FIRST RESPONDER - Simon is generally our first responder for all urgent matters, so do contact him in the case of emergencies. For less urgent problems, please use our pastoral care system by contacting your pastoral group coordinator.

ERNIE PUFFETT - For those of you who remember Ernie Puffett, he is currently very weak and probably nearing the end of his life. Please do pray for peace for Ernie and his family and thank the Lord for his years of faithful service.

SOMEONE IS PRAYING FOR YOU - Prayer is an opportunity to journey hand in hand with the one who went to the cross and prays day in, day out, on the right hand of the Father, for us.

STOLEN LIVES. SPECIAL LOVE. MEDICAL NEEDS. NO COLLECTIONS. SYRIA 2024 NEEDS OVERVIEW – Samara Levey has just posted a moving update on the situation in Syria. It begins, "When things are difficult to hear or see, the least painful option is to change our posture so that we don't have to hear or see. But what an incredible act of love it is for those who choose to listen, to perceive and to love, regardless of the discomfort it brings them." Can you see what Samara is saying to us? It is so easy to look away and simply ignore some of the horrible things that are going on every day. She urges not to do that! Find out more by clicking this link or by go to https://www.samarasaidappeal.org/ for more details.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK – Yes, I know you have all heard this many times but it doesn't dimmish it's truth. This week, do ask yourself, "What can I do to support the Lord's work here at ABC?" Joy will be putting up a list of possibilities for you to consider – so watch out for this!

CAR PARKING - Please park responsibly by first parking against the fence at the front of the church. It really does make a difference. Blocking in empty spaces can lead to frustration and sends out the wrong message to our community.

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Sunday 14th April 2024

Series: The Lord Provides

Redemption and Restoration

Ruth 3

Simon Downing

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Today Simon's band will be leading worship as they lead us into praise and worship of our amazing God. Simon will then be returning to our 4-part series, "The Lord Provides" based on the book of Ruth. Today we reach chapter 3, where we will see Ruth and Boaz moved closer together. Simon's talk is entitled "Redemption and Restoration" which suggests things are going to improve. 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

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING – Our quarterly family meeting will be on Thursday 18th April at 7 pm. Please do make every effort to attend.

SEBA HOME MISSION FOCUS FOR APRIL 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 Hawkinge Baptist Church in Kent where their Minister is Ali Boddington. The link (rom 1st April) is:

https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=321235&show_file=356314

YOUR FAITH, YOUR ONLINE WORLD - The Baptist Union has been part of a collaboration producing this innovative project aimed at empowering young people aged 11-16 to explore what it means to be a Christian and how that interweaves with navigating life online. The project aims to facilitate a space for self-reflection, faith exploration, and thoughtful, faith aligning online engagement. Click here to **find out more about this free resource**. Do share this link with anyone working with young people and any young children that you know.

DO YOU NEED A CARER/CLEANER? - Molly's friend Alison Balfour unexpectedly has a few free slots in her working week and would be happy to help anyone in need for a very reasonable fee. Her telephone number is 07497-644582. Talk to Molly if you want to know more

SHEILA SARGENT'S GRANDDAUGHTER NEEDS OUR PRAYERS – You may recall that sometime ago, Sheila asked us to pray for her granddaughter Lara. Lara would love to have some children but has medical problems that make this difficult. Please pray for God to move in this situation and remove the present obstacles, to give her peace of mind and to enable her to become a mum.

HOMEGROUPS REALLY ARE GREAT – If you aren't currently in a homegroup you are really missing out on a great time of fellowship, prayer, Bible study and cake. What are you waiting for? Do talk to me if you would like to know more. We will then find you a place in one of the groups. Derek.

This week, following on from the Lord's resurrection, Arthur reminds us that it was on the cross that Jesus bore our sins and we were set free. Alleluia!

The Cross set me free

Once I was down
In that deep pit.
In that dark place
With no exit.

But then I saw the light
That penetrates the darkest night.
Oh to feel the fresh air upon my face
To rest in His amazing grace.

No longer a slave
To sin and misery.
Thank you Lord
For the day you set me free
On that cross at Calvary,

Arthur Magee

STARTING NEXT SUNDAY OUR NEW SERIES – "ELIJAH – LIVING SECURELY IN AN INSECURE WORLD". Clive will introduce this series next week when the title of his talk will be "Obeying God in Times of Terror" based on 1 Kings 16v29 -17v4. Don't miss it!

TALKING ABOUT JESUS – Our new sermon series on evangelism will now start on May 19th. In this series Jesus will be challenging all of us about our responsibilities to share the Good News with our friends and neighbours.

ABC IN THE NEWS - There was an article about ABC in the recent SEBA News email which may be of interest alongside other news from the Association. The article is the last one in the "Network News" category. You can access the article by clicking here or by going to https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/Groups/362886/News_from_the.aspx.

RESPONDING TO PRAYER REQUESTS - Dear friends, there are many prayer requests by your brothers and sisters in the prayer room, please go in and pray over them. There are also many aids to prayer you may like to use. With love in Christ. Angela