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ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 16th October 2022

Series: Tough Subjects

"Making sense of the Old Testament God"

Deuteronomy 20v16-18

Simon Downing

TODAY'S SERVICE – This weekend, we will be continuing with our new series on 'Tough subjects'. This series will be looking at some of the 'tough subjects' or 'tough questions' that Christians have to believe in, deal with, or manage, somehow, within their faith. Now I am sure all of us, at one time or another, have been shocked by some of the violence metered out by the Jewish people as they sought to take ownership of the promised land. It is with this in mind, that Simon will be talking on 'Tough subjects 2: Making sense of the Old Testament God. The main text will be Deuteronomy 20v16-18.

We will then on continue on October 23rd with 'Tough subjects III: what happens when we die?' – the main text will be 1 Corinthians 15v54-55.

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

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS – We have two birthdays to celebrate this week. So here we go! On Monday (17th) it's Rosanne Gould's birthday and on Thursday (20h) it's Helen Lawrey's birthday. So do remember to wish them both a **BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY or, perhaps even send a card.**
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.

HOMEGROUPS – There are currently six homegroups, five of which run in the afternoon and one in the evening. Details of these homegroups are on the noticeboard. We would like to start at least one other evening homegroup as we already of several people who would like to attend. We would need a co-leader, so if you feel God is calling you, do let me know. If you want to join a homegroup, afternoon or evening, just let me know and we try to accommodate you. Derek

BAPTISMAL SERVICE – Good news, we are planning to hold a baptismal service early in the new year. Jesus commanded His disciples "to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." If you haven't been baptised as an adult, then do ask yourself, "Why not?" If you want to know more then please speak to Simon soon.

TABLE TENNIS - Under the banner of LOVE ALDWICK we are planning a table tennis group to start weekly from Tuesday 25th October at 2pm-4pm all ages and abilities welcome.
However we need to know who would be very interested in coming, a£2.00 subscription is chargeable to cover equipment and light refreshments.
Please contact A.S.A.P. either,Clive Bennet secretary@aldwickbaptist.co.uk. Tel 01243930765 or John Bell. Jozel.bell@btinternet.com. Tel 01243967385

THIS WEEK'S POEM

Following Simon's talk last week, on suffering and the love of God, I came across this poem written by an unknown author entitled "When God wants to drill a man". I think you may find it helpful as it confirms that God knows what He is doing!

When God Wants To Drill A Man

When God wants to drill a man,
And thrill a man,
And skill a man.
When God wants to mould a man
To play the noblest part;

When He yearns with all His heart
To create so great and bold a man
That all the world shall be amazed,
Watch His methods, watch His ways!

How He ruthlessly perfects
Whom He royally elects!
How He hammers him and hurts him,
And with mighty blows converts him

Into trial shapes of clay which
Only God understands;
While his tortured heart is crying
And he lifts beseeching hands!

How He bends but never breaks
When his good He undertakes;
How He uses whom He chooses,
And which every purpose fuses him;
By every act induces him
To try His splendour out -
God knows what He's about.

Anonymous

CHURCH MEETING – Our next Church Family meeting will be held on Sunday, October 23rd following the morning service. Please do try to attend as there are important decisions that need to be made.

THE WELL PRAYER MEETING - Just a quick reminder that the Well prayer meeting is on this Wednesday 19th October at 10.30 till 11.30 am. Just in case you are not sure, the Well is a new prayer initiative that takes place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10.30am.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR SANDRA FIELD – You may recall that a few weeks ago we asked you to pray for Sandra Filed as the pain in her back was very debilitating. At the time she was waiting to have an ultrasound guided injection in the hope that it would relieve the pain. Sandra would very much appreciate our prayers as the ultrasound guided injection did not work. She is now waiting for an appointment with a specialist spinal surgeon to see if anything can be done. At this point in time it is very painful as no pain tablets are working.

MORE PRAYER POINTERS - Simon reports that Jan Harris is still feeling quite vulnerable and needs our prayers. The same is true of Joyce Kaufman who still feels very tender but is slowly improving. Simon also asks us not to forget Pam Brown who seems very confused at present as well as struggling with her memory. Please pray for peace in her mind. Please also pray for Janet Cartwright, as she continues with her recovery. Pray too for others in the congregation who need prayer and for Diane, Simon's mum.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR - Dorothy's brother, Bob who is still in great pain and Sheila Sargent's granddaughter Lara, who is currently undergoing chemotherapy, and who desperately wants to have a baby as soon as possible. Pray that God performs the healing that is needed to enable this to happen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR IAN SORELL – Ian is back at home but still needs our prayers. Simon visited him this week and found to be in good spirits. I am sure, it would be a great comfort to Ian if we all made a big effort to sort out our change and put it in the 'Well of Hope" collection point. The Well of Hope always supports people in need and makes generous gifts at Christmas.

PRAY FOR PAM RYAN – Pam is now back at home but will be finding life quite difficult. If you are able to give her a call or drop in when you are passing, I am sure she would be happy to hear from you.

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