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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 16th July 2023

Series: Faith in Action

"Entangled in the spider's web."

James 1:12-18

Clive Bennett

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning Simon will be leading worship and Clive will be bringing our second message in our series based on the James. Clive's talk is entitled, "Entangled in the spider's web" based on James 1:12-18. Now that does sound quite intriguing, so don't miss it.

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.

CRAFT GROUP - The Craft group will be having a break throughout August. Our final meeting will be on Monday 31st July and we will return on Monday 4th September. Tricia.

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 before 19th July?

DONATING FLOWERS - Whilst I am very grateful for all the folk who have donated flowers, we do still have lots of available dates. So if you feel able, could you please see or contact me as we seek to continue this valuable ministry? Brenda.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week we are including a poem that was written inside Emily Brown's Bible which was dated 1902. This captures something many of us have experienced when we felt completely lost and abandoned, we found the Lord was there.

You were there!

When I was in the dark
In that land of despair.
I thought I was all alone
But Lord, you were there.

The storms of life raged around me.
No one seemed to care.
But even in that desperate place,
Oh Lord, you were there.

Temptation may surround me,
Caught in the devil's snare.
In His strength, I was such free
Yes Lord, you were there.

From Emily Brown's Bible

NEWS FROM MAF - MAF is alerting people to the growing humanitarian crisis in South Sudan as thousands of refugees enter South Sudan through the border town of Renk—after a gruelling two-day journey, numbers swelling to over 100,000 as they flee to safety from fighting that erupted in Sudan. Improvised shelters are constructed to protect people from the harsh sun, and at night they sleep on the bare ground, often without blankets.

MAF's Disaster Response team has been conducting survey flights and assessments to plan for an air bridge to support aid workers and bring in relief supplies to reach displaced people. The MAF South Sudan program will supply aircraft and staffing for the air bridge.

Let us pray for the people in Sudan and South Sudan, and support the MAF team and others who are working hard to relieve the suffering. 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.

AND FINALLY

ANDRE GAUDOIN - We have just heard that Andre has been discharged and is going back to his home in Worthing, which is really good news. He was having difficulty walking earlier in the week, so has spent a lot of time with the Physio team, and the staff from his home have been there every day, encouraging him to walk and move around. His speech has been affected, but the family are hopeful that once he is back in familiar surroundings, he will continue to improve. Heather is hoping to visit him tomorrow afternoon. Please continue to pray for Andre and that he settles back into his routine quite quickly.

HEATHER GAUDOIN – Heather has been told by Southampton Hospital that her operation is likely to be at the end of July/beginning of August (although she doesn't have a definite date yet). Please pray that this operation takes place as suggested and that Heather remains upbeat and positive. Heather does want to thank you all for your prayers and support for Andre and herself.

JOAN BRETT – Joan died last weekend. Please do pray for peace of mind for the family at this difficult time.

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. "The hospital will be keeping Brad in over the weekend as he still has the infection. He has started coughing today very chesty. I am so grateful for all the prayer support it is really appreciated. Please continue to pray for both Brad and Glad at this very difficult time.

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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