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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 8th January 2023

"Resilient faith, not fear"

2 Timothy 1:7 and Joshua 1:9

Simon Downing

TODAY'S MORNING SERVICE – Clive's band will be leading worship this week with Simon returning to bring his new year message which is entitled, "New Year Focus – resilient faith, not fear." This will be based on 2 Timothy 1:7 and Joshua 1:9. Back in November Simon told us that he believed God had spoken to him about 2 prophetic markers that needed placing in the spiritual ground, here at ABC. The first marker was to do with a renewed focus at ABC, of being far more attuned to, expectant of and desirous of, Holy Spirit. In his talk today, Simon will be explaining more about the second marker. Now this sounds intriguing and so don't miss out on what Simon believes will be important for our spiritual growth over the coming year.

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 YEAR'S MOTTO CARD – "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7.

TABLE TENNIS – Our love Aldwick table tennis group is restarting on the 10th January 2-4pm and then every Tuesday there after.we have 3 tables so different levels can play should they want to. Every one is welcome still only a £2 .00 charge to include light refreshments, this is another way of keeping warm and also have time for a chat. Any further information please call John Bell on 01243967385.

LATEST NEWS FROM BRIAN AND JACKIE CHILVERS – If you would like to read the latest news and prayer letter from our BMS Partner Mission workers then go to click here.

FRANK IS BACK IN ACTION – Our one-man schools' visitor is back in action next week as he will be taking God's word into Arundel Primary School on Tuesday (10th) and Nyewood School on Thursday (12th). Frank is really pleased to be invited back to Nyewood after a short break as he has been going there for 38 years! Please pray for safe travel, good health and receptive minds.



PEACE TOGETHER PUZZLERS - We will be meeting again on 14th January where there will also be an opportunity to play games. Do join us!

ESSENTIAL TOILETRIES – Did you know that as part of West Sussex's support for vulnerable people, essential toiletry kits are available free of charge from West Sussex libraries for a limited time while stocks last? Well done West Sussex!

THIS WEEK'S POEM

Christmas can be a very stressful time, especially if you have visitors and must cook for a variety of people with a variety of needs. The good news is that if we step aside and let and spend time with Jesus, He will give you rest.

I WILL GIVE YOU REST

When you are feeling weary,
Troubled and distressed,
Jesus said, "Come to me,
And I will give you rest."

Yes, the way can be hard
As we struggle along life's road.
Sometimes we travel light,
But sometimes with a heavy load.

But we have a glorious destination.
Far away from fear and pain,
Where we will never be afraid again.

Arthur Magee

LET'S CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY –This week we have three birthdays to celebrate. It's Janey Cowley's birthday today (8th), Cilla Wood on Friday (13th) and Margaret Edward's on Saturday (14th). Please do wish them a big happy birthday from us all. 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.

NEW PREACHING SERIES FOR 2023 – Simon starting two new series in January which will intertwine over the next three months. The first is entitled "The Grandeur of God." The second is entitled, "Walk in obedience" based on the Book of Deuteronomy.

HOME GROUP CHALLENGE 1 – Are you a member of a homegroup? If not, why not? Homegroups are where we can meet and talk about the Bible and our individual Christian journeys. They are also a place to share, pray, laugh and generally eat cake. If you would like to join a homegroup, do let me know and we will explain more! Derek

HOME GROUP CHALLENGE 2 – Simon has challenged the homegroups to be a little bit more adventurous with our outreach. Why not discuss within your groups how you can reach out to friends, neighbours and even family members? Remember the Gospel is Good News and everyone needs to know about it!

… and finally

FIRST RESPONDER - As Simon is currently having to curtail his movement and, as he is still waiting for further treatment, 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

MARION BRYANT – Marion is still struggling having had a viral infection for many weeks which left her with polymyalgia rheumatica which caused more swelling and pain all her body muscles and around her joints meaning she is unable to walk even around the house without a stick. Her ongoing treatment will involve more blood tests and further consultations. Marion sends her love and thanks you for your ongoing prayers but, at least for the time being, will not be able to join us in worship.

HEATHER GAUDOIN – Good news! Heather is now back at home and needs to rest for the next two weeks. Thank you for your prayers but do please continue to pray for her ongoing healing.

KAY TUCKER – Kay is settling down at Arun Lodge and is now free from covid. She is hoping to be with us on Sunday and is looking forward to worshipping the Lord with her church family.

EMILY BROWN – Emily is back at home but now has an awful cold and bad cough, so she won't be able to join us in church for a while. She would like to thank you for your prayers but do continue to pray for ongoing healing. Emily will be in a wheelchair for a while as she most not put much weight on her foot and ankle.

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

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