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ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 13th August 2023

Series: The Unveiling

The Unveiling - Regeneration

John 3:1-10

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning Simon will be leading us in worship as well as bringing us the next in our series, "The Unveiling" based on John's Gospel. Today's reading is John 3:1-10 and the title of Simon's talk is "Regeneration". In this passage Jesus spoke these life-changing words: "Unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." And yet, the man to whom Jesus was speaking was a very religious leader of the Jews, a teacher who read his Bible, worshipped on the right days, and tried to keep the commandments of God. As far as Nicodemus was concerned, he was doing everything right - so what was Nicodemus doing wrong? Are we making the same mistake? This is a highly significant moment in Jesus' ministry, so don't miss this!

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.**

BRIAN BRADSHAW – "Just to let you know that Brad's funeral will be on August 17th at 1.15 at the crematorium. Which is for family only and no flowers. There will then be a service of thanksgiving at Aldwick Baptist Church at 2pm which will be taken by Roger French a long-time friend of Brad as Simon will be on holiday. Thank you all for your prayer support it is truly felt and appreciated. Glad".

As there are likely to be lots of Brad's friends and relatives coming to this service, please can you park in one of the surrounding roads and leave the car park as clear as possible. Derek.

THE BIG SLEEPOUT 2023 – Why not join us for Stonepillow's annual BIG Sleep Out at Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 14th October and help raise funds and awareness for vulnerable and homeless people in our community? Could you Be Inspired and Give up your evening and your bed to help raise funds and awareness for Stonepillow and homelessness? This is an incredible opportunity to do something different and build team spirit. Could you get together a team from your workplace, business or school? It's safe, it's fun, it's suitable for (almost) all ages. Perhaps in previous years you've thought about it – make this year the year that you do it! The most important thing - stepping outside of your comfort zone and being inspired to give.
Just click the link below to find out more about how to take part, and how to set up and grow that all important sponsorship. This year we will be offering an amazing Virgin Experience Day for the highest fundraiser!
BIG SLEEP OUT 2023

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur reminds us that no matter what we are going through today, our future is secure – because we belong to Jesus.

What a privilege

Sometimes it's difficult,
To understand the sadness and the sorrow,
In that unpredictable tomorrow.
But whatever life has in store,
We know our future is secure.
Jesus is our anchor in the raging sea.
He is our strength, our hope, our security.
Oh what a privilege that He died
For you and me.

Arthur Magee

HOME MISSION – Paul Kerley tell us that from now on, every month we will receive a Home Mission Focus from him. This will usually be in the form of a short video from one of our Home Mission supported churches.

This month the SEBA Focus is on Life Community Baptist Church, and it's a video from its minister, Reverend Pete Dibdin.

The link for the video is at https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=308842&show_file=340375 …. on the SEBA Web Site.

Or, this is the link to a YouTube video: https://youtu.be/mg8qZLoMQ3g.

AN INVITATION FROM LUCIENNE AND BERNARD - Dear ABC Church Family, Please use the link below to access the video of our Wedding Day Presentation which we hope you will enjoy. We recommend you download the video first before playing it to avoid delays in the buffer, as it is 12 minutes long.

https://www.bapfish.org.uk/wedding

If the link does not operate from here, then please request the link by email. Again, many thanks for all your love and good wishes for our special day. Much love to you all, Lucienne and Bernard

AND FINALLY

THE DOWNINGS ARE GOING ON HOLIDAY – Simon, Nicky, Emily and Anaya will be going on holiday next week and so will be out of contact for approximately two weeks. Please do pray that everything goes to plan. that they all have a wonderful time and come back refreshed.

FIRST RECEIVER – Whilst Simon is away, I will be acting as first responder. So, if you have any urgent needs for prayer or if you need help contact me or one of the other deacons. Derek

ANN TYLER – Simon visited Ann Tyler again this week as she has left the hospital and is now back at Oban House. Simon reports she is not well and seems to be in decline. Please do pray for Ann at this difficult time in her life.

JOHN COWLEY – Please pray for John as he has a heart murmur and has various tests coming up. Please pray that these tests provide the necessary information for the doctors to work out an effective treatment plan. Pray too for Janet as she hasn't been well for some time.

EMILY DOWNING – Simon tells us that Emily has been overwhelmed by the love of the children she has encountered in Kenya and their amazing love for Jesus. Although they have very little, so are always smiling and praising the Lord. Emily is due back here on Saturday 12th August, so do pray that everything goes to plan.

EMILY BROWN – Sadly, Emily will be leaving us very soon to move nearer to her daughter in Surrey. Please thank God for bringing Emily into our fellowship and into our hearts and pray that she finds a new physical and spiritual home soon.

PRAYER POINTERS – Please continue to pray for Trish Richardson (broken wrist), Molly Hawkins, 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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