… and finally

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.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A BLESSING - This week we had a thank you letter from the Baptist Union for our donation through the Birthday scheme. You might like to know that our donation is supporting children with disabilities in Nepal. Their letter is on the notice board for you to read.

ONELIFE PRAYER LETTER – One of the charities we support is ONELIFE which is a charity devoted to envisioning and raising up a generation of exceptional leaders distinguished by the very presence of God at work in and through their lives. You can read their latest prayer letter on the notice board.

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 28th April 2024

Series: The Lord Provides

The Lord provides a redeemer

Ruth 4

Simon Downing

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning Simon's band will be leading worship as we bring our praises to Almighty God. Today also sees the conclusion of our series, the Lord Provides, as reach Ruth Chapter 4. insecure world". The title of Simon's talk is "The Lord provides a redeemer". If you like happy endings, you will enjoy the finale of this series. But, there's more to this story than meets the eye because in many ways the story of Ruth serves as a beautiful picture of God's love, redemption, and faithfulness, which finds its ultimate fulfilment in the person and work of Jesus Christ. For just as Boaz redeems Ruth by marrying her and restoring her and Naomi's family line, Jesus redeems humanity by offering Himself as a sacrifice for sin, restoring our relationship with God. What an amazing God we have!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

NEXT WEEKEND'S FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE 5th May - This will include Breakfast Time which is open to all ages. Breakfast time is a place to encourage Christians and non-Christians alike, to share in some food together, before the family services begin. It is about using the gifts of relationships, hospitality, generosity, and kindness to make people feel valued. It is about helping people feel that they 'belong.' As relationships develop, the sharing of one's faith may also emerge in time.

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.

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 tumour. 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.

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

This week, Arthur reminds us that there are so many lonely people in our area who long for the telephone to ring, or to hear a letter drop on the mat. They would love someone to pop in and simply say, "Hello".

"Hello"

She sits there all alone.
Very rarely does she have any mail,
Or hear the telephone.
So many of her loved ones
And friends have passed away.
How she longs for yesterday.
She thinks of all those years gone by.
Memories that make her happy,
But some that make her cry.
You will see laugh and smile,
But it is just to hide,
The loneliness she feels inside.
If this reminds you of someone you know,
Please make time to say, "Hello".
It would be such a nice thing to do
And you will feel better too.

Arthur Magee

BEFRIENDING THE LONELY – Echoing Arthur's poem, we know of one particular lady who feels very lonely and simply has no friends or relatives. She would love to talk to someone, or simply text someone. It would make a lonely person very happy. Can you help? If you can then do talk to me as soon as possible.

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.

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!