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ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 5th March 2023

Series: Family Service

"I am the light of the world"

John 7:37-38 & 8:12-20

Clive Bennett

TODAY'S MORNING SERVICE – This morning's family service will be led by John Smith, ably supported by Barbara's scratch band. Clive will be bringing you the message which is entitled, "I am the light of the world". This is based on John 7:37-38 and 8:12-20. In the second passage, Jesus reveals himself to be **THE** Light of The World. We read "When Jesus spoke **again** to the people he said, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."*

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.**

Next week we will be continuing with our series, "The Grandeur of God." In part 4 we will be looking at three more of the attributes of God, Love, beauty and grace but possibly not in that order.

AN UPDATE ON SIMON – As most of you know, Simon's had his operation on Tuesday and is now back at home. He now needs to rest in peace and quiet, so please do not try to contact him or put him or his family under any pressure. Simon has been advised that he will need a recovery time of between 6 – 8 weeks at the minimum. This means it is extremely unlikely that Simon will be able to return before Easter. We met with Simon last week for a short time so that he could give us an update on the operation and his progress. Firstly, he has recovered from Covid. Secondly, the operation went well and he has already seen an improvement in the movement of his foot. He is however in considerable pain and asks you to pray into that situation. He is also concerned that he is currently unable to carry out the duties his calling demands. We have reassured him that we all understand and will be supporting him all the way. Please pray too that Simon can experience God's peace as he goes through this difficult time of enforced inactivity from the day-to-day activities at the church. Please all pray for Nicky, Emily and Anaya as they need God's strength and our support at this very difficult time.

NO TABLE TENNIS - Due to a family bereavement we are unable to hold next Tuesday's, table tennis afternoon (7th March). We apologise for any inconvenience and look forward to seeing anyone the following Tuesday afternoons. John Bell.

PEACE TOGETHER PUZZLERS - We will be meeting again at 10am on 11th March where there will also be an opportunity to play games. Do join us!

COMMUNITY PANCAKE DAY MARCH 11th – We have had an overwhelming response to our advertising for this event and can accept no further applications as we are over-subscribed. APPLICATIONS ARE NOW CLOSED.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur reminds us of happy and sad days treasured in our memories. Memories that no one can take away.

MEMORIES

Thank you Lord, for our memories
All the happy days gone by
Precious memories, that make us happy
But sad members that make us cry
We relive those exciting days,
When we were young,
When our life seemed so carefree,
With new songs to be sung.
I see once more the faces
Of those who meant the world to me.
And it seemed they were always smiling
in my memory.
Yes thank you Lord,
For those precious memories of yesterday.
Now remember,
No one can take those memories away.

Arthur Magee

BOB HOBART – Bob's funeral will be held at Chichester Crematorium on Monday, March 6th at 11 am. If you would like to attend then do let me know.

HEATHER GOUDOIN – Heather's new address is 3 Wilman Gardens, Bognor Regis, PO21 4BP (an address you might recognise). She does not have a landline but can be contacted on 07765 187341. Heather tells me that she is slowly recovering but gets tired easily and needs to have a sit down after she has done anything.

BRIAN AND JACKIE CHIVERS – We have recently received Brian and Jackie's latest news letter. If you would like to follow their adventures in Chard then go to www.bmsworldmission.org/bjchilvers. There is a copy of their latest news sheet on the noticeboard.

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.

BIRTHDAY LISTS - 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.

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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 need of care. Derek

DIANE DOWNING – Diane, Simon's mother continues to have major health concerns Please pray for healing, peace of mind and for a successful outcome from her recent operation.

DAVID HANCHARD – David is having a difficult time of late and is feeling very down in himself. Do pray for a new light to dawn and for David to be uplifted in his spirit.

ROOM WANTED - A friend of Eric Sampson needs temporary accommodation whilst waiting to move. Can you help? If so, contact me and I will pass the information on.

PRAYER POINTERS – Please continue to pray for Angela Halfacree, 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 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 over them. There are also many aids to prayer you may like to use. With love in Christ. Angela

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