And finally

FIRST RESPONDER - Simon and Nicky will be away next week and so I will be acting as first responder for all urgent matters until his return. For less urgent problems, please use our pastoral care system by contacting your pastoral group coordinator. Derek.

EMILY DOWNING - Emily is now on a 5 week travelling holiday with her friend Freya. Please do pray for the Lord's protection over Emily and Freya as they go about their travels. Please pray too for peace of mind for the family back at home.

OUR PASTORAL TEAM – Please pray for our pastoral team and the good work they are doing in monitoring your health and well-being. If anyone else would like to join this team, then do let me know

MATT WOOD – Please pray for Matt and the family as he was taken in to hospital during the week. Pray for an accurate diagnosis and the correct treatment. Please pray too for peace of mind for the family.

MALCOLM FARRINGTON – Malcolm is still in St. Richard's hospital but Barbara is hoping that he will be able to come home early next week. He will need ongoing treatment and various modification to the bungalow. Barbara says it is chaos at the moment. Please do pray that can come home soon and that his ongoing treatment goes well. Please pray too for Barbara's peace of mind and her own well-being as the situation is very stressful.

HEATHER GOUDOIN – Heather is slowly recovering from her major heart surgery and has been able to return to work on a parttime basis. Do thank the Lord for His hand on Heather's life and pray that she will be able to worship with us again soon.

DEREK ROBINSON – My operation went well on Monday although I won't know the final results for a few weeks. Be warned, my face is looking a bit scary at the moment. Thank you for your prayers.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 11th February 2024

Series: The Unveiling

The Unveiling - Signs

John 6: 1- 15

Clive Bennett

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE - This Sunday we return to our series entitled, "The Unveiling". Today's talk is entitled, "The Unveiling – Signs" based on John's Gospel chapter 6. In his talk today, Clive will be speaking about the kingship of Jesus and what it means to His followers. In today's passage we will see that the crowd wanted a quite different sort of king to the one Jesus offered.

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

AN INVITATION TO WALK THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT - You are invited to join other local Christians to enjoy a journey with an experienced guide who will encourage you to see God's word through the 'Big Picture.' You will experience fun and memorable sessions with such clarity that you will be able to retell the storyline to a friend.

- **Where?** St Mary Magdalene Church, Bersted Street, PO22 9QE.
- **When?** Part 1: Saturday 24th February, 2pm to 5pm. Part 2:Saturday 2nd March, 2pm – 4.30pm.
- **Cost?** £14 (Free for children aged 11-17).
- **Need more information?** Contact Rev Tim Crook 01243 862018 or timothycrook@hotmail.com

TODAY'S FLOWERS – Today's flowers have been donated by Val in recognition that she has a birthday this month and in celebration of the fact that she is here to celebrate her birthday following her near death road accident last August. Val sends her thanks and appreciation to you all for yourprayers and well wishes for her recovery.

COMPASSION – Ian Childs from Compassion will be preaching here on Sunday, 21st July. He would like to know if any of us have sponsored a child through Compassion. If any of you have, could speak to Barbara or me and we put you in touch with Ian. You can find out more about Compassion by going to their website. https://www.compassionuk.org/

PRAY FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO SOLDIER ON – We know a lot of you have all sorts of problems that you tend to keep to yourselves. So please can we all pray for those amongst us who soldier on, often in pain, but are relucent to ask for prayer. If this is you, then do share your problems with others. It does really help.

SASRA NEWS AND PRAYER UPDATE – If you would like to know more about SASRA (The Soldiers & Aviators Scripture Readers Association) then you can catch up by using this link: https://mailchi.mp/sasra.org.uk/sasra-enewsletter-february-2024?e=c304c8b6ea.

This week Arthur's poem reminds us just how great is our God. His handiwork is everywhere, if you open your eyes and look.

How Great is our God

How can they take for granted
The miracle of God's creation?
So many wonders known and unknown
Beyond our imagination.

Yes when I see
the wonders all around.
From the very smallest creatures
To the universe unbound.

When I see the intensity
of the Milky Way.
The millions of stars
just takes my breath away.

When I see a Caterpillar
turn into a beautiful butterfly.
Even the unbeliever
must one must wonder why.

When I see the rainbow in the summer showers
to grow the summer flowers.
When I see the tears of joy in her mother's eyes
when her new born baby cries.

How great is our creator
in all the wonders that we share.
The evidence of our God
is everywhere.

Arthur Magee

SEBA HOME MISSION FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY 2024 - Every month we receive a Home Mission Focus from Paul Kerley which is usually in the form of a short video from one of our Home Mission supported churches. This month the SEBA Focus is on Westvale Community Church Baptist Church, near Gatwick, and it's a video from its Minister in Training, Miranda. The link for the video is at

https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=317899&show_file=352142