… and finally

FIRST RESPONDER – As Simon is taking his annual break, I will be acting as first responder for a while, so do contact me in the case of emergencies. For less urgent problems, please use our pastoral care system by contacting your pastoral group coordinator.

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

MARION BRYANT - Marion is currently in Acute Coronary Care at St. Richards. She has just has had another heart scan and will need an operation to remove a blockage in her heart. Marion will probably be taken to Brighton for her op next week. Please pray urgently for peace of mind, correct treatment and healing. Please pray too for Bill who is very concerned about the situation.

MAVIS EEDE – As you know Mavis died on Friday, July 19th. Her funeral service will take place on Friday, 9th August at 12 noon. The service will led by Reverend Paul Kerley our regional minister who knew Mavis well. More details as they become available. Do continue to pray for Wendy as she adjusts to life without her mum.

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS –Please pray for our 4 residents of Arun Lodge Mary Bullock, Kay Tucker, Val Colette and Pam McLaren. Please do pray for them all as they are all struggling at present. Please too pray for the staff there who are doing their best in very difficult circumstances. Pray too for Malcolm is now a resident at Nyton House in Westergate which provides the specialist care he needs.. Please pray too for Mo Howland who is at Westergate Care Home, Denman's Lane. Westergate. Do continue to pray for Ian Surrell with his ongoing health issues and thank God for his cheerful disposition.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 28st July 2024

Series: Living Securely in an insecure world

Elijah VI - Blood in the Vineyard

1 Kings 21

Clive Bennett

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE - I will be leading worship this week with Barbara leading the music group. In this service Clive returns to our series entitled "Living Securely in an insecure world". Today we reach part six of the series as we entitled "Blood in the Vineyard" based on 1 Kings 21. In this chapter we see plenty of innocent blood spilt as Ahab being egged on my his wife Jezabel incites murder of an innocent man. Perhaps unsurprisingly Elijah is soon on hand with a word or two from God that highlights Ahab's despicable behaviour and promises a devasting punishment. To find out what more – and what happens next – you need to be here and find out. As this is a particularly long ready, you might like to read it beforehand.

This service will also 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

NEXT WEEKEND'S FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE 4th August - This will include Breakfast Time which is open to all ages from 9.30am. 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. Next week's service returns to our "First Sunday" theme as we listen in on one of Jesus' many parables as He begins, "The Kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard." Do join us in worshipping the Lord.

AGM – Thank you for all of you who joined us at Thursday's AGM and to Claire for producing such clear minutes of the meeting. These will be circulated soon. At this meeting Brenda Nanson and John Smith were re-elected as deacons for the next three years. We were disappointed that there were no new deacons proposed and ask you to seriously consider who could join the team in the future. Deacons can be proposed and elected at any of the church meetings. The next one will take place on Oct 24th, so please do pray about this.

ARE YOU A QUALIFIED 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DOWNING FAMILY - Please do pray for Simon and the family as they take a well-deserved break from everyday life at ABC. Pray for peace of mind, an ability to relax and for a time of refreshment. Pray too for protection for Emily on her visit to Kenya.

This week, as we thank God for Mavis' life, Arthur reminds us that Mavis is now at her eternal home with the Lord. That is good news!

"Home"

It seems so long ago
I started on life's road,
Sometimes I travelled light,
Sometimes with a heavy load.

When I think of all the loved ones
Who meant so much to me.
And it seems the sun was always shining
in my memory.

Sometimes the road led me
To the valleys of despair.
But at other times there was
love and joy well beyond compare.

But no matter
where I roam,
I know one day this road
will take me home.

Home to that place
away from sorrow and pain.
Where we will never say
goodbye again.

Home to that place
away from space and time,
Where God's light will always shine.
Yes, how wonderful to be home
With our Lord for all eternity.

Arthur Magee

ADVANCE NOTICE – There will be a baptismal service here on Sunday 13th October. We believe that there are people within our congregation who have been thinking about this for a while – so now is the time to stop thinking and take the plunge! Talk to me if you want to know more. Derek