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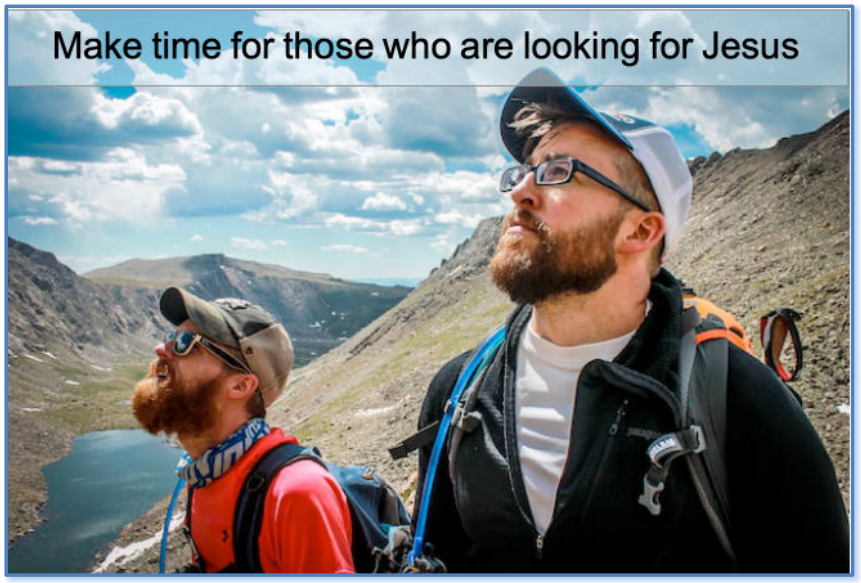

Sunday 12th February 2023

Make time for those who are looking for Jesus

Luke 19:1-10

Paul Kerley

TODAY'S MORNING SERVICE – This morning our former minister (and now regional minister) Paul Kerley will be with us on 12th February when he will give a short talk on Baptist Home mission. For those who don't know we give every month to Baptist Home Mission. The Home mission fund is used to help Baptist churches and individuals to reach their mission potential and bring the love of God to their communities. Paul will also be bringing God's word to us later in the service. He will be preaching from Luke 19:1-10 and he will be reminding us of the importance of making time for people who are looking for Jesus.

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.**

LAST SUNDAY'S BAPTISMS - Last Sunday we all celebrated as Mohsen and Mitra made a clear statement of their faith as they went through the waters of Baptism. May God bless you both.



Mitra



Mohsen

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTISED? – If not, why not? We hope today's service will act as a prompt to any of you that have not yet been baptised as an adult.. Believer's baptism is a very special moment on your journey of faith. It is a moment when God's presence and blessing meets you, and when you make your personal commitment of faith in Jesus as Lord. It signifies the end of your old life and of being born again to new life in Christ. It normally taking place by full immersion in water, it speaks of repentance and cleansing, of being united with Christ in His death and resurrection, and of witnessing to the call of God upon our lives. If you want to know more, speak to Simon.

SIMON'S OPERATION – Simon is on leave for a few days and will be going into hospital at Brighton on Thursday 16th February but, as yet, he doesn't know if that is when the operation on his back will be. This, of course, is Emily's 18th birthday, so the timing isn't great. Please pray that the operation goes ahead soon, that the operation is successful and that Simon and the family can be at peace throughout the process. Pray too that Simon then takes it easy as he recuperates. Please do not try to contact Simon over the next week or so.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that although things might be looking tough at the moment, we have an anchor that cannot fail. We also so know that when the storm is over, the Son will shine.

Journey's End

Lord when it seems the world is in decline,
I will lean on your strength Lord not mine.
Lord you are my anchor in the raging sea.
You are my rock, my hope, my destiny.
We're only human. eye flash is weak.
You are our shepherd, we are your sheep.
When finally the storm is over,
Away from sorrow and pain,
We will be with you Lord forever
And never be afraid again.

Arthur Magee

LET'S CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY – It is Fiona Huntley's birthday on Tuesday, Emily Downing's on Thursday, Molly Hawkins' on Friday and Chris Mustchin on Saturday. So do wish them a great big Aldwick happy birthday or send a card or even bake a cake! 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. In the last twelve months we have been able to donate over £300 to BMS through this scheme.

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. At least one new evening homegroup will be starting shortly, so if you would like to join a homegroup, do let me know and we will explain more! Derek.

PRAYER DAY - Have you signed up for the Prayer Day on the 4th March? There are still a few vacant slots left. See Joy for further details

THE WELL PRAYER MEETING HAS MOVED - The Well will not be meeting next week on Wednesday 15th but the following Wednesday, 22nd February.

ADVANCED NOTICE – Rosanne's brother Donald Gould will be cremated at Guildford Crematorium at 11.15am 24th February.

… and finally

FIRST RESPONDER - As Simon is currently having to curtail his movement and, following his operation , he will need to rest, 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

DIANE DOWNING – Diane, Simon's mother continues to have major health concerns and will be having on operation to hopefully improve her hearing towards the end of this month. Please pray for peace of mind and for a successful outcome. Pray too for the entire Downing family who are most concerned about her general health.

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

PRAYER PARTNERS – you have might have heard about this before. You might even already be a "Prayer Partner". Prayer partners are people who are committed to praying with each other and for each other on a regular basis. Would you like to know more? Then contact Joy Smith by email or phone.

RESPONDING TO PRAYER REQUESTS - Dear friends, there are many prayer requests by your brothers and sisters in the prayer room, please go in and pray them. There are also many aids to prayer you may like to use. With love in Christ. Angela

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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.