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 the 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 still 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. He is hoping to move to Arundel or Bognor Memorial Hospital soon. Please continue to pray for a swift diagnosis, correct treatment and healing. He would appreciate a few phone calls (07873787368) or even a visit.

ANN & BRIAN CALVERT - Simon asks us to pray for both Ann and Brian Calvert as Ann has been ill on and off since Christmas - which is why neither of them has been to come to church in 2023. Ann is currently in St Richards. Please pray for a correct diagnosis, correct treatment and healing. Also, pray for Brian as he is finding this very hard to manage.

PRAYER POINTERS – Please continue to pray for Pam Ryan, Diane Downing, 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.

SOMEONE IS PRAYING FOR YOU - Prayer is an opportunity to journey hand in hand with the one who went to the cross and prays day in, day out, on the right hand of the Father, for us.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 16th April 2023

Series: Walking in obedience

Title: Love: the expression of the Law

Deuteronomy 15:1-15

Clive Bennett

TODAY'S SERVICE – Today's service will be led by Simon's band as Simon's return to full-time ministry continues. Clive will then be bringing God's word to us as we reach part 4 in our series "Walking in obedience" based on the Book of Deuteronomy. In the previous weeks, we have seen that it was God's intention that the ten commandments he gave the Children of Israel (which Jesus condensed into two) were his love gift to the people he had created (you and I). They reflected the grandeur and holiness of His character (our other study series) and pointed forward to the character of Jesus who came to walk amongst men sacrificially and die and rise again (as we have just celebrated at Easter) to enable His children to walk in newness of life – not as a set of rules but as an expression of God's love in our world.

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 the service at any time by going to: **http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons.**

TODAY'S FLOWERS – Today's flowers are donated in memory of Janet and John Cowley's brother-in-law, Bill Grant. Greatly loved and missed by his wife Sheila, and all the family.

A WEEK OF PRAYER - This Sunday starts the Christian Institute's Week of Prayer. They ask us to pray for the leaders of our nation, for goodness and integrity for our King, Prime Minister, Government Ministers and MPs and for God to raise up more Christian leaders who follow Christ, (Romans 13:1,6), also praying for Christian freedoms and respect for Christians' viewpoints!

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP) PRAYER SUPPORT - Please could we invite people to pray for the CAP programme shortly to start in the Bognor Regis area. In particular, please pray for the Life Skills Course which is being run from ABC, and the team that is running it from our church family. We can pray together or individually in our own homes, that's absolutely fine. Please let me know if you would prefer to pray with Margaret and I as a prayer group and we can arrange this. With grateful thanks, Lucienne

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING – Our next Church family meeting will be held here on Thursday, April 27th at 7 pm as we are now officially in British Summer Time. It is really important that you attend this meeting as the decisions taken at our Church Meeting effectively set out our agenda for the future. This is not the annual church meeting as that will now take place in July.

HOMEGROUPS REALLY ARE GREAT – If you aren't currently in a homegroup you are really missing out on a great time of fellowship, prayer, Bible study and cake. What are you waiting for? Do talk to me if you would like to know more. We will then find you a place in one of the groups. Derek.

This week Arthur's poem reflects the Apostle Paul's words taken from Romans 1:20 where God's invisible qualities are made clear to us in the beauty of His creation.

His Voice

God speaks to us
Through the masterpiece of His creation.
In the work of His hands,
We see His dedication.

His voice goes out to all the earth
In the wonders that we see,
The fingerprints of God,
In this glorious mystery.

Yes, God speaks to us every day.
When we see the Sun and the Moon
And the wonders of the Milky Way or
When we see a rainbow
On a rainy day.

The Heavens speak the glory of God,
The artist of creation.
His almighty power,
Beyond all imagination.

Arthur Magee

LUCIENNE AND BERNARD'S WEDDING SERVICE INVITE - Bernard and Lucienne are getting married on the 27th May 2023, the service starts at 11.30 am. All are very welcome to celebrate with us at the service, there will be refreshments afterwards (tea/coffee/cake/biscuits). Please do come and celebrate with us and stay behind afterwards for some refreshments. We would also like a large group photo, so please gather in the car park when the word goes around. Love and Blessings, Lucienne and Bernard.

BIRTHDAY LISTS – This week Davina Rumsby will be celebrating her birthday on Monday (17th April). Do wish her a big Happy Birthday and perhaps even send her a card. If you want to be included in our birthday list and receive a celebratory slot in the news sheet, please contact me. If you want details of the BMS birthday scheme, then please contact Brenda.