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

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Aldwick Baptist Church



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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 – In this week's service, I am breaking off from our planned series as I believe that God has been nudging me in a very different direction over the last couple of weeks. God began to truly challenge me about today's subject, so much so that I became spiritually restless about it. And so, the result of that is the 'days of Noah' from Matthew 24v36-44, instead. My peculiar title for today, however, is 'Tick, tock, what's the time on your clock?' And we will soon see why I have named it, that way. Simon.

Clive's band will be leading worship. 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

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR UKRAINE - We are most concerned about the current situation in Ukraine and realise that there is a great need to support those affected by the Russian invasion. To that end we, as a church, will of course be praying for the whole Ukrainian situation but we would also like to make a donation through the Barnabas Ukraine appeal fund and through DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) . As an example – a gift of £15 will pay for a food package that could last a young couple with a child for about a week, or an elderly couple on their own for two weeks. The food package will contain rice, pasta, buckwheat (a very traditional food staple in Ukraine), canned fish, canned beans, condensed milk, cooking oil, tea and more. If you feel able to support this appeal, you can make a donation of cash in the perspex back at the back of the church, or by cheque or by bank transfer. If you need further details, please ask me. Derek. Details of the appeal can be found through the internet by going to https://www.barnabasfund.org/gb/latest-needs/help-ukrainian-christians-in-their-hour-of-need/

THE WELL - A NEW PRAYER INIATIVE – **STARTING THIS WEEK** - 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

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 that whatever you are going through and whatever you need, God is here beside you – always available. You really can count on the promises of the great **I am**.

"I am"

When you feel all is lost,
I am here beside you.
When you lose the way,
I am here to guide you
When you feel vulnerable and afraid,
I am here to defend you.
When you need a friend,
I am here to befriend you.
When you ask me into my life,
I am here to save you.
I am the way the truth and the life
I am your God

Arthur Magee

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS – Next week we have two birthdays, both on Saturday 19th March. So next weekend, don't forget to wish Peter Wilkinson and Simon Downing a big "Happy Birthday" from us all. 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).

CHURCH MEETING SURVEY – THE RESULT– The most popular choice was Sunday morning following the service, closely followed by Thursday evening. As the result was close, we will be holding two church meetings on Sundays and two on Thursdays depending on the time of year. More details to follow. We were disappointed that many of you did not vote. Can you tell us why?

TODAY'S FLOWERS – This weekend Davina and Alan Rumsby have donated the flowers in celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary this weekend. Congratulations on this milestone!

PASTORAL CARE TEAM – There will be a meeting of the new pastoral care team in the church lounge at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 16th March. The new pastoral care system will then begin!

DUTY DEACON – Today's duty deacon is Clive Bennet who of course is also leading worship

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- **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
- **FIRST RESPONDER** – Simon is now acting as first responder. Please contact Simon or Derek if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek
- **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.
- **JANICE SPRULES** - Janice is now with the Lord as she died at 9.45pm on Friday evening. Please thank God for this good news but do go on praying for her family as they struggle with her loss.
- **VIVIENNE NEWMAN** - Vivienne has been in a lot of pain recently with both kidney stones and gall bladder stones. Please pray for pain relief.
- **ERNIE PUFFETT** - Ernie is in hospital after collapsing on Monday. Please pray for an accurate diagnosis, correct treatment and healing.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Eve Williams, Marjorie Flynn, Emily Brown, Hazel Bell, Kay Tucker, 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 if you have a moment.

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