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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 since the Government ended all its mandatory Covid restrictions, there has been a sharp rise in cases both locally and nationally. Fortunately, the current strain doesn't seem as debilitating as some of the earlier variants. The government's advice has been "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 wearing them is now optional and a matter of personal choice. However, as the number of cases is rising quickly, we think it is wise to be cautious. So please think carefully about your own situation and that of your friends and their safety. We will continue to reserve two rows for people who wish to wear masks and maintain a safe distance between themselves and others. Derek

TODAY'S SERVICES – Today is Resurrection Day. Without doubt the greatest day in History – at least so far. Today we will be celebrating the beginnings of a new era and a new creation as everything changed after that first Easter day.

Today we be celebrating that Jesus Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Our celebration begins with our traditional sunrise service held on Pagham Beach starting at 7am. This is followed by light refreshments in David and Fiona's house. So, if you want to join us, do set your alarm clocks.

For those who can't make and those who do, Simon will be leading our normal time Sunday worship as well as preaching from Luke 24:1-7 and 1 Corinthians 15:1-27a. Of course, we want 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 from 10.30am by going to:

http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons

A MESSAGE FROM THE BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME – Three-year-old Fatimé is coming round from surgery. Her hand had been severely burnt after she picked up a hot coal. As she grew, her wounded hand was left untreated and she couldn't even bend her fingers. Couldn't play or draw like any other child. Until now. Thanks to the BMS Birthday Scheme members at Adwick Baptist Church, Fatimé was able to find hope at BMS World Mission-supported Guinebor II hospital in Chad. Her surgery was successful, she will be able to use her hand again, and with that, has hope of a thriving future. And it's all because of you.

Thank you so much for your recent gift of £300.00 (by bank transfer on the 30 March 2022) to the BMS Birthday Scheme. Because you gave, children like Fatimé are receiving life-transforming surgery in Chad, health workers in Nepal are being equipped with PPE to fight Covid-19, and people with mental health struggles in Afghanistan are getting access to the support they need to recover.

By choosing to support the BMS Birthday Scheme, your members are playing a vital part in God's work across the world. We are so thankful that the Birthday Scheme members at Adwick Baptist Church, have chosen to make a difference.

Thank you all for standing hand-in-hand with our brothers and sisters around the world — and please accept my heartfelt gratitude to you for your generosity.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS – Today is also Davina Rumsby's birthday and on Wednesday it is Eve Williams' birthday. 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.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week, Arthur's reaffirms that he grows older, he realises more each day, just how much God means to him. Can you say the same? Or are you easily side-tracked by worldly things? Food for thought.

"You are my all"

Lord how I realise more and more
how much you are to me
You are my all.
You are my hope.
You are my destiny.
The things that the world only temporary
But you Lord are forever and ever,
for all eternity.
Some live for possessions and gain,
But in the end,
it's all the same.
Lord, you give me purpose every day.
You are my life,
the truth and the way.

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.

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.

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- **FIRST RESPONDER** – As Simon is having a break this week, I will be acting as first responder. Please contact me if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek
- **EVE WILLIAMS –** Eve is currently in a Bromley and is waiting to finalise her new residence near to her daughter. She is in good spirits but currently has a chest infection. She can be contacted through her daughter Caroline at 132 Ridley Road, Bromley. BR2 0EW. Her mobile number is 07745607678.
- **EMILY BROWN** – Emily has been moved to Marriot House in Chichester where she will be staying for a few weeks. Emily is not allowed to put any weight on her foot for six weeks, so cannot move about on her own., She is finding this particularly difficult. If you want to ring Emily her number is 07496316127.
- **JOAN BRETT -** 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 currently in St. Richards Hospital. She really needs of our prayer support. Please pray that she recovers soon and is able to come home and that feels able to join us again in church.
- **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.
- **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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