 if you have a moment.
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