AND FINALLY

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".

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. Please pray that Emily continues to enjoy her mission, that she remains safe and then returns safely.

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 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.

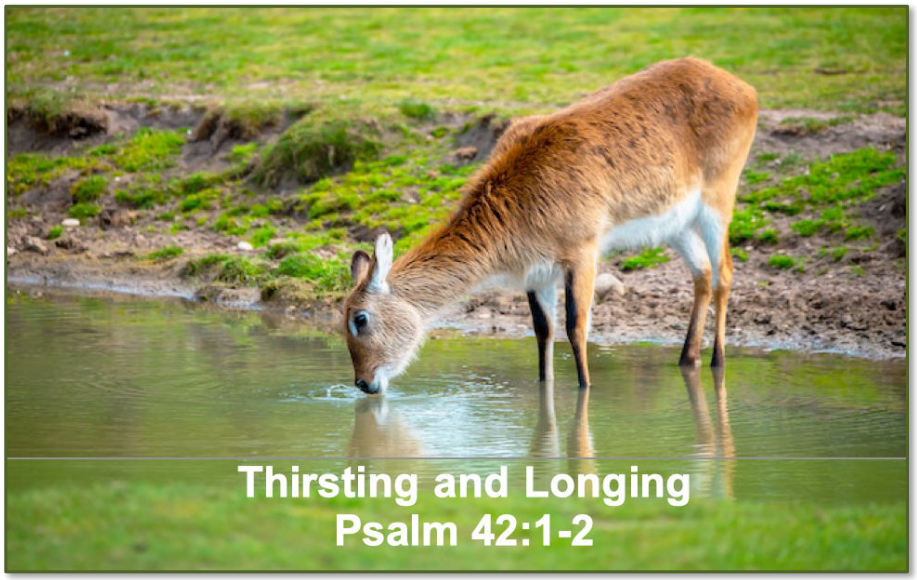
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ABC NEWS



Sunday 6th August 2023

Series: Monthly family service

Thirsty and Longing

Psalm 42:1-2a

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning Clive's band will be leading worship at our monthly family service. Simon will be weaving his talks throughout the service under the general heading of 'Thirsting and Longing' based on Psalm 42:1-2 where we read, 'As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.' I wonder if that is how you are feeling this morning. Are you thirsting for God? If not, why not?

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.**

AN INVITATION FROM LUCIENNEAND 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://mega.nz/file/7EYmwJQA#ndPxkeRkqEMbAKgO1nOoQHfcmNQR-QGtjHi0fAgaIdU

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

TODAY'S FLOWERS – The flowers this weekend have been donated by me in memory of Marjorie Hanchard, my mum. David Hanchard.

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.

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.

DID YOU KNOW – that there are plans to turn the old toilets in Marine Gardens into a high-quality destination that evokes the style of Edwardian Britain, but may also include a modern-day creative interpretation. Now that sounds like a really good idea! So, if you are a budding entrepreneur, then this may be the opportunity you are looking forward! For further details click here.

Instead of a poem this week, Arthur brings us a short story that might challenge the non-believers in the world to think again. It is also a good story to share with your non-Christian friends.

The Watch

Peter inherited a marvellous watch from his rich uncle. Everywhere Peter went, everybody admired its beauty. As the Antiques Roadshow was in the area, Peter decided to take it along.

Now when the expert saw it, he was overwhelmed.

He said, "I had heard a watch like this existed, but I never thought I would see it. It is absolutely priceless."

"Who made it?" Peter asked.

"Oh no one made it", said the expert.

"This watch was once one speck of gold created in a big bang millions of years ago and it slowly evolved into this beautiful watch you see before you today."

"Well," said Peter, "I have never heard such a ridiculous story."

"It is common sense that this watch was made by a very clever craftsman."

The expert never appeared on the show again.

And yet, this is what some people believe about our beautiful world!

How great is our God!

Arthur Magee

NEWS FROM SAT 7 - **"**Christian churches were everywhere, and they were working silently," says Melih Ekener, Executive Director of SAT-7 TÜRK. *"Even the Christians who had barely survived, even the ones who had lost their family… They had forgotten their own pain and were just focused on helping their neighbours. This was an amazing witness."* Many viewers are still reaching out to SAT-7 for prayer and to the viewer support and counselling team months later.

NEWS FROM BARNABAS FUND - Meanwhile Barnabas Aid continues to help refugees fleeing from unrest in Sudan into such as South Sudan and Egypt with a simple act of kindness. "Many Sudanese men, women and children have escaped from persecution, war and poverty in Sudan," said our project partner in Egypt. "This relatively small addition to the joy of their Sunday worship services was appreciated highly."

What is this small addition? A simple sandwich lunch for Sudanese believers after their Sunday worship. This is one of the reasons we support Barnabas Fund.