And finally

FIRST RESPONDER - Simon is back from his break and so will be acting as first responder for all urgent matters. For less urgent problems, please use our pastoral care system by contacting your pastoral group coordinator. Derek.

MARION BRYANT – Good news, Marion is now back at home after seven weeks in hospital. She is slowly recovering and gradually regaining her strength but is still in need of your prayers as there is still a long way to go. Marion wants to thank you for your prayers and sends a big hug to you all.

AN UPDATE ON LUCIA – Lucia has an appointment at Great Ormond Street on the 23rd November. In the meantime she is currently on vacation at home as the hospital want to see how she copes with everyday life. The last reading of her heart was still only 20%. She is on new drugs and is on the 3rd level of it. She goes back to Southampton on the 8th November for a two day checkup when she will then be on the final level of the drug. Despite everything she remains cheerful and looks a lot better. She is still not able to exert herself and knows when she needs to sit down. Thank you for your prayers but do keep on praying for healing and peace of mind.

HEATHER GAUDOIN – Good news, Heather is now out of hospital and is staying with her Auntie Heather. Unsurprisingly, she is very tired and now needs time to rest and recover. Do thank God for the success of this operation and continue to pray for ongoing healing. Please do not try to contact Heather for the time being as she needs peace and quiet. Many thanks for all the prayer support.

PAM McLAREN – Pam has been struggling this week and has now returned to Aran Lodge for a time of rest and recovery. Do pray for guidance on the best option for the future.

KAY TUCKER – Kay, who is also living at Aran Lodge, is also struggling as she feels continually weak and weary. Please do pray for an uplift in her spirit and a boast for her energy levels.

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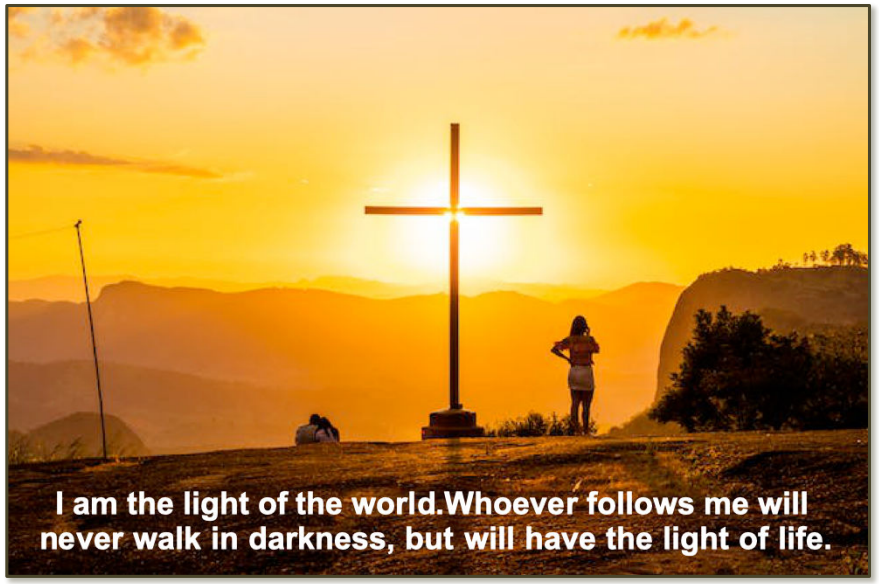

Sunday 29th October 2023

A Celebration of light

John 8:12 & John 12:44-46

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning Simon's band will be leading worship and bringing us God's word. As you are all aware Halloween is close. From a Christian perspective, Halloween is a time of spiritual darkness just like the other occult festivals, that happen every year - the ones we are far less aware of! As that is so, today Simon will be we are celebrating light, instead! Yes, a celebration of the true light - who is Jesus. And today, in his talk Simon will be showing us just how extraordinary Jesus is. We will also be meeting around the communion table as we remember what Jesus, the light of the world, has done for us.

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

CHRISTMAS BOXES - Brenda wants to remind you, that the Christmas boxes need to be back by the 1st Sunday in November.

LAST CHANCE TO VOTE ON OUR MISSION SUPPORT – As you know we currently support six different mission organisations. As a Baptist Church, we are expected to support the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS) and Baptist Home mission which we do each month. In addition, we support **SAT7**, **BARNABAS AID**, **MAF** and **THE BIBLE SOCIETY** by giving an annual gift. Our mission team would like to know if you want to continue supporting these 4 missions or is it time for a change. Possible alternative missions we could support are **WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS**, **ONELIFE** and **AFRICAN ADVENTURES**. To help you make a decision, pick up a leaflet at church this Sunday which tells you more about these missions and contains a preference slip for you to return. Please select **FOUR** choices from this list (the document says 3 but that is WRONG. Can you return you slips by Sunday, 29th October.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! So now is the time to enter these dates in your diary.

- Carols in the Car Park (Christmas) – Wednesday 13th December2023
- Christmas Services:
  - Carols in the Car Park – Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 18.00
  - Carols by Candlelight – Sunday 17th December at 18.30
  - Midweek Carol Service – Wednesday 20th December at 14.00
  - Christmas Eve Service – Sunday 24th December at 10.30
  - Christmas Day - Monday 25th December at 10.30

This week Arthur's poem reminds us of our some from our early years at Sunday school – What a friend we have in Jesus.

My Friend

I have a friend -
A leave you never friend.
Who will never leave you,
Whatever life has in store.
He will be there.
Of this, you can be sure.
He will be there to hold your hand.
He will be there to understand.
He will be with you
In the darkest night.
He will be there,
In the early morning light.
There is no need
To ever be afraid again.
He will help you
In all your sorrow and pain.
Yes, what a friend we have in Jesus

Arthur Magee

URGENT PRAYER UPDATED REQUEST –Laura (Bev and Jim's daughter) is home now as her pain can be managed. She is under the care of a renal consultant. She has (had?) a serious left kidney infection, causing 50% permanent damage. No clot has been found but the doctors hypothesise that some event in the body threw up little clots, causing the infarction. Please pray for her recovery, as she is getting over the shock, and especially for a cause/ treatment for this very rare presentation. Please do also pray for peace of mind for the whole family as they struggle with this unexpected problem.

SHIBALI AND 100 SKIPS A DAY – Good news, Shabali has now raised around £385 for life-saving research into the treatment of cancer. She is still skipping every day (well until Tuesday), so if you haven't already supported her efforts, there is still time to donate through her fundraising page.

https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/shibalis-giving-page-1