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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 10th April 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 – Today marks the beginning of Holy week which is traditionally a busy week for churches across the world. We begin with Palm Sunday as we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey with crowds lining the streets and shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven." As Clive is unwell, Simon will be leading worship as well as preaching from Matthew 21:1-11'

Of course, we you to join us for the service in the church but 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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES – We will be holding a Good Friday communion service at 10am on Friday, 15th in the church (NOT on Thursday as one recent email suggested). We will be holding our Sunrise service at 7am on Easter Sunday at Pagham beach (opposite David and Fiona's house) and, of course, our celebration of resurrection day on the same day back at the church at 10.30am. Do try to join us.

URGENT PRAYER NEEDED – I just wanted to ask you to really pray at this moment because the increasing numbers of persons getting COVID is quite significant in the church at this time. Everybody is being careful with it but nevertheless a number are quite unwell with this disease. I strongly felt, for some reason, that I need you to pray deeply about this, that the Lord is calling us as a people to intercession for a time. Simon

THE PRAYER ROOM - Dear Friends, please go in the prayer room and pray the many prayer requests from your brothers and sisters. Please add any of your own requests and thanks to prayer. Prayer is an opportunity to journey hand in hand with the one who went to the cross and prays day in day out on the right hand of the Father for us. Angela

JUNE CRAFT NIGHT - The craft night in June is entitled Fun with Flowers. With that in mind could you please collect any tops from coffee jars about 3" in diameter, this will hold the oasis. Angela.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS – We have just one birthday this week. Avinash Masih today (10th). Do wish him 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.

FIRST RESPONDER – Simon is now acting as first responder. Please contact Simon or Derek if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week, Arthur's reminds us, no matter how we feel, because of Jesus there is always a light of hope shining through the darkness.

"Light of hope"

When we are in that depressive pit
of panic, sweat and fear
Oh, still small voice
What comfort to know
that you are near.

When we see no hope insight;
war and conflict everywhere
Oh, still small voice
what joy to know
that you are there

In our strength we often fail.
Of what can we be sure?
Through all the evil of this world
You are the same for evermore

Yes, through that dark tunnel
we see a ray of light of hope.
There is a way.
We have a choice.
Oh thank you Lord,
Oh, still small voice.

Arthur Magee

GIFT AID – Although generally there is no such thing as a free gift, the government's gift aid scheme gets pretty close. If you are a taxpayer, it means we can claim an extra 25p for every pound you give through your tithes and offerings. The scheme cost you nothing. You do have to make a Gift Aid declaration for the us to be able to claim. You do this by filling in a form which you can get from Peter Kaufman. In the last financial year, we were able to claim around £9000 – which is a significant amount!

END OF OUR FINANCIAL YEAR - Our financial year ended on 31st March 2022. I am now preparing our year end accounts. To do this I will need the accounts of our agency groups such as Toddler Time, Coffee Time, Community café, Lunch club, Messy Church and Craft club. Could the respective treasurers hand me their accounts over the next week please? Derek.

… and finally

- **ACCIDENTS HAPPEN** – Unfortunately Molly Hawkins had a fall on Wednesday and is now in St. Richards. Please pray for a rapid diagnosis and healing. Joan Brett is also in hospital with a broken leg and whilst there contacted covid. She has been there for 4 weeks unable to receive visitors. If you know Joan, he daughter Gillian, says she would love to hear from you by text message. Joan's number is 07854 134342.
- **MAVIS EEDE** – Mavis is unwell and in need of our prayer support. Please pray that she recovers soon and that feels able to join us again in church.
- **COVID STRIKES** – Just to say that we have had lots of new cases over the last few days including Brenda, Polly, Clive, David Hanchard and myself. I am sure there are several others, so please do pray for protection for those who haven't succumbed and swift healing for those who have. With three of the leadership team out of action, pray too for Simon as he is having to carry an even heavier load on his shoulders than normal. Please pray to for Nicky and the girls that they stay safe and are able to continue to support Simon's ministry here with us.
- **TREVOR GAUDOIN** – Trevor is still in hospital with low haemoglobin levels, excess fluid in his legs, lungs and heart. Please pray for a correct diagnosis, swift treatment, healing and peace of mind for the family. Pray too for Doreen who is currently not allowed to visit Trevor.
- **GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS** – The Good Friday walk of witness begins at 10am from Our Lady of Sorrows in Clarence Street and ends at Bognor Regis Methodist Church.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Doreen Evans, Sue Applin, Eileen McGee, Hilary Naismith, Ernie Puffett, Vivienne Newman, Eve Williams, Marjorie Flynn, Emily Brown, Hazel Bell, Kay Tucker, Bob Hobart, Molly Hawkins, Christine Grant, Doreen Evans, Ann Tyler, Michelle and Jon Crane, Joan Brett, Val Collett.

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