And finally

FIRST RESPONDER - Simon is our first responder for all urgent matters for the time being. For less urgent problems, please use our pastoral care system by contacting your pastoral group coordinator. Derek.

DAVINA RUMSBY –There will be a Thanksgiving service for Davina's life here on Wednesday 22nd November at 2:00pm. Do come thank God for Davina's life and do please pray for Alan at this very sad time for him.

EMILY BROWN - Emily fell off her bed this week and is now in the Royal Surrey Hospital in Guildford having fractured her pelvis in two places. Please pray for relief from pain and for healing. Just to add to her complications, Emily was supposed to be moving out of her bungalow today (that is Friday). This is now being organised by her family. Despite it all, Emily remains cheerful and sends her love to everyone.

BRIAN GOLDSMITH – Brian has been experiencing almost constant pain due to worsening sciatica. This has severely limited his walking but although he uses a stick for walking, thankfully it hasn't affected his driving. Please4 pray for pain relief and for healing. Brian continues to praise the Lord for the Lord's provision of his new home. Brian says visitors are very welcome, but should check with him first. 0747 0174 108.

A REMINDER ABOUT LUCIA – Lucia is back at home and is managing to go to school for 2 hours each day but she does get tired and then needs to rest. Lucia's next appointment at Great Ormond Street is on the 21st November. So do thank God for Lucia's ongoing improvement but pray that this appointment is positive and continue to pray that this improvement continues. Despite everything Lucia remains cheerful and loves to dance around when her energy levels are up but this has to be short bursts. If Lucia gets to church this week, do not overwhelm with attention but do say hello

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 19th November 2023

Series: The Unveiling

The Unveiling – Miraculous

John 4:43-54

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning Clive'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 – Miraculous' based on John 4: 43-54. We will be re-joining Jesus on his return to Galilee where he is initially welcomed enthusiastically but we soon see that the Galileans are more interested in seeing the miracles than finding about who Jesus really is and why He came to earth. This has many parallels with life today and so should be really interesting and thought provoking. Don't miss this!

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

MARGARET EDWARDS - To everyone at ABC I expect many have heard that I have decided to leave ABC and resign my membership. This decision has been made since I moved to Homecroft House in August. I wondered if the Lord would lead me to move to St Wilfrid's when I took up residence and be a part of the local church in my area and this is the case. I have enjoyed worshiping with everyone and I have made many friendships in my time with you all. God bless you and may you flourish in Him. Blessings Margaret Edwards.

LADIES CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENING - Nicky would like to invite you to join her at her annual craft evening at the church on Thursday 30th November at 7.30pm. There is a cost of £4 which pays for the resources used. To book a place do contact Nicky on 07943537785.

DO YOU LIKE FRESH AIR? **CAN YOU PUSH A WHEELCHAIR?** If the answer is yes to both, then perhaps you would like to contact Kay, Val or Pam at Arun Lodge as I am sure they would love to spend some time breathing in the wonderful sea air as they (stroll) along the prom, prom, prom.

PRAYER ROOM - Dear Friends, please go into your prayer room and pray the many requests of your brothers and sisters. Do add any of your own requests onto the wall. It is so encouraging to see God's answer to prayer. Angela

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 15.30
  - Christmas Eve Service – Sunday 24th December at 10.30
  - Christmas Day - Monday 25th December at 10.30

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that there are a lot of lonely people in our area especially at Christmas. Arthur challenges us to spend just a little bit of time with such a person.

Hello

She sits there all alone,
Very rarely does she have any mail
or hear the telephone,
She reflects on all the Christmases gone by.
Memories that make her happy
but some that make her cry.
So many of her loved ones
and also friends have passed away.
How she longs for yesterday.
You will see her laugh and smile.
But it's just to hide
the loneliness she feels inside.
If this reminds you of someone you know.
Just give her a moment
of your time to say hello.
Maybe over a nice cup of tea
You'll be surprised
how grateful she will be.

Arthur Magee

Help shut winter loneliness and open door to God's incredible love – This week the Baptist Union sent us details of **Love My Neighbour**, a campaign to remind and encourage us all to intentionally connect with our older neighbours this winter. For some of us winter conjures up thoughts of cosy times by the fire, sipping hot chocolate, making Christmas plans with the family, and enjoying bracing winter walks with friends. But for many older people however, these shorter and darker days will be a time of increased loneliness as the cold prevents some from venturing out to their usual groups and activities. This is understandable; travel confidence dips in the winter, and who wants to stand at the bus stop in the cold and rain, only to come back in the dark to a silent, empty home? Love My Neighbour is a simple but potentially lifesaving and lifegiving campaign to remind and encourage us all to intentionally connect with our older neighbours this winter. Do you want to be involved then click this link?