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.

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

DAVID HANCHARD – David has broken A tooth, top left of the mouth right at the back and will have to go to St. Richards Hospital for specialist treatment as his dentist is unable to help. Please do pray that David gets an appointment soon and that everything then goes smoothly. Please pray too about David's general wellbeing as he is having a particularly rough time at present.

VAL GOODWIN – Good news, Val is now back at home with her new pacemaker. Obviously, Val's physical injuries will take time to heal but do that God for His providence so far. Please continue to pray for healing and peace of mind for Val and Dave.

DAVINA RUMSBY – Davina is also still in the hospital following her fall as she is not well enough to come home yet. Alan tells me there is little change as Davina is still very weak and isn't eating properly. There is talk of her coming home soon but that hasn't been confirmed. Please pray for healing and peace of mind for both Davina and Alan.

MARION BRYANT – Marion has now been in hospital for 5 weeks and Bill tells us that on Friday they were able to sit outside and enjoy the sunshine for the first time in those 5 weeks. Bill feels Marion is improving slowly but tells us Marion will be staying there for a while more yet. Please pray for healing and peace of mind for both Marion and Bill.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 1st October 2023

Our Monthly Family Worship Service

"Love your Enemies

Matthew 5:43-45"

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning we will be celebrating God's goodness as He continues to provide us with a bountiful harvest. As it is the first Sunday in the month, it will also be our family service. Clive's band will be leading worship and Simon will be urging us to love our enemies as he talks on Matthew 5:43-45. In addition, Emily will be bringing us an account of her trip to Kenya.

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

TODAY'S FLOWERS - Flowers donated today by Jan Johnson in memory of my husband Norman who died on 2nd October 2021. Red and white flowers represent his happy days in the Navy. Miss you every day Norman. RIP.

I NEED YOUR SUPPORT - As most of you know, I enjoy working at St. Richard's Hospital but sadly, I see patients every day suffering from cancer which is truly devastating. Some are young adults with young children and toddlers of their own. It is so sad to see the heartbreak that this dreadful disease causes. I want to help to raise funds for cancer treatment research, so that one day, as the current advertising slogan says, "Together we can beat cancer". So in October, I am going to do 100 skips a day in October and I hope you can find it in your hearts to sponsor my efforts. If you are able, please show your support and help fund life-saving research by donating to my page. Every blessing, Shibali **https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/shibalis-giving-page-1**

A RETREAT DAY FOR WOMEN - Do you need a break from your day-to-day routine? Well if you do, the RISE team are excited to announce that they will be running another event on Thursday 19th October from 10 am – 3 pm. This is a day to rest, to be inspired, to hear each other and to encounter God. The cost is £20 and includes tea/coffee and lunch. For more info or tickets please e-mail bookings@dalesdown.org.uk or call Dalesdown on 01403 710712.

FAMILY PRAYER MEETING – We will be meeting for our monthly family prayer meeting at 10.30 am on Wednesday, October 4th in the church. Please do try to join us as we seek God's guidance for the church.

BOGNOR CHURCHES TOGETHER – A WEEK OF PRAYER - From 1 pm Oct.1st to 1 pm Oct 8th. in a room at the Salvation Army (entrance on Queensway) open 24/7. Groups or individuals can sign up to use the room for private or open sessions. Wednesday 4th Oct there is an evening of prayer and worship in the hall accessed from Canada Grove. There is a prayer walk on Sunday afternoon. See Barbara for timings if interested in this.

This poem combines our Harvest theme with Jesus'I nstructions to love our enemies. The author wants to remain anonymous.

The Abundant Harvest

In the season of harvest, we gather with glee,
Fruits of labour and love 'neath the autumn tree.
But as we celebrate, let our hearts be unfurled,
To embrace a deeper truth, a kinder world.

For as the golden grains fill barn and bin,
Let us remember the lesson found within.
To love our enemies, a challenge divine,
In every heart, a chance to brightly shine.

Like the sun that warms both just and unjust,
May our love break down walls, in God we trust.
In this harvest of love, let's spread the grace,
And let enemies become friends we embrace.

With grateful hearts, in this harvest's embrace,
May love and compassion adorn every face.
For in loving our enemies, we surely see,
The abundant harvest of love's victory.

HOME MISSION - Every month we receive a Home Mission Focus from Paul Kerley. 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 Chiddingfold Baptist Church, and it's a video from its minister, Rev Joao Bolzan. The link for the video is at on the SEBA Web Site - https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=311334&show_file=343496 And YouTube Link - https://youtu.be/UiRcvEDDZo8

TABLE TENNIS – Summer break is over and time to limber up our muscles as the LOVE ALDWICK group is now back in action 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.