FAMILY PRAYER MEETING – We will be meeting together for prayer on Wednesday, 5th July at 10.30 am. Do try to join us if you can as we seek God's will for our lives and our church.

SIMON DOWNING – Please pray for Simon as he gradually resumes his pastoral oversight of the flock and understand it will take time for him to get back up to full speed. He is gradually booking in more visits and expects to catch up with his regular visits over the coming weeks. Do remember he is still recovering from his recent operation and from the loss of his mother, so please be patient if you are expecting a visit.

FRANK NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS – This week Frank will be taking God's message into three local primary schools. He will be at Fishbourne on Tuesday, Birdham on Thursday and Arundel on Friday. Please pray for safe travelling and for impact in his presentations of the Gospel to the young people at the schools and, of course, their teachers! Keep up the good work Frank!

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 Haze Lodge, 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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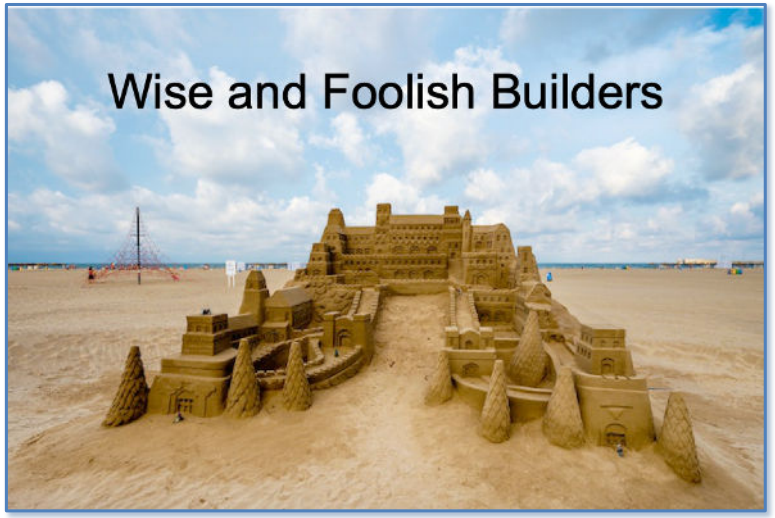
ABC NEWS



Sunday 2nd July 2023

Our monthly family worship service

"Builders"

Matthew 7:24-28

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning Simon will be leading our family service where we will hear about the Wise and Foolish builders as recorded in Matthew 7:24-28. Simon will also be bringing something special for us towards the end of the service.

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.**

CHILDREN'S WORKERS NEEDED – We urgently need a new team of workers for our young people as Liz feels it is time for her to step down. Can you help with this essential ministry? Please speak to Simon or one of the leadership team if you want to know more. Of course, we also need to say a big thank you to Liz for her sterling work over many years.

MESSY CHURCH RETURNS THIS WEEK – Thursday 6th July from 3.30 pm. This month's theme is David and Goliath. Although this is essentially for families, you would be welcome to join us. It's fun!

PEACE TOGETHER PUZZLERS - We will be meeting again on 8th July where there will also be an opportunity to play games and solve puzzles. Do join us! There won't be a meeting in August, so we will be again on 9th September.

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?

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that it is often the simple things that reveal the wonders of God's creation.

New Day

It is the simple things
that make life worth living.
Early in the morning
when we hear the blackbird singing.
When we see love in a mother's eyes
when her newborn baby cries.
When we see the golden sunrise
on a brand-new day
When we walk past a school
And hear the children at play.
When we look up
to the stars in the Milky Way.
Yes, Thank you, Lord
for the miracle of this "New day".

Arthur Magee

DONATING FLOWERS - Whilst I am very grateful for all the folk who have donated flowers, all of the following dates are still available. So if you feel able, could you please see or contact me as we seek to continue this valuable ministry. All Sundays in July, August 13th and 27th, September 17th, All of October except the 1st, and all of November and December. Brenda.

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 change any of these? If so, please contact Barbara.

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.