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.

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.

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.

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.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 21st April 2024

Series: "Elijah – living securely in an insecure world"

Obeying God in Times of Terror

1 Kings 16:29 – 17:4

Clive Bennett

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning Brenda's band will be leading worship as we bring our praises to Almighty God. Today also sees the start of our new series as Clive introduces to "Elijah – living securely in an insecure world". The title of his talk day will be "Obeying God in Times of Terror" based on 1 Kings 16v29 -17v4. There can be little doubt that we do live in troubled times where our only true hope is our Almighty God. Throughout the Old Testament we see God's people living in times of terror as they lost their focus on worshipping the Lord and suffered because of it. The encouraging news from the OT is that when the people return to God, so the reign of terror eventually ends. I think there is a real message for us today in that which is why this series is most appropriate for today. Don't miss it!

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

PLEASE SUPPORT US - Along with two other nurses from Emergency Floor St Richards hospital will be running the Bognor 10k on 12th May in support of our fellow nurse who recently diagnosed and undergoing treatment for brain tumor. Please support if you can and share with others. God bless. You can donate by going to this webpage - Team fundraising for The Brain Tumour Charity . Thank you in advance. Shibali.

AT THE CHURCH FAMILY MEETING – Thank to the 37 members who joined us at last night's Our quarterly family meeting. Simon opened by reminding us that the devil is real and that he does have his schemes and we really need to be aware that there is a spiritual battle going on. Simon challenged us to think in terms of what is going on spiritually. It is not just about requesting, it is about wrestling in prayer. To find out what else went on, do take a look at the minutes which Clive sent out and are also available at the back of the church.

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

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

This week, Arthur reminds us to look back on the wonderful times we had with our loved ones in the past, and to smile because of Jesus' great sacrifice we will see them again.

"What a wonderful thought"

Remember the good times
As we travel along life's way.
All those happy memories
That no one can take away.
How we remember those we loved,
All those happy days we shared
And, O Lord, how much we cared.
But how wonderful
That because Jesus
Died for you and me.
We will be together again
For the good times in eternity.

Arthur Magee

ERNIE PUFFETT – For those of you who remember Ernie Puffett, he died earlier this week and has now gone to be with the Lord. Please do pray for peace for Ernie's family and thank the Lord for his years of faithful service.

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.

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.