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.

MARION BRYANT – Good news! Marion had a replacement aortic valve fitted on Monday in Brighton hospital and came out of hospital on Wednesday. She is thrilled to be home and praising the Lord for the wonderful care she has experienced at both Chichester and Brighton hospitals.
She has seen the Lord's hand throughout her illness and subsequent provision of a life saving operation. Marion must take things easy on her recovery but is looking forward to her future in the Lord. She wishes to thank everyone for their prayers.

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 who 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. Please do pray too for Pam Ryan at Arondel Cottage Care home as she feels cut off from us all. Please pray too for Margaret Beckett who is in a lot of pain and faces a long wait before her necessary operation.

SBA HOME MISSION FOCUS FOR AUGUST 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 the Bread of Life Project, in Strood, Kent, where their Minister is Revd. John Western. This is a longer video than normal - just under 13 minutes,

The Link for the video …. on the SEBA Web Site - https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/Articles/635211/Bread_of_Life.aspx

YouTube Link - https://youtu.be/P9lxA2MYjuw

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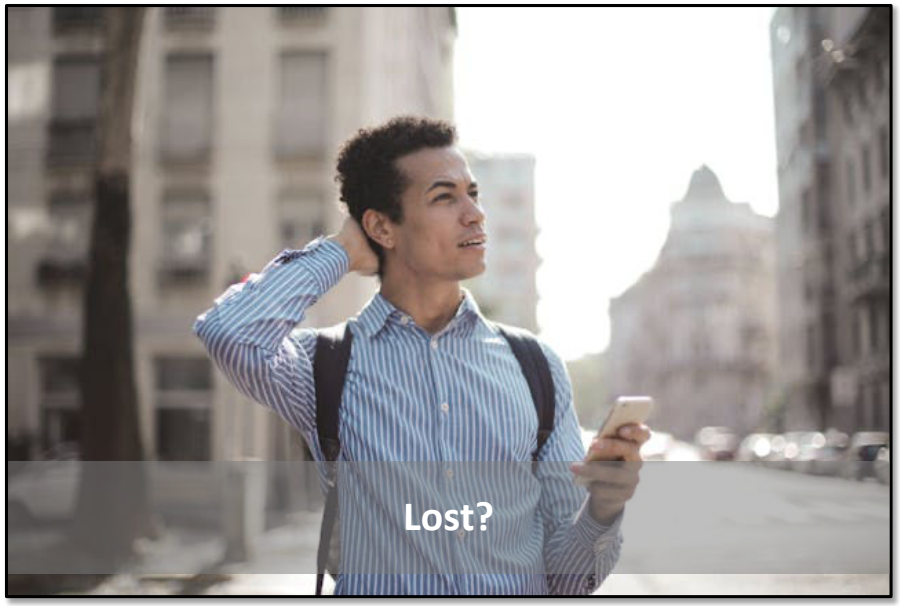

Sunday 11th August 2024

Series: Bold Witness - Empowering Every Believer to Evangelise

Evangelism V – God's Heart for the Lost

Luke 19:1-10

Clive Bennett

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – I will be leading our worship service this week supported by Brenda's band. Do join us on Sunday as we return to our series entitled, 'Bold Witness – Empowering every believer to evangelise Jesus'. most challenging and surprising parables. Clive will be bringing God's word to us based on Luke 19:1-10 where we meet Zacchaeus climbing up a tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Of course, got much more than he expected as Jesus stopped and spoke to him. This is a very reassuring story for anyone who thinks that they are too insignificant for Jesus to care about them individually. You won't want to miss it! Derek.

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



MAVIS EEDE – As you know we said goodbye to our dear friend Mavis on Friday who has now gone to be with Lord. Do continue to thank God for Mavis' life and her smiling face. Do continue to pray for Wendy as she adjusts to life without her mum.

NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE 18th August – we will be welcoming David Howling as we return to our series entitled, 'Living Securely in an insecure world'. This is part VII of an eight part series based on the life and times of Elijah. This service will also include communion. Do make every effort to join us.

THE WELL OF HOPE WILL BE SPONSORING A CHILD – Following the recent visit of Ian Hinds from Compassion UK, Ian and Brenda have decided to sponsor a child through the Well of Hope funds. This sponsorship will empower a child in poverty with education, access to healthcare, protection from malnutrition, and mentorship. Child sponsorship with Compassion is a powerful opportunity to become an encourager for a child living in extreme need. So please do continue to support the Well through your gifts of spare coins.

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 continue to 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 precious memories that Emily will be bringing back following her visit to Kenya.

This week Arthur reminds us that even though we are gradually get older, we are continually building up a treasure trove of memories. A treasure trove that can be opened and enjoyed on days when we feel lonely or sad.

"The Gift of Life"

How I would love
To take that road back home
And reflect on how life used to be.
To see once more
The loved ones who meant
The world to me.
To play again in fields of green
To fish in that gentle stream.
So many new songs to be sung
In that wonderful time
When I was young.
Thank you Lord
For all the memories
Of all those days gone by.
Some make me happy
But some make me cry.
Thank you Lord
For the gift of life
And all we see
That lasts for eternity.
All because Jesus died
For you and me.

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