And finally

FIRST RESPONDER – As Simon is back with us, He will be acting as first responder for and urgent problems and prayer requests. For less urgent problems, please use our pastoral care system by contacting your pastoral group coordinator. Derek.

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 – First some good news. Matt Wood is coming home from hospital today as his pneumonia has now cleared. Do thank the Lord for this.
The not so good news is that Matt has a yet unidentified virus and remains very weak and will have to spend most of his time resting in bed. Please pray that the virus can be identified and suitable treatment can be implemented.
Please pray too that Matt's immune system can be restored as it is currently very weak which leaves Matt prone to frequent infections.
Pray too for Cilla as she has to manage the household, care for Tony and Matt as well as organising the children.
To make matters worse, Matt is the only member of the family who can drive which leaves the family rather isolated.
Cilla would like to thank all of you for your prayers and for the help she has already received but the family's need remains desperate.
If you can help in anyway, do contact Cilla

MALCOLM FARRINGTON – Malcolm is back at home but is not feeling too good. He is feeling very lethargic and the hospital are worried about his immune system not functioning correctly. He has to go back to hospital next week for further ongoing treatment. Barbara reports that Malcolm's carers are doing an excellent job and the essential modifications to the bungalow are going to plan Barbara says it is still chaos at the moment but the work is essential. Please do pray that Malcom's ongoing treatment goes well. Please pray too for Barbara's peace of mind and her own well-being as the situation is very stressful.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 18th February 2024

Series: The Unveiling

The Unveiling - Feeding

John 6: 25 - 58

Simon Downing

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE - This Sunday Simon returns and will be continuing with "The Unveiling" series. Today's talk is entitled, "The Unveiling – Feeding" based on John's Gospel chapter 6:25-58. This is quite a long passage, so it would be helpful if you read it beforehand. Clive's band will be leading worship and the service will include communion.

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

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/

AN UPDATE ON LUCIA – Lucia visit Great Ormond's Street again last week for further tests and her doctors were pleased with her progress. She remains very happy in herself and still likes to dance around but soon tires as her energy levels drop. Please pray for ongoing healing and peace of mind for the family. Do thank God for His hand in this situation

EASTER CRAFT & HOT CROSS BUN EXTRAVAGANZA – SATURDAY 9th March, 2 – 3.30 pm. It seems like we've only just got over Christmas and Easter is almost upon us. We are holding one of our regular quarterly celebrations in March and we thought it would be a great opportunity for families and people of all ages to make some craft in preparation for Easter (and also Mothers' Day) Get your creative juices flowing and we will provide the hot cross buns and drinks to keep your energy levels up. There will be limited spaces and, as this is an outreach event, we would ask you to invite friends and family to come with you - it will be a case of first come first served. We are looking forward to a great afternoon. Clive.

This week Arthur's poem reminds us just that no matter how many things go wrong, no matter how gloomy the outlook, there is an everlasting light, ready to guide you home.

Light from the darkness

How can I go on
to face another day?
When so many I have loved
have passed away.

How can I go on
When all those dreams
of yesterday are gone?
And in the future
All I see is pain and misery.

But then I see the light
That penetrates the darkest night.
That give me hope and joy inside,
He is my Saviour, friend and guide.

"Yes", because of the cross
I will never be afraid again.
He helps me overcome
the fear and pain.

When all the trials of this world
have faded away.
We will spend forever
With our Lord on that eternal day.

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

PAM RYAN – Pam is now residing at Arondel Cottage Care Home, 5 Highfield Rd, PO22 8BQ. Pam often feels lonely and would welcome some visitors. Can you help?