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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 20th August 2023

Series: Faith in Action

No Favourites here

James 2:1-13

Derek Robinson

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning we return to our series based on the Book of James entitled 'Faith in Action'. Throughout this letter, James' driving concern is that his readers should be credible Christians and that their faith in Christ should be proved genuine by the quality of their living. Today we reach part four in our series based on James 2:1-13 as we tackle the problem of favouritism. This passage highlights a crucial aspect of our faith journey - treating all people equally. James stresses that our faith is not merely about beliefs; it's about how those beliefs transform our actions. The title of my talk today is 'No favourites here.' This service will also include our monthly communion 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.**

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

AN INVITATION TO JOIN SASRA FOR ' OUR DAY' - Why not Join us for this year's 'Our Day' on Saturday 16 September from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm to hear stories of what God is doing among the young people of the British Armed Forces.
ASRs Mike Blackstock, Steve Curley, Tiaan de Klerk, Gavin Dickson, Steven Dougherty, Josh Fortune, Chika Onugha and Lee Philipson, together with HQ staff, will be sharing about the work "behind the wire". The event takes place at High Cross Church, Camberley, GU15 3SY and includes a refreshment break.

HOME MISSION – This month the SEBA Focus is on Life Community Baptist Church, and it's a video from its minister, Reverend Pete Dibdin. The video can be accessed through YouTube video: https://youtu.be/mg8qZLoMQ3g or via the SEBA website.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur recalls a time when as a driving instructor, he was asked to guide two lost people through the maze of roads in Chichester. The title of his story is 'Lost and Found".

Lost and Found

When I was a driving instructor if my pupils lived outside of my area, I would meet them in the railway car park. One day a pupil was getting out of my car after a lesson when a lady who was looking very distressed came running over to my car.

"Please can you help us?", she said, "My husband and I have been driving around Chichester for over an hour. We are looking for the Nuffield Hospital. My husband is very upset as he is worried about his brother who is very unwell in the hospital. Please can you help us?".

Now, as Chichester can be a very complicated place to drive around with so many roundabouts and one-way roads, I suggested her husband followed me in his car as I headed off to the hospital.

When we drove into the hospital car par, this very loud cheer came from their car as I waved goodbye.

I thought what a wonderful feeling when you find the way after being lost!

Arthur Magee

THE DOWNINGS ARE GOING ON HOLIDAY – Simon, Nicky, Emily and Anaya are currently on holiday 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

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AND NOW FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT …

Many of you will know that my son became a Christian at WEC Camp when he was 11 in 1994 and he has been back there every year since. As well as being part of Prep Week (setting up the camp)and Rear-guard (dismantling the camp), he is one of the chief tent repairers, regularly the resident first aider, safeguarding adviser and now chief engineer.

The poem will explain what that means! Derek.

In a Christian camp, where love abounds,
A humble home shower, a treasure found.
Amidst the trees, where faith's embrace,
A place of solace, a sacred space.

Constructed with care, by willing hands,
A symbol of unity, as God commands.
Within these walls, souls cleanse and mend,
In prayerful whispers, hearts ascend.

Beneath the sun's warm, heavenly glow,
Blessed waters flow, like grace bestowed.
Children laugh, in joyful play,
Their spirits lifted, hearts in sway.

In this haven, souls find reprieve,
A place of comfort, where beliefs weave.
Where friendships blossom, bonds ignite,
And hope springs eternal, day and night.

A home made shower, a testament true,
To faith, to love, to skies of blue.
On this Christian camp, hearts are stirred,
In unity, they find the Word.



