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 – Alan's beloved Davina passed away on Tuesday. Do thank God for Davina's life and pray for Alan at this difficult time. There will be a Thanksgiving service for her life here on Wednesday 22nd November at 2:00pm. More details **to follow.**

ANN TYLER - It is Ann Tyler's funeral Tuesday 14th November at 2:00 p.m. at Chichester crematorium, It would be good if some of us could attend to support the family and to support Simon who will be leading proceedings.

MARION BRYANT – Good news, Simon visited Marion on Wednesday and reports that seemed much better than on previous visits. Her doctors have changed her medication, and this seems to have made a significant difference. So do thank God for this positive news. Marion 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. Do also pray for Bill, Marion's husband, who is always by her side.

A REMINDER ABOUT LUCIA – Lucia has been back at Southampton for a two day assessment and a review of her medication. Jameela is hoping that they can come home today and then wait for Lucia's appointment at Great Ormond Street on the 23rd November. Despite everything she remains cheerful but gets very tired very quickly. better. Thank you for your prayers but do keep on praying for healing and peace of mind.

HEATHER GAUDOIN – Good news, Heather is making good but slow progress after her recent operation. 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.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 12th November 2023

Psalm 46

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This Sunday we will be remembering the fallen in our annual Remembrance service. This service will include several video clips and of course the 2 minutes silence at 11am. Simon's message is based on Psalm 46. 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

A MESSSAGE FROM THE BAPTIST UNION – As we send this to you today, I hear the sound of high winds and see the rain battering the windows, and the forecast says it'll get worse! This may reflect the many storms we see across our communities and our world today. Storms that leave mess and destruction in their wake. And yet… God is: I AM WHO I AM.

As we are sent into the world to make disciples, to baptise and to teach, to point others towards the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we stand firm on the promise that Jesus is with us always. In the storms our world faces today, let's remember the Lord is at hand and bring everything in prayer to God.

Today we pray for you. In the midst of the storms you face, may know the overshadowing of the Triune God of love. Every blessing

AS WE ARE SENT – The words above are very challenging especially with regards to our efforts at evangelism. In the new year, we will be looking at how we can be more effective as 'we go into the world'. If you want to be involved in such a group, please speak to me now. Derek

TODAY'S FLOWERS - The flowers today have been donated by Marie Gilbert in memory of her sister who died on Remembrance Sunday 5 years ago. Still greatly missed and fondly remembered.

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.

THANK YOU AGAIN - A huge thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas Shoebox appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The boxes are now on their way as well as a cash donation of £170. Do thank God that you will be bringing some joy to some very needy children this Christmas. May they be greatly blessed, Brenda

This week's Poem

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that while there is unrest everywhere we look in the world today, there is a solution. Unfortunately, most people can't see it. They can't see that the answer is Jesus. They simply don't understand that He is the answer because HE IS ALIVE!

HE IS ALIVE

I know that He's alive,
And that I need Him so.
His amazing love
That will never let me go.
I know that He's alive.
He is with me every day.
That sense of comfort
His overwhelming presence
Whenever I pray.
I don't have to buy a miracle,
And all that hypocrisy.
I know that He's alive
And that His love for me is free.
"Yes", I know that He is alive.
He won the victory,
That we might be with Him
For all eternity.

Arthur Magee

OUR ONGOING MISSIONARY GIVING – As you know we make a monthly donation to the Baptist Missionary Society and Baptist Home Mission. We have also traditionally made a one-off donation to four other charities in February Recently you voted to continue to support the Bible Society and Barnabas Aid and to support two new charities, African Adventures and One Life. As the voting was extremely close, we have decided that in 2024 we will also support MAF and SAT7 as we have done previously. This means we will be making six one off donations in February. We will then review our missionary giving again in the autumn of 2024. We hope you all feel able to support this decision.

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