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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 21st August 2022

Our Sunday worship service

Series: Hope

"The God of Hope "

Romans 15:1-13

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, we welcome Reverend David Howling as he concludes our "Hope" series as he reminds us that we follow "The God of Hope" based on Romans 15:1-13. This will also be a communion service where we will also be welcoming our 4 new members into the ABC family.

Next week, Simon returns and will begin a new series entitled, "Jesus at the heart of what we do I".

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

THE FLOWER ROTA – Would you like to donate flowers for the church on a particular Sunday? We do have some immediate vacancies! Are any of these dates special for you – 28th August, 4th & 25th September, 2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th October? If there are then why not celebrate with flowers in the church. If you want to become a "flower donor'" then do contact Brenda and she will tell you more!

DOREEN GAUDOIN - The Gaudoin family would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, cards and messages of support over recent days. It has been a real blessing to know that so many people have been upholding us during this very difficult period. We are particularly grateful that Andre was able to visit mum the day before she died. It was a very moving time and the joy on his face when he saw mum was so good to see. Please continue to remember Andre especially over the coming days. Heather

Doreen's funeral will be on 1st September with family members only at the graveside service which is at 11am. This will be followed with a memorial service back here at the church. I will share further details about this service when I have them. Derek.

HILARY NAESMITH – Hilary's service of thanksgiving will take place here on Monday 5th September at ABC beginning at 1.30pm. It will be a service of cremation at 2.45pm. Again, more details when I have them.

HOUSE GROUPS (OR ARE THEY HOME GROUPS?) - If you do not belong to a house group then why not think about joining one? It is a great way of sharing your faith, your own problems and you own celebrations. It's also great place to look deeper in God's word and how it applies to us as individuals and as a group of believers. There are now 6 house groups led respectively by Brenda, John & Joy, Fiona & David, Mick Parker, Clive and myself.

Do let me know if you want to join a group or even start a new one. Derek.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur reminds us that we have a glorious and uplifting future to look forward to as "Love never dies".

Love never dies

Are you feeling sad today
thinking of all the years?
So many happy memories,
but sometimes tears.
All those times you shared,
and Lord, how you cared.
But how wonderful that because of Jesus
love never dies.
So, wipe those tears from your eyes.
Jesus stands at the door waiting for you and me.
Can you imagine the joy that will be
to be with those we love for eternity
Yes, you may be feeling sad today,
so wipe away these tears from your eyes
as love never dies

Arthur Magee

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – If you want to know more about Church membership, then do talk to me or ask for a copy of our helpful guide. Derek

BAPTISM – if you haven't been baptised as a believing adult, then maybe you should think about it. After all it is what Jesus commanded. For more details speak to Simon (on his return) or me.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS – This week we appear to only have one birthday to celebrate. Barbara Farrington will be celebrating her birthday today (Friday, 26th August). So do remember to wish her 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.

DOWNINGS ON HOLIDAY – The Downing family are on holiday until August to 25th August. Please do not try to contact Simon until he returns.

SURFERS BEWARE – Lucienne, our resident surf expect, advises you to check out this link if you think you might be going on the beach over the next few days. The good news is Bognor is clear but no so Littlehampton.
https://www.sas.org.uk/map/

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- **SPARKS FLYING** - Just to let you know that Aspect Electrical are going to be in church again on Friday 26th August at 8.00am for approximately 4 hours. They are replacing main incomer isolation switch, so there will be no electricity during this time.
- **FIRST RESPONDER** - Derek will be acting as first responder whilst the Downing family are on holiday. Please do not try to contact Simon until he returns on 25th August. Do contact me or your pastoral lead if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek
- **PAM RYAN** – Pam is currently without a regular carer, so if you are around do call in and say hello.
- **DOREEN GAUDOIN** - Please do continue to pray for Doreen's family at this very difficult time especially coming so soon after Trevor's death. Pray especially for Andre who will find this all very confusing.
- **HILARY NAESMITH** - Please do pray for Hilary's family as the come to term with their loss. Please pray particularly for Hilary's daughter, Melanie, as she plans her mother's funeral and sorts out her estate.
- **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** – Sandra Field, Pam Brown, Mavis Eede, Joan Brett, Doreen Evans, Eileen McGee, 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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