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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 15th May 2022

Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:1-12

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 still quite high, 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 worship service today, Simon begins a new mini series on Spiritual Gifts. I wonder what you think of when you hear someone mention Spiritual Gifts? Do you think they are reserved for "chosen ones" or do you think that we have all been given Spiritual gifts by our lovely heavenly Father. As you probably know, there is confusion about this and even suspicion of people who display such gifts. I am sure we will all benefit from hearing Simon's teaching on this. So don't miss out!

As you probably know we had a technical hitch last week and failed to stream the service (or record it), so I am sorry about that.

Of course, 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

TREVOR GAUDOIN – Trevor's funeral is on Friday at 11am. This is for family only. This will be followed by a thanksgiving service for Trevor's life at the church beginning at 12noon. You are all invited to this service which will be followed by a cold buffet. Please pray for Doreen and the family at this difficult time.

WHO ARE THE DEACONS? - A group of men and women appointed by the church meeting to serve* with the Minister as a leadership team. Whilst the team cannot represent exactly, it is hoped that it will reflect the mix of gender, age and background within our fellowship. Our constitution says we should have up to 8 deacons – but currently we only have 5. Who would like to remedy this at our AGM in July. Do you know someone who could be a deacon? (*Deacon means servant - see Acts 6:1-4, 1 Timothy 3:8-13.)

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!

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!

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur remains us that life on earth is not our real home as our final destination is to be with the Lord in heaven. That's our real home.

Home

It seems so long ago,
I started on life's road.
Sometimes I travelled light,
Sometimes with a heavy load.
When I think of all the loved ones
who meant the world to me,
it seems they were always smiling
in my memory.
Sometimes the road took me to the valley of despair.
But at other times
there was love and joy well beyond compare.
But no matter where I roam,
I know one day this road will lead me home.
This world is not my real home.
I'm only passing through.
My real home is with the Lord,
who died for me and you.
In that place away from space and time,
where love will rule forever
and God's light will always shine.

Arthur Magee

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS – This week there is only one birthdays to celebrate. On Monday it's Emily Brown's birthday and as she is still at Marriot House in Chichester, it would be good to give her a ring or send a card. 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 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

- **DRIVE CAREFULLY IN GOSSAMER LANE** – and of course everywhere else! As there are road works in Gossamer Lane for gas main updates, there are temporary traffic lights in operation. This will be going on for several weeks, so do take care. There has already been at least one significance accident.
- **ADVANCED WARNING – ROAD CLOSURES** – Next Sunday the Bognor 10K returns to our seafront. This means there will be several road closures on Sunday morning. Do plan your journey carefully and allow extra time to get to church.
- **FIRST RESPONDER** – Simon will be acting as first responder. Please contact Simon or your pastoral lead if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek
- **MAVIS EEDE** – As you know Mavis is back at home, but she is feeling very low at the moment. She has various appointments planned but does want to thank you all for your prayers and messages. Mavis is missing the church greatly and can't wait to be back with us. She still needs of our prayer support so please 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 another two weeks, so cannot move about on her own. She is hoping to then come home on Friday 20th May, but will have to have home help. Emily would like to thank you for your prayers and messages. If you want to ring Emily her number is 07496316127.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Joan Brett, Doreen Evans, Sue Applin, Eileen McGee, Hilary Naismith, Ernie Puffett, Vivienne Newman, Eve Williams, Marjorie Flynn, 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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