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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 24th September 2023

Series: The Unveiling

The Unveiling - Salvation

John 4:1-30 & 39-42

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning Simon's band will be leading worship as we return to our series based on John's Gospel entitled 'The Unveiling'. This week Simon's talk is entitled, 'The Unveiling – Salvation' based on John 4: 1 - 30 and 39 - 42. As this is a long passage, it might help if you read it through beforehand and thought carefully about the significance of this passage in your own life. Perhaps, think about the significance of the cultural and racial barriers that Jesus crossed by engaging in conversation with a Samaritan woman. How might this challenge our own prejudices and biases?

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

OUR HARVEST SERVICE – We will be celebrating the Lord's good gifts to us next Sunday with our special harvest festival family service. Your donations will be going to Bognor Regis Foodbank who are running low on most things as the demand continues to escalate. Currently, the Foodbank are in urgent need of Biscuits, Uht Fruit Juice, Uht Milk, Nappies (Size 4/5), Pasta Sauces, Baby Food (not Milk), Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, Tinned Custard, Jams/Spreads/ Tinned Rice Pudding, Instant Mashed Portato and toiletries (men & woman).

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.



This week's Poem

This poem really follows on from last week's poem on trust as Arthur reinforces his confidence that when things are going wrong, "Jesus will be there".

"He will be there"

When you feel all is lost,
He will be there beside you.
When you lose the way,
He will be there to guide you.
When you feel vulnerable,
He will be there to defend you.
When you need a friend,
He will be there to befriend you.
When you ask Him into your life,
He will be there to save you.
How wonderful, that wherever you may be,
He will be there for all eternity.

Arthur Magee

DID YOU KNOW THAT 1st October is International Day of Older Persons (IDOP)? – Well now you do, and the Baptist Union want us to celebrate. The **IDOP**, led by the UN, is calling for the fulfillment of the promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Older Persons. The Bible is clear that age and experience have value, and churches are well positioned, experienced and motivated to express genuine love and care for older people, to reject ageism, and to encourage and facilitate meaningful and purposeful engagement into later life. The BU are encouraging churches to pray for older people on 1st October and to use this opportunity to raise awareness and celebrate their older friends as well as celebrating the age profile of your membership. Let's stop the world from convincing us that younger is somehow better than older. It's different, that's all. Instead, let's convince the world of God's view of ageing; that it's a crown of glory bestowed on us by the ancient of days himself.

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.

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

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.

PAM McLAREN – Pam is now back at home following a two week "try out" at Arun Lodge. Pam really wants to live an independent life for as long as she is able but knows she will need more and more help as the days pass. Do thank God for Pam's safe return and pray that she stays safe in her own home. Pray for protection from accidents and for peace of mind.

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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