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ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 5th February 2023

A Baptismal Celebration

Galatians 3:27-29

Simon Downing

TODAY'S MORNING SERVICE – This morning we will be holding a baptismal service as Mohsen and Mitra make a clear statement of faith by going through the waters of baptism. Simon's band will be leading our worship and Simon will then be speaking from Galatians 3:27-29. It is unlikely that Simon will be able to perform the actual baptism in the water and so Clive and John are standing by.

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.**

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.

A BAPTISMAL CHALENGE – Take a good look at the picture on the first page of this news sheet. If you can identify the three people in the picture, then send me your thoughts. The first correct answer will win a fabulous Aldwick Baptist Church biro. For an additional prize, can you name the year this took place. Derek.

NEXT SUNDAY – 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.

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING – There will a thanksgiving service for Jack Wills (Angela Harvey's brother) here on at 11am on Wednesday 8th February. Please do come and support the family of you are able.

PEACE TOGETHER PUZZLERS - We will be meeting again on 11th Bebruary where there will also be an opportunity to play games. Do join us!

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.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur's poem reminds us of that although the economic outlook is gloomy and our heating bills continue to rise, we can remain positive if we focus on Jesus. He promises us all, that one day, the storm will be over.

When the storm is over

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 Dorothy Ridley's birthday today and Ernie Payne's on Monday, so do wish them a great big Aldwick 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. In the last twelve months we have been able to donate over £300 to BMS through this scheme.

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

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.

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.

… 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

UPDATE ON SIMON'S HEALTH – Simon saw a specialist on Friday in Brighton and following their discussions, it was agreed that Simon needs an operation on his back urgently. The specialist would have liked to operate immediately but because of the family's plans for Emily's 18th birthday, they settled on Thursday, 16th January which, ironically is Emily's actual birthday. Please do pray for a successful outcome and peace of mind for Simon who is concerned about being out of action for a while. As yet Simon has no knowledge of how long this might be.

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.

MARION BRYANT – It was good to see Marion back in church last Sunday and at our homegroup on Monday. Marion thanks you all for your prayers and says that it was wonderful to back among God's people worshiping the Lord. Marion still has a long way to go and still needs your prayers.

PRAYER POINTERS – Please continue to pray for 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.

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