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ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 4th December 2022

Our Sunday Nativity service

O Come let us adore Him

TODAY'S SERVICE - This Sunday we will be lighting our second advent calendar which means Christmas is 21 days away. Today's service will be our Nativity service as we revisit that first Christmas in Bethlehem. We hope you will all in be in good voice as this service will contain 7 well known carols.

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

TODAY MARKS TO THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT – Advent is a time of reflective preparation for the birth of Jesus at Christmas and the expected return of Christ in the Second Coming. Don't keep this message to yourself but tell everyone Jesus is coming back!

LADIES CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENING – A chance to make some Christmas gifts and decorations as well as a night out with your friends at the church. Thursday, 8th December at 7.15pm. It costs £3 and you will need to book through Nicky as this event is always very popular. Contact Nicky on 07943537785.

IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS DATES AT ABC – make a note in your diary now!

- Sunday. December 18th at 6pm - Our traditional candlelight carol service followed by hot drinks and mince pies.
- Wednesday, December 21st at 3.30pm – Our midweek carol service followed by tea, coffee and cake.
- Sunday, December 25th at 10.30am – Our Christmas day celebration

Please invite your friends and neighbours to join us

DON'T SPEND CHRISTMAS ALONE – Sue and Kerry will be organising another free Christmas meal this year at the Newell Centre Chichester starting at 12noon on Christmas Day. Transfer can be arranged and we can also deliver Christmas lunch for those who would prefer this. If you are interested then do contact Sue or Kerry.

DONATING FLOWERS - If anyone would like to mark a special date during next year by donating money for the flowers in Church, please contact Brenda. Not only do the weekly flowers look good, they provide a valuable service, being distributed each week to anyone who is housebound, recovering from an illness or in need of cheering up! They always bring much pleasure to the recipients. So please, sign up for the year ahead.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAY'S – Last week I missed out four birthdays from 30th November - so a belated "Happy Birthday" to Bernard Veasey, Shibali Masih, Claire Millington and myself! This week Trish Richardson will be celebrating her birthday tomorrow (5th) and Keith Scott his on Thursday (8th).

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur has a light-hearted look at life as he goes older whilst always remembering to "Count his blessing".

Count your blessings

Now that I'm a pensioner the postman comes frequently every day.
Funeral plans are popular, as they give you years to pay.
Letters about hearing aids and prostate information
and they say I'll be a new man with herbal medication.
I had a phone call about a stairlift, but I really didn't want to know.
Well, it's so stupid when you live in a bungalow!
A salesman at the door said that his vibrating chair will relieve me of tension,
but I believe it will relieve me of my pension.
My wife sent for those frozen meals at her friend's suggestion
Now I am in the doctors with chronic indigestion.
When I think of all the romantic words we used to share,
now she says, "I sat in your teeth, you left them on the chair."
They told to buy an electric scooter, now I'm not so sprightly
and you get a discount when you over ninety.
Oh well, I must count my blessings, I must not complain
But, O Lord, I wish I was twenty-one again

Arthur Magee

SUPPORTING EMILY - I'm going to be designing and selling calendars for 2023. The money raised from these is going towards my fundraising for volunteering in a Kenyan school in July 2023. The children there, live in chronic social deprivation and some live on a rubbish dump. My hope is that I'll be able to impact their lives in a positive way, and I'm sure they will impact my life as well!

The calendar pictures will be based on this local area, from photos from my photography A' level. This will enable us to celebrate the wonderful area in which we live, and at the same time give to a good cause. I would be very grateful if you could let me know if you're interested in a calendar, so I have some idea of how many to order. Please text me 07960 414 679 or email me on emilydowning4@icloud.com. You have been so generous to me in the past and I hope you'll be able to support me in this. I am so very grateful to all of you!

Love, Emily.

PEACE TOGETHER PUZZLERS - The Puzzlers will be meeting again on Saturday 10th December 10-12. Come along and do a puzzle or borrow one to do at home. Alternatively come and play games. It would be so good to see you there. Claire Millington

… and finally

FIRST RESPONDER - As Simon is currently having to curtail his movement and, as he is still waiting for his scan, I will be acting as first responder for the time being. Please contact me if you have any prayer requests or need of care. Derek

THE DOWNING FAMILY – Please pray for healing for Simon and for Simon's mum, Diane who remains very poorly. Pray too for Nicky, Emily and Anaya who are all concerned about Diane and about Simon's reluctance to rest!

EMILY BROWN - Emily Brown has been back and forth between the Nuffield Hospital and Marriott House over the last week as she has had various complications following her operation. Emily would like to thank you all for your prayers but needs ongoing prayer as her recovery will be delayed. Please continue to pray for ongoing healing and peace of mind.

BRIAN GOLDSMITH – Spare a thought for Brian as he was all geared up for his laser eye treatment on Friday when he received a call from the hospital saying that his operation had been cancelled. Please pray that he soon gets a new appointment.

KAY TUCKER – Kay is now at home. She is struggling and is very tired and will obviously need support. She would like a few visitors but please ring her first (07955950585) to see how she is feeling. Please pray for strength, peace of mind and rest.

MORE PRAYER POINTERS – Please continue to pray for Katrina Gould, Sandra Field, David Hanchard, John and Janet Cowley, Janet Cartwright and Mavis Eede. Please also pray for Keith Scott, Val Collett and Pam Brown. Pray too for others in the congregation who are in need prayer.

A WARM GREETING – Paul Cox, the new minister at Southbourne sends you his warm regards and wants to thank you for your ongoing prayers. Please continue to pray for growth in the small congregation there and for his continued ministry.

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