LUCIENNE AND BERNARD'S WEDDING - We were somewhat disappointed to learn that the online streaming didn't work for our wedding. Several people shared prayers and words of encouragement from the Lord. We have been able to remember and note 3-4 of the personal words of encouragement. If you prayed for us and/or gave a word of encouragement, and can remember roughly what it was. Please may we ask you to make a note and pass it on to us - email or paper is fine. In addition, if any of you took pictures, could also send us copies to us? We would be very grateful if this is possible.
Thank you all so much for making our wedding day a complete success. Especially for your kindness and efforts in providing everything necessary to make the service run smoothly, for the beautiful flower and for the refreshments afterwards, and for attending in person to celebrate with us. Also for the generous gifts we have received, thank you so much, we were quite 'taken aback' by our church family's love and generosity. Personal 'thank yous' are in process. With grateful thanks, Lucienne and Bernard"

BRAD – Glad has sent us this update on Brad after his visit to see a specialist.

"We have just heard from Haematology. Brad's chemo treatment starts on July 5th, 12th, 19th 26th. All-day treatment depending on how he responds or not.

We are very conscious of all your prayer support and thank you for going through this with us. Blessings, Glad"

Please do pray for both Brad and Glad and praise the Lord for their wonderful faith.

DAVID HANCHARD – David is struggling to get out and would welcome some company either through a visit or a phone call.

PRAYER POINTERS – Please continue to pray for David Hanchard, Ian Surrell, Brian Calvert, Pam Ryan, Marion Bryant, Kay Tucker, Sandra Field, Jon Crane, Mary Bullock, Mavis Eede and Katrina Gould. Please also pray for Val Collett and Pam Brown. Pray too for others who are in need of prayer.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 25th June 2023

"Preparing for God's Presence"

Psalm 130:1-8

Ben Leney

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning Ben Leney from The King's Gate church will be bringing God's word to us as Simon takes the word to King's Gate in a 'pulpit exchange'. Do pray for both Ben and Simon as they prepare their messages. Ben's message to us is based on Psalm 130 where the psalmist urges us to wait for the Lord with hope in our hearts as we can rely on His unfailing love.

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.**

NEXT SUNDAY – Simon will be leading our monthly family service where he will be focusing on two builders – one wise and one pretty foolish.

RE-ELECTION OF DEACONS - We are rapidly approaching our AGM on Thursday, July 27th which means it's time to reappoint our 'retiring deacons or elders' as they are appointed for 3 years at a time. This year this applies to John Smith and Derek Robinson. If you wish them to continue, they will need nominating and seconding. The forms to do this are at the back of the church. Please try to do this within the next two weeks. There is also a vacancy for another deacon if there is someone else you would like to nominate. They must be a member of at least one year's standing and be willing to stand. They can be nominated using the same forms.

REPORTS NEEDED BEFORE OUR AGM – Once a year, in preparation for the AGM, Clive products a booklet containing short reports from all of the church activities. These include Pastor's report (Simon), Preaching and Teaching (Simon), Worship Team (Simon) Prayer (Joy), Home Groups (Derek), Pastoral Care (Derek), Mission (Barbara), Charities (Haze), Internal Support/Property (John), Children, Youth Work, (John/Joy and Liz), Love Aldwick Specials (Clive), Community Café (Perrie), Toddler Time, (Bev/Joy), West Meads Coffee Time (Lou), Lunch Club (Brenda), Craft Group (Tricia), Messy Church (Simon), Men's Work (Clive), Peace Together Puzzlers (Claire), Table Tennis (John). Please can you give Clive your short reports within the next two weeks.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MISSION? - We would like to establish a small team to support Barbara in her role as our mission lead. We would also like you to think about which charities we support. Currently, these are BMS, Baptist Home mission, MAF, SAT 7, the Bible Society and Barnabas Fund. Do you think it is time to any of these? If so, please contact Barbara.

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.

This week Arthur's poem is based on Jesus, words in Matthew 7:13-14 where He warns us that small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Make sure you are looking in the right direction.

The Road to Jesus

Which road to take?
So easy to make a mistake.
Many strive for wealth and fame,
But in the end, it's all the same.

So many mysteries,
Difficult to comprehend,
That one day the road will end.

Small is the gate and narrow is the road
That leads to life.
So don't make a mistake.
Which one will you take?
Take the road that leads to Jesus.

Arthur Magee

FOODBANK IN NEED – Foodbanks everywhere are seeing a huge increase in the number of people who need their support to survive. Our local Foodbank urgently need:

- Pasta sauce, UHT Milk, Squash/fruit juice
- Deodorant, Toilet roll, Shower gel

Just a reminder that we do have a donation point for Bognor Foodbank in the foyer and a team of helpers willing to transport your gifts to the centre.

TABLE TENNIS - As from the 13th June we will be having a summer break from Table Tennis. The good news is that we will be restarting again on the 12th September form 2 pm to 4pm. You will be most welcome to join us. John Bell.

HOME GROUP CHALLENGE – 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.

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.