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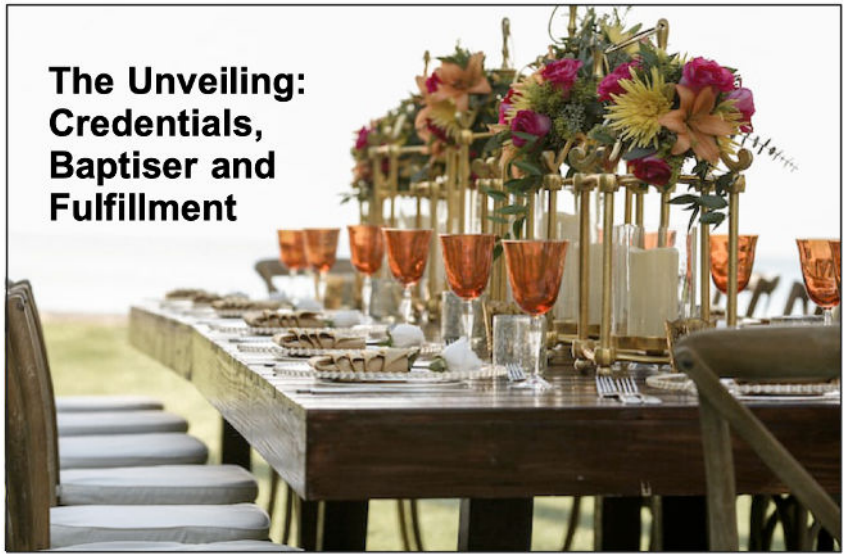

Sunday 9th July 2023

Series: The Unveiling

"The Unveiling: Credentials, Baptiser and Fulfillment

John 1:19-52 & 2:1-11

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning Simon will be returning to our series based on John's Gospel, chapters 1-7, entitled 'The Unveiling'. Today's message has the rather intriguing title "Credentials, Baptiser and Fulfillment" based on parts of John 1 and John 2. In many ways this links to Simon's words from last week when told us that he believes God wants to release His Spirit in a new way on his true Church – and that includes us at ABC!

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.**

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?

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.

FRANK IS NOW ON YOUTUBE – If you don't know much about Frank and his ministry then do take a look at Frank's story on YouTube by following this link https://youtu.be/2EyoGpWSDdo.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur's poem tells of his love for his Lord.

My Lord, My Life, My Friend.

As I travel through the darkness,
All around me, I see his light.
Sometimes the path is hard to bare
But, oh what joy,
that the light is always there.

Sometimes it's very steep in the valley of despair,
but through it all, He leads me on
That light is always there.

The storms of life range round me,
War and conflict everywhere.
But He guides my path,
He is my hope.
Yes, His light is always there.

The light seems so much brighter now
as the path comes near its end.
But I'm not afraid.
Oh what joy to be in His light forever more,
My Lord, My life, My friend

Arthur Magee

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.

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? Brenda.

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.

AND FINALLY

JOAN BRETT – Joan is very unwell and under palliative care. She is in hospital and whilst the family does not want anyone to visit her, they would like us to pray for Joan and for peace of mind for the family.

MOLLY HAWKINS – Molly has asked us to pray for her and specifically that her troublesome hip doesn't give way completely. It is gradually crumbling away and Molly doesn't know how she could manage without it. She already has great difficulty in moving around and has to have help at home to help her cope.

BRAD – An update from Glad. "Brad went today (Friday) for another blood transfusion, and they have kept him in hospital. He had his first intravenous chemo on Wednesday. When I went to collect him, I could see straight away he wasn't right. Anyway, please pray for peace for Brad and for strength to face each day. Thank you for all the prayer support. Glad". Please continue to pray for both Brad and Glad at this very difficult time.

ANDRE GAUDOIN – Andre is now in the Royal Sussex County Hospital. He had surgery on Wednesday to drain the blood from the subdural haematoma. I saw him yesterday and he was still a bit groggy, and not speaking very much. He has a drain in his head to make sure all the fluid has gone. He is a bit confused as to what's going on and where he is, but is able to eat and drink on his own. He still needs support walking, and is due to see the Physio and Occupational Therapy teams. He seems to be ok (and was making eyes at the nurses!), but will need a further scan to make sure all is well. The current plan is that he stays there for a few more days, and is then discharged straight back to his home in Worthing. This would avoid a transfer to Worthing Hospital and distressing him further. Thank you to everyone for their prayers and messages of support.

PRAYER POINTERS – Please continue to pray for David Hanchard, Haze Lodge, Ian Surrell, Brian Calvert, Pam Ryan, Marion Bryant, Kay Tucker, Sandra Field, Jon Crane, Mary Bullock, Mavis Eede and Katrina Gould. Pray too for others who are in need of prayer and for our friends in the local nursing homes.

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