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

ABC NEWS



Sunday 2nd April 2023

Series: Easter 2023

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11

A family worship service

TODAY'S MORNING SERVICE – This morning's service will be led by John and Joy as we celebrate Palm Sunday with our monthly family service. As this service may well involve some of our young people, we will not be broadcasting it live. Instead, I have edited last year's Palm Sunday service led by Simon.

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

The really good news is that Simon will be returning to preach on Easter Sunday – Resurrection Day. Clive's band will be leading the worship.

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

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.

TEA, CAKE & CHRISTIAN INPUT IN PRISONS – We will be holding another of our popular 'TEA and CAKE' gatherings this 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.*

PEACE TOGETHER PUZZLERS – the Puzzlers will not be meeting next Saturday as in April as it is Easter Saturday. But fear not my intrepid puzzlers as normal service will be returning on Saturday 13th May.

EASTER SERVICES – We will be holding the following services to mark to celebrate Easter.

- **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 looks ahead to Good Friday as he reminds us that Jesus knowingly went to His death because of His love for you and me.

'You and Me'

How heavy was that cross,
On the road to Calvary?
Oh what love
Knowing what He had to face.
But His thoughts were for you and me.
He knew that fate
He had to bear.
We cannot imagine the pain,
He was to suffer there.
But He did not flinch
As they took Him to that tree.
Yes, through all the anguish and the fear.
His thoughts were for you and me.

Arthur Magee

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.

BIRTHDAY LISTS – This week Samuel Masih will be celebrating his birthday on Saturday (8th April). Do wish him a big Happy Birthday and maybe treat him to an Easter Egg. Next Sunday, as well as being Resurrection Day, Frank Yorkson will be celebrating his 70th birthday. Do try to look surprised!

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.

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.

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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 the first responder for the time being. Please contact me if you have any prayer requests or are in need of care. Derek

NO MESSY CHURCH – We have had to cancel Thursday's messy church as several members of the team are unavailable. Messy Church will bounce back in May although the date may have to change because of the local elections.

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. Unfortunately, the tests so far have been inconclusive and so Keith will be there for at least another week. Please continue to pray for a swift diagnosis, correct treatment and healing.

KAY TUCKER – Kay hasn't had a good week but has managed to get out once or twice. Unfortunately, she finds this exhausting. Please do pray for renewed strength and more energy. Kay sends her love to you all.

PRAYER POINTERS – Please continue to pray for 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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