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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



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Very nearly there!

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 family service, we continue with 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 like praising?" This is based on Psalm 150.

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. 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/

PEACE TOGETHER PUZZLERS - If you enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles, why not come along to the Peace Together Puzzlers 10-12 on Saturday 12th March? Enjoy a coffee and do a puzzle. Alternatively come and borrow puzzles 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

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

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 reflects on the evil that is once again threatening world peace and reminds us, that no matter how things look, God is in control.

"Do not be afraid"

When the evil of this world,
on our shoulders takes its toll
Rest in the Lord, He is our strength.
He's in control.
Why should we be afraid,
when our Lord is near?
He will drive away your panic, sweat and fear.
It is with Him that we belong.
In our weakness He will make a strong.
Whatever evil brings we have a friend,
who is the King of kings.
So do not be afraid.
Trust in his love and the promises he made.
He's our Lord our creator.
All the wonders of the world He made.
He understands.
He is in control.
Yes, why should we be afraid?

Arthur Magee

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS – This week we appear to have no birthdays – well at least not on out lists. 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 EXTENDED – The final day for submitting your views will be on Sunday, 6h March as the number of returns are still fairly low. So far we have only received 52 returns which is very disappointing.

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.

… and finally

- **FIRST RESPONDER** – Simon is now 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 in hospital after another fall. She is 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.
- **BRAIN AND JACKIE CHILVERS** – Please do remember to pray for partner mission workers who are currently serving in Chad. In their recent prayer letter they make it clear that they we appreciate every prayer, encouragement, and message they receive. You can access their latest prayer letter by clicking here provide you are reading this online!
- **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, Hazel Bell, Daphne Rumsby, 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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