FIRST RESPONDER – Simon will be acting as 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. Please do pray for Simon and the family as Simon begins to adjust his working week. Pray for peace of mind, an ability to relax and for a time of refreshment.

DAVID AND THE DENTIST – David's treatment is over for this month but he has to return to the dentist's chair again on 13th August. David would like to thank you all for your prayers and says that this time he felt much less panicky and was able to pray whilst sitting in the chair! He will be asking us to pray for him again as his next appointment gets nearer.

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS –Mary Bullock seems to moving relatively well after her operation. She remains a little unsure of what is happening but she will be moving to Arun Lodge on Monday. She will be joying our other three residents, Kay Tucker, Val Colette and Pam McLaren. Please do pray for the all as they are all struggling at present. Please too pray for the staff there who are doing their best in very difficult circumstances. Mavis is also in need of our prayers as she is now bedbound with carers coming in four times a day. Please pray too for Wendy who is constantly by her mum's side and on call. She is feeling very tired and concerned for her mum. Malcolm is now a resident at Nyton House in Westergate which provides specialist care. Barbara reports that Malcolm seems much more relaxed there, even eating well and putting on some weight. Please pray for ongoing comfort, peace of mind and healing. Pray too for Barbara as they both settle into this new routine. Unfortunately Ian Surrell was taken back into hospital last weekend as he was in a great deal of pain. Fortunately the hospital diagnosed the problem, treated it accordingly and he is now back at home! Do pray for Ian's ongoing health issues and peace of mind.

Margaret Beckett needs your prayers as she awaits an appointment for a hip replacement. As she has already been waiting quite a long time, please do pray for an appointment to be made soon. Pray too for peace of mind and pain relief.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 14th July 2024

Series: Bold Witness - Empowering Every Believer to Evangelise

Evangelism IV - Evangelism with Compassion

Matthew 9:36

Stuart Filby

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Clive's band will be leading worship at as we return to our series "Bold Witness - Empowering Every Believer to Evangelise." Today we welcome our old friend Stuart Filby who will bringing God's word to us as he tackles part 4 of our series entitled "Evangelism with compassion" centred around Matthew 9:36 where we read that "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

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

ARE YOU AQUALIFIED FIRST AIDER? – If you are and if you are willing to be available on occasions or if you are a church members who might be willing to train then please speak to Clive about this as soon as possible. Our objective is to try and have a nominated first aider at every major church gathering. John will then update the Safety Notice Board in the Foyer.

A MESSAGE FROM EMILY - "I'm off to Kenya again on 27th July. Please keep me in your prayers as I take on this trip. I want to say a massive thank you to everyone who has contributed to my fundraising – it is greatly appreciated. Thank you too for all of your encouragement. Thank you! Emily"

NEXT SUNDAY – We will be welcoming Ian Childs from Compassion UK who will be bringing God's word to us as well as updating us on their work. Compassion UK is a Christian child development charity, working in partnership with local churches to release children from poverty in Jesus' name. You can find out more about Compassion UK by going to their website at https://www.compassionuk.org/

GETTING CLOSER - Our annual general meeting will take place on Thursday, July 25th at 7pm. As you know our diaconate has shrunk to 5 over the past year - and that means we are all getting very tired! Can you help? Is God calling you to join the team? Do you recognise gifts in other people that indicate that they might be suitable to share in the responsibility of guiding this church? If this rings a bell, then please talk to one of the deacons and we will tell you more!

A PRAYER FOR OUR NEW GOVERNMENT – They will certainly need it!
Heavenly Father, we lift up to you our newly elected leaders and government officials. Grant them wisdom, integrity, and a spirit of service as they undertake their duties. May they be guided by a commitment to the common good, justice, and the welfare of all citizens.
May they govern with compassion, humility, and a deep sense of responsibility towards the most vulnerable and marginalised in our society.
In Jesus' name, Amen

This week, Arthur reminds us that no matter how black things might appear, there is a way out. Turn to Jesus as He really is the light of hope.

"Light of Hope"

When you are in that depressive pit
Of worry, doubt and fear.
Oh still small voice,
What comfort to know that you are near.

When I see no hope in sigh
With those feelings of despair.
Oh still small voice,
What joy to know that you are there

In our strength we often fail
Of what can we be sure?
Oh Lord, through earthquake, wind and fire,
You are the same for evermore

Through that long dark tunnel
I see His light of hope.
There is a way. I have a choice.
Oh thank you Lord,
Oh still small voice.

Arthur Magee

SEBA HOME MISSION FOCUS FOR JULY 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 Life Community Baptist Church, Horsham where their Minister is Revd. Pete Dibden

The Link for the video …. on the SEBA Web Site is https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=326031&show_file=362601

Or the YouTube Link is https://youtu.be/2ZFxCZbF-6c

PREACHING TEAM - Next week I will be preaching at Southbourne Free Church as we continue to support Paul in his ministry there. Please do pray for Paul, his wife Veronica and the membership there. Please pray too as I prepare what might be a difficult message for some to hear.