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

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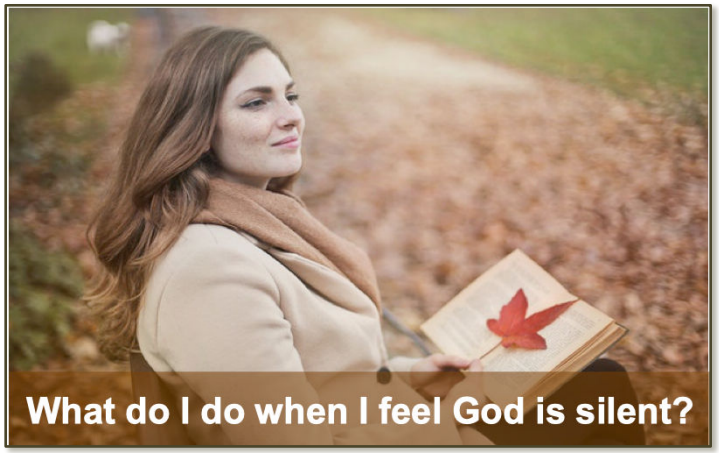

Sunday 1st May 2022

What do I do when I feel God is silent?

Isaiah 42:3; Revelation 5:8, 8:4; Psalm 56:8

In line with the Government's 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 SERVICE – In our family service today, we return to our series entitled, "What do I do when I feel …" as Simon asks the question, "What do I do when I feel God is silent?" This is particularly difficult when we are earnestly seeking God's mind through prayer and Bible reading and we seem to get no response. Let's face it, we have all been there at some time which makes today's topic very relevant.

We do hope you can 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

MAKE USE OF THE PRAYER ROOM – Dear Friends, there are so many requests from your brothers and sisters for prayer up in the prayer room. Please go in and pray these much-needed requests. Thankyou Angela

A RESPONSE FROM BARNABAS FUND - Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus. Thank you very much for your gift totalling £1367.60 and from Aldwick Baptist Church that we received by bank transfer. We greatly appreciate this most generous gift to provide food and basic needs for Christians in the Ukraine. Your gifts will provide food such as rice, pasta buckwheat (a very traditional food staple in Ukraine), canned fish, canned beans, condensed milk, cooking oil, tea and more as well as the cost of heating.

We are so glad to share our concern for our brothers and sisters in their time of crisis and need. Gifts made through the Barnabas Fund make a real difference to people who often have no one else to help them. As we pray for the situation in Ukraine and the whole region, please remember in particular our Christian brothers and sisters who are caught up in the conflict and pray that the joy of the Lord will be their strength at this time. Pray also for all the churches in the surrounding countries who are actively involved in helping the refugees. Ask the God of peace to bring an end to the violence. Thank you for the support for the Barnabas Fund. Yours sincerely in his service Rosemary Sookhdeo. Director

MESSY CHURCH - Just a quick reminder that on Thursday 5th May we will be holding our May Messy Church and we would love to see parents and their school age children joining us from 3.30pm.

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!

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week, Arthur's poem reminds us that although we are "only human", we have an eternal shepherd who is never far away. We need to look to Him when we face despair.

"We are only human

Jesus did not say it would be easy,
But you know he's by your side.
He didn't say you would always find the way,
But you know that he will always be your guide.
There will be times when you face despair.
But you know in the end,
He will always be there.
Man has free will to choose
the path he takes.
And many times, we will make mistakes.
We are only human, our flesh is weak
He is our shepherd, and we are a sheep.
Yes, he did not say will be easy.
So many times, we will slip and fall.
But oh, what love
that he died to save us all.

Arthur Magee

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS – There are no names on my birthday list for this week, so if it is your birthday, why haven't you told us? If you do 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.

ADVANCE NOTICE - SUNDAY 29th MAY – There will be a special service to mark the end of our current Alpha series. The church sanctuary will be rearranged "café style" for that day only. If you are not too sure what that means, then you should make sure you are there!

ADVANCE NOTICE 2 – SATURDAY 11th JUNE – LOVE ALDWICK VINTAGE POP-UP CAFÉ. As our contribution to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**,** we will be holding a vintage style pop-up café in the church carpark and in the church buildings. You are all invited and encouraged to invite your friends and neighbours. Among other things there will be bagatelle, tabletop skittles, large wood skittles, shove ha'penny, ice cream and cream teas. You will need to book. More details later.

… and finally

- **FIRST RESPONDER** – Simon will be acting as first responder. Please contact Simon or your pastoral lead if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek
- **HAZEL LODGE** – Please pray for Hazel who had to go to St. Richard's with abdominal pains this week but who is now back at home, recovering slowly.
- **MAVIS EEDE** – Good news, Mavis is back at home. However, Mavis is being closely monitored with blood samples being taken every day. She will then be given an appointment at St. Richards for further tests and a possible treatment plan. She still needs of our prayer support. Please pray for a swift an accurate diagnosis and then the correct treatment. Please also pray for peace of mind and healing.
- **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 now back at Hollymead House in Felpham gradually recovering after breaking her leg and contracting Covid. If you know Joan, he daughter Gillian, says she would love to hear from you by text message. Joan's number is 07854 134342.
- **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. Trevor is now allowed to receive visitors.
- **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, and Val Collett.

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