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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 3rd 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 is our monthly family service lead by Simon and his worship band. In his talk Simon returns to our series on "What do I do when I feel…?" as we look at "What do I do I feel jealous?". Whether we are prepared to admit it or not, at times we all do feel pangs of jealousy and this is a particular problem today for young people and for anyone on a fixed income who is struggling with the cost of living.

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

COMPASSION UK – Iain Mortimer will be giving a short talk in today's service on Compassion UK. Founded in 1952, Compassion UK is a leading Christian children's charity. Today, Compassion partners with more than 8,000 churches in 25 countries to deliver our proven child development programme to more than 2 million infants, children and youth.

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. 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.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS - Just to confirm that when I did a final check on you giving to the Ukraine appeal, the total we raised was £2067.70. Of this, £700 went to DEC (from the World Cuisine night) and the £1367 went to the Barnabas Fund Ukraine appeal. We have also donated £1000 to the Friends of Bognor Hospital on behalf of Coffee Time and a donation of £300 to the BMS Birthday scheme from your birthday gifts.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS – We have three birthdays this wee. First Ernie Puffett (3rd), Samuel Masih (8th) and Avinash Masih (10th). Do wish them all a 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.

THANK YOU - I would like to thank ABC for the lovely flowers and card I received for Mother's day**.** Marie Gilbert.

PREACHING TEAM – Brian is 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.

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 u, no matter how we feel, God is never far away.

"He is never far from you"

When you're feeling vulnerable,
Insecure and lost.
Retrace your steps,
Then go back to the cross
Yes, the path is narrow.
So easy to slip and fall.
But remember how He suffered,
Who died to save us all.
Sometimes we feel so far away.
But one thing I know is true,
You might feel far from him.
But he is never far from you.
So, when you lose direction,
Feeling so fearful and lost.
Turn around, retrace your steps
And go back to the cross.

Arthur Magee

PEACE TOGETHER PUZZLERS - If you enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles, why not come along to the Peace Together Puzzlers 10-12 on Saturday 9th April. 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.

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 tax-payer, 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

- **EMILY BROWN** – Unfortunately had a fall whilst walking in the country on Thursday and has severely broken her ankle. She had to be taken to St. Richards in a special ambulance. Please prayer for relief from pain, healing and peace of mind for Emily and her family.
- **TREVOR GAUDOIN** – Trevor is also in hospital with excess fluid in his legs, lungs and heart. Please pray for a correct diagnosis, swift treatment, healing and peace of mind for the family.
- **EILEEN MCGEE** – Eileen is also in hospital with a serious bladder infection. Please pray for a swift diagnosis and healing. Please also pray for Arthur who is naturally worried about his wife.
- **JANICE SPRULES** – Janice's funeral service will be held on Thursday 7th April at 1.15pm at Chichester crematorium. There will not be a service at church due to various practicalities and friends of Janice are invited to join the family at the crematorium.
- **IAN SURRELL –** Ian is back at home but in a lot of pain and will be having further tests and an operation soon. Please pray for pain relief, swift treatment and healing.
- **DOREEN EVANS** – Doreen had a nasty fall in the week and was badly shaken. Please pray for healing and peace of mind.
- **POLLY BENNETT** - I would like to thank everyone for all the cards and gifts given to me while I was ill but especially for all the prayers. I am now in remission and am simply being occasionally monitored. Many thanks again. The Lord is gracious! Polly "
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – 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, Mavis Eede, Michelle and Jon Crane, Joan Brett, Val Collett.
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