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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 26th March 2023

Series: The Grandeur of God

Part V; Jealousy, goodness and peace

Exodus 34:10-14, Psalm 33:1-5, Philippians 4:4-9

Derek Robinson

TODAY'S MORNING SERVICE – This morning's service will be led by Barbara's band as we continue with our series, 'The Grandeur of God'. Today we reach part V as we focus on Jealousy, goodness and peace. This is based on three readings, Psalm 33:1-5, Philippians 4:4-9 and Exodus 34:10-14. The thought of jealousy being one of God's attributes to celebrate has made me scratch my head a little until I realised we tend to use the word interchangeably with envy, which it certainly isn't in God's case. Quite the opposite in fact. I hope you find that intriguing and want to find out more. Next Sunday will be a family service led by the Sunday school as we celebrate Palm Sunday and move into Holy week.

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 10.30 am by going to: **http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons.**

LAUNCHING CAP – There is a CAP Launch Day planned for today (Sunday 26th March) at 3.30 pm to be held at St Wilfrids, Ellasdale Road – just off Victoria Drive to which all churches are invited so as to understand a little more about CAP, to commission those who have agreed to provide the services and enjoy refreshments together. Please pray for all of the helpers involved in CAP and for the service itself.

TODAY'S FLOWERS – The flowers today have been donated by Emily Brown , remembering her husband's birthday and their wedding anniversary with much love.

TEA, CAKE & CHRISTIAN INPUT IN PRISONS – We will be holding another of our popular 'TEA and CAKE' gatherings next Sunday afternoon (April 2nd) at 4pm in the foyer, followed by a talk with visuals from Adam Feak about his involvement with Christian input in prison. These gatherings are usually both informative and enjoyable, so do join us. *PLEASE tell Barbara in advance if you would like to bring cake or biscuits.*

BIRTHDAY LISTS – It appears that I missed a birthday last week as it was Polly Bennett's birthday on Friday (24th), so do wish her a retro birthday if there is such a thing. If you want to be included in our birthday list, and receive a celebratory slot in the news sheet, please contact me (866238). If you want details of the BMS birthday scheme, then please contact Brenda.

EASTER SERVICES – Easter is rapidly approaching. We will be holding the following services to mark this

- **Good Friday**, April 7th 10 am at the church
- **Resurrection day**, April 9th 7 am, Pagham Beach (opposite David and Fiona's house)
- **Easter Sunday celebration** – April 9th 10.30am at the church.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur questions how any intelligent person can believe there is no God, when the wonder of His creation is all around us for everyone to see.

'HE HAS TO BE A FOOL'

When I say God's creation all around.
From the very smallest creature
To the universe unbound.
When I see the millions of stars in the Milky Way.
So, overwhelming it takes my breath away.
When I see the love in a mother's eyes
When her newborn baby cries.
When I see a Caterpillar turn into a beautiful butterfly,
Even the unbeliever must wonder why.
Yes - Oh want joy it brings,
When I say all these things.
When I see the wonders of it all,
The man who says there is no God,
Just has to be a fool.

Arthur Magee

THANK YOU - Thank you so very much to everyone for their love, encouragement, good wishes and cards sent to celebrate our engagement and forthcoming marriage. You are a wonderful church family. We feel very loved and encouraged. Lucienne and Bernard.

AN UPDATE ON SIMON – As most of you know, Simon is at home recovering from his recent operation. He still needs to rest in peace and quiet, so please do not try to contact him or put him or his family under any pressure. I have spoken to Simon this week and He believes he is on track to return to us on Easter Sunday. He is still experiencing quite a bit of pain as he moves around. Please pray that Simon can experience God's peace as he goes through this difficult time of enforced inactivity. Please all pray for Nicky, Emily and Anaya as they need God's strength and our support at this very difficult time.

YOU ARE INVITED – Westergate Christian Fellowship, who meet regularly at the Eastergate Village Hall (near Barnham), would like to invite you to their presentation entitled "Christ is Risen" comprising music, readings and video clips which we plan to hold on the evening of Good Friday, 7th April, at 7.00 p.m. This will be their first presentation since 2019 due to the Covid restrictions. It is highly recommended by many who have been to their previous presentations.

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

KEITH SCOTT – Keith is currently in ICU at St. Richard's hospital following a bad reaction to his latest antibiotics. He is quite weak and very much in need of your prayers. Please pray for a swift diagnosis, correct treatment and healing.

DIANE DOWNING – Diane, Simon's mother continues to have major health concerns and struggles with her hearing in crowded spaces. She has had a steroid injection in her elbow and that has helped with that problem. Please pray for healing and peace of mind.

PRAYER POINTERS – Please continue to pray for David Hanchard, Marion Bryant, Kay Tucker, Emily Brown, Sandra Field, Jon Crane, Mary Bullock, Mavis Eede, Katrina Gould. Please also pray for Keith Scott, Val Collett and Pam Brown. Pray too for others who are in need of 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 over them. There are also many aids to prayer you may like to use. With love in Christ. Angela

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