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

ABC NEWS



Sunday 24th July 2022

Our Sunday worship service

"Living Hope"

1 Peter 1:3 -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 – This weekend, Simon will be continuing with our new series on Hope Simon with his talk entitled, "Living Hope" based on 1 Peter 1: 3 – 12. In a rapidly changing world, we need to always remember that we have a rock solid foundation and an unshakable hope in Jesus, that will never fail us. In this series we will emphasise that a simple and profound trust in God can be a steady anchor for our souls.

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 this service from 10.30am by going to: http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons

THANK YOU – Wow, what a lot of good wishes, prayers and love from you for my return to good health. I am getting better day by day but still a bit shaky on my feet. ABC is certainly a caring church. Thank you and lots of love to you all. Pam McLaren.

CHURCH AGM & MEMBERS MEETING – Please make a note of this in your diary, Thursday 28th July 2022 at 7.00pm. Note especially it is a 7pm start. At this meeting we will be voting to re-appoint Clive as a deacon and to appoint new deacons. We have two confirmed nominations, Joy Smith and Hazel Lodge. In addition, we will be bringing you 4 recommendations for membership namely, Brad & Glad Bradshaw, Jan Johnson and Karen Bourdillon. Please make every effort to attend as it is important that we have enough members present to form a quorum.

BEWARE OF UNEXPECTED TEXTS OR WHATSAPP MESSAGES – There a lot of convincing scams going around at the moment so beware. Do not respond if someone tells you they were unable to deliver a parcel. It's not true. If someone tells you they have lost the phone and asks you to contact a new number. Don't – it's a scam. If you get a text from the NHS saying you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid, do not respond. They don't do that anymore – it's a scam. If you are like me, you will not be able to understand why people do such horrible things. Please pray for God's protection and for Him to work in the lives of the perpetrators to turn them away from their evil ways.

NEWS FROM THE BIBLE SOCIETY - Demand for the Bible soared among UK prisoners during lockdown and it's showing no sign of slowing down. Prisoners are having incredible, personal encounters with Jesus. They hope to be able to provide an extra 2,000 this year instead of just 5,000 and they hope to run 'The Bible Course' in 50 prisons! A worthy cause indeed! Barbara

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur reminds us that even when the going gets tough, we need to remain focused on Jesus and never expect or accept defeat.

No Defeat

When it's hard to go on,
with heavy burdens on your back;
Holdfast - no turning back.
The devil wants you to fail,
keeping you under constant attack.
But look to Jesus - no turning back
Yes the track is steep.
So easy to slip and fall,
but remember how Jesus suffered
who died to save us all,
So, give it all your strength
as you follow that steep track.
Keep looking forward - no turning back.
So when it last year reached the peak,
tired and worn, blisters on your feet,
you can say with pride - no defeat.

Arthur Magee

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS – This week we appear to have three birthdays. We have Nicky Downing and Anaiah Masih (Wednesday, 27th) and Alexander Wood (Thursday 28th). So do remember to wish them all a **BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY**. If you want to be included in 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.

BRIAND AND JACKIE CHILVERS – To get the latest news from our Baptist Union missionaries go to www.bmsworldmission.org/bjchilvers. As a church we support BMS with a monthly gift of £200 which is used to support Baptist missionaries across the globe. Following Brian and Jackie visit here, we donated a one-off gift £200 to support their work on your behalf. We also support Home Mission, The Bible Society, MAF, SAT7 and Barnabas Fund. In general we work on our mission giving being around 10% of our income. There will be further details given at the AGM. Derek

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS – I have already circulated our annual accounts prior to the AGM, they are also available online through the Charity Commission's website by clicking here. If you have any questions, please ask me. Derek

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- **FIRST RESPONDER** – Simon will be acting as first responder this week. Please contact him or your pastoral lead if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek
- **KATRINA GOULD** – Katrina is currently in need of our prayers as she She has had a seizure and has taken to bed in the heat. Her doctor has changed her medication and Rosanne is trying to support her as best as she can. Rosanne has asked for prayer particularly for Katrina's medication change that it will stabilise her. Please do pray for Katrina and Rosanne.
- **MARIE STONEHAM** – Marie had to go to Bognor Hospital on Thursday as she damaged her foot in an accident. She had a large flap of skin pull away from her foot which was then accompanied by a lot of bleeding. She has had her foot dressed and will be going back to the hospital on Monday for further dressing. As always, Marie remains very cheerful but please do pray that the skin reattaches itself and that the wound then heals.
- **DOREEN GAUDOIN** – "Doreen continues to stay in hospital whilst being treated for her symptoms, in readiness for chemotherapy. Please pray specifically that her condition continues to improve so that chemotherapy is possible. Please also continue to remember Andre in your prayers. Thank you to everyone for their prayers, kind thoughts and messages. We very much appreciate your support." Heather
- **KAY TUCKER** – Kay had a recent fall and continues to struggle with her balance. She would like to thank you for your prayers and good wishes.
- **IAN SURRELL** – Ian is now back at home but still in need of your prayers as his illness is not straight forward. Please pray for the correct diagnosis, correct treatment and healing.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** –Mavis Eede, Joan Brett, Doreen Evans, Eileen McGee, Hilary Naismith, Ernie Puffett, Vivienne Newman, Marjorie Flynn, Bob Hobart, Molly Hawkins, Christine Grant, Ann Tyler, Michelle and Jon Crane, and Val Collett.

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