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.

AN UPDATE ON LUCIA – Lucia is back from her visit to Great Ormond Street after a series of tests. The good news is that her tests were encouraging although her heart remains weak. She has been removed from the transplant list for the time being which is also encouraging but she will be going back to Great Ormond Street for regular tests. From next week, Lucia will be going to school for the whole day and hopes to be able to begin taking part in more physical activities such as dance which she loves. She has to monitor her own energy levels and knows when she to needs to rest. Jameela and the family are feeling more upbeat than they have for a while and are looking forward to a normal Christmas and a new start in 2024 for them all. So do thank God for Lucia's ongoing improvement and His continual guidance. Despite everything Lucia remains cheerful and was really happy to come to church last Sunday!

EMILY BROWN - Emily is back in her temporary accommodation in Godalming but is in a lot of pain and can't really get around. The hospital are organising physio at home for Emily and the family are currently trying to organise carers to come in. Please pray for relief from pain and for healing. Despite it all, Emily remains cheerful and sends her love to everyone.

DEREK ROBINSON – I will be in hospital on Friday and Saturday of this week as I have to have a parotidectomy where the surgeons will remove a lump in my parotid gland. If you look this up on the internet, it all sounds a bit scary – so I would value your prayers for a steady hand for the surgeon, a successful operation, for healing and peace of mind.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 26th November 2023

Series: Faith in action

"Trusting God's Plan: The Power of Faithful Living"

James 4:13-17 & 5:7-20

Derek Robinson

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning Simon's band will be leading worship as we return to our series based on the Book of James entitled 'Faith in Action'. In today's sermon, I we will be looking at James' timeless teachings on true transformation, the significance of believers as the Body of Christ, and the urgency of our work in God's grand design. We will uncover the art of living in humility, integrating God into every facet of life, and the cornerstone role of prayer in navigating the highs and lows of our journey.

As we conclude this series, let's engage wholeheartedly, immerse ourselves in the Word, express our faith in joyful song, prioritize prayer, and pray for the growth of our community. Join us as we embrace the unseen, trusting God's plan for our tomorrows. This is more than a sermon; it's an invitation to live with purpose and hope, anchored in the promises of our sovereign God. Derek.

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

ALAN RUMSBY – Alan would like to thank you all for sharing in the lovely celebration service for the life of his dear wife Davina. In particular, he would like to thank Simon, Brenda and the catering team and the back desk team.

BRIAN GOLDSMITH – Brian will be preaching at Southbourne Free Church on 3rd December. Do pray for Brian's preparation, good health, safe travel and a receptive congregation. Do also pray for the minister Paul, his wife Veronicas and this faithful congregation. Do also ask God to add to their numbers.

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.

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 even when we are under pressure and don't know where to turn, God understands our predicament.

He Understands

When the pressure of this world,
On your shoulders takes its toll.
Rest in the Lord.
He is your strength,
He is your control.

When you feel all is lost,
When sorrows like the billows roll.
Where can you go
but to the Lord?
He is in control.

He is your creator.
He made your body, mind and soul.
Why should we be afraid?
He understands.
"Yes", He is in control.

Arthur Magee

AN INVITATION - WHEN LOVE CAME DOWN – We would like to invite to join us as we celebrate the true story of Christmas. When we read of organisations such as the National Trust continuing to attempt to eliminate Christmas (and Easter) although propagating "other religions", it is essential that the Church of Jesus Christ stands firm in bringing the gospel to all.

We hope that many will feel able to respond to this invitation. The programme will comprise singing, readings, video clips and refreshments which many have enjoyed over the years! to attend if possible to share the good news about Jesus coming into the world to bring hope and salvation.

