And finally …..

FIRST RESPONDER - Simon is now fully back in action after his holiday and is acting as first responder for all urgent matters. He is also busy with his pastoral meetings. For less urgent problems, please do try to make use of our pastoral care system by contacting your pastoral group coordinator. If you don't know who that is, we will be publishing up-to-date lists shortly.

A NEW ADDRESS - Margaret Edwards has now moved and her new address is: Flat 53, Homecroft House, Sylvan Way, Bognor Regis, PO21 2NQ (which some of you may well recognise as it is Pam Brown's old flat!). Phone No. 01243 862660, email: margaret5718@btinternet.com. However, the electrical supply to the flat is still in process of being connected, so Mags is currently staying with Bernard and Lucienne until it is resolved. Will confirm when Mags is actually living there.

ANOTHER NEW ADDRESS - Brian Goldsmith has also moved. His new address is 1 Wakefield Way, Aldwick, PO21 3RS. His phone number is 0747 0174 108.

VAL GOODWIN – Good news, Val seems to be making good progress and had her pacemaker fitted on Friday morning. If all goes well, Val may be able to come home this weekend which would be wonderful. Please continue to pray for healing and peace of mind for Val and Dave

MARION BRYANT - Marion is currently in a special unit at Worthing hospital and has been there for over a week. Bill believes she will be staying there for a while more yet. Please pray for healing and peace of mind for both Marion and Bill.

DAVINA RUMSBY – Davina is also still in the hospital following her fall as she is not well enough to come home yet. Simon visited Davina this week and said she was pleased to see him but was tired and a little confused. Please pray for healing and peace of mind for both Davina and Alan.

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Sunday 17th September 2023

Series: Faith in Action

Part 6 – Blessing and Cursing

James 3: 1- 12

Derek Robinson

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning Clive's band will be leading worship as we return to our series based on James' letter, entitled 'Faith in action. This week my talk is entitled, 'Blessing and Cursing' based on James 3:1-12.

Now, if you've been following our journey through this book so far, you may recall the problem James is addressing. He's writing to a congregation where their stated faith seemed to have no bearing on their lives. They were living as religious hypocrites, tarnishing the name of Christianity.

Unfortunately, this is how many non-Christians view Christians today as so many of us simply don't manage to put our faith into positive action. This week, James highlights the power of the words we speak and reminds us that they can be used to build up or tear down, encourage or discourage, unite or divide. Can you see that this passage is as relevant today as it was 2000 years ago, 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: https://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons

SAUSAGE & SPUDS HARVEST SPECIAL - If you intend to come to this event, please make sure you sign up for this as these supper evenings are usually oversubscribed and we have limited places.



PASTORAL CARE GROUPS – Following a very positive meeting of the Pastoral Care team, I am pleased to say we will be re-issuing the pastoral care lists in the next two weeks. The aim of our pastoral care groups is that you all feel loved and cared for and that no one slips through the net in a time of crisis. It's our way of enacting our stated aim – to love one another. Derek

Most of us in our lives come to a time when we feel we are at the end of our tether. This is a poem I wrote when I was at the end of mine. Arthur

"TRUST"

When you are at the end of your tether,
Jesus is at the other end.
When you reach rock bottom,
on Him you can depend.
When you feel you can't go on,
He'll be there to lean on.
On that rocky road of life,
He will be your guide.
When you cross that swollen river,
He will help you to the other side.
When you're feeling disappointed
And plans have gone astray,
Trust in Him to show you the way.
He knows your past and future.
He knows you through and through.
He is with you everyday in what you think,
where you go and what you do.
So when life seems so overwhelming,
and you feel you can't go on,
Just turn your eyes upon Jesus
For you have His love to lean upon.

Arthur Magee

TABLE TENNIS – Summer break is over and time to limber up our muscles as the LOVE ALDWICK group restarts on Tuesday 12th September from 2 -4 pm and every Tuesday thereafter. We look forward to welcoming new members as well as existing members. The subs are still the same £2 per afternoon Including light refreshments and equipment. It does not matter if you haven't played for many years as many were in the same boat when started. For any further information please contact me John Bell on 01243967385.