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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Time to harvest the grapes

Sunday 4th August 2024

Series: Family Worship Service

"The Kingdom of Heaven: The Landowner"

Matthew 20:1-16

Derek Robinson

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – I will be leading our family service this week supported by Clive's band. Do join us on Sunday as we dive into one of Jesus' most challenging and surprising parables. In Matthew 20, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a landowner who hires workers throughout the day and pays them all the same wage—whether they started at dawn or just before sunset. What does this story reveal about God's grace and generosity? How does it challenge our ideas of fairness and justice? Come and explore with us the radical nature of God's kingdom and what it means to live under the reign of a generous God. 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

BREAKFAST TIME – Today's service will also 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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS – Today's flowers have donated them in memory of my Mother, Marjorie Cis Hanchard, who was an officer in our Girls Brigade for many years. David Hanchard.

MAVIS EEDE – As you know Mavis died on Friday, July 19th. Her goodbye service will take place here on Friday, 9th August at 12 noon. The celebration service will led by Reverend Paul Kerley our regional minister who knew Mavis well. This will be followed by a short cremation service for family members only. On the family's return there will be refreshments served here from around 2pm. Do continue to pray for Wendy as she adjusts to life without her mum.

NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE 11th August – Clive returns to our series entitled, "Bold Witness - Empowering Every Believer to Evangelise". Next week we reach part V of this series as Clive will be emphasising "God's heart for the lost. Of course, the main aim of this series is that we all develop a heart for the lost and then do something about it!

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.

This week's poem

It seems too many people are blind to the fact that we are living in a wonderful world. If only they would 'open their eyes'.

"Open your eyes"

Open your eyes
Like the chick from the egg
breaking free,
Into the light of eternity.

Open your eyes
Look around, can't you see?
The wonder of creation
God's power beyond our imagination.

Open your eyes
Look around
From the very smallest creature
To the universe unbound.

Open your eyes to the gift of life
That God has given to you and me
And because of Jesus
It is for 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

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.

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 protection for Emily on her visit to Kenya.

… 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.

MARION BRYANT - Marion is currently in Acute Coronary Care at St. Richards. She is currently having fluid removed from lungs. When this is successfully completed Marion will be taken to Brighton hospital. She will be fitted with a new aortic valve as the old one is 'blocked and useless'. Please thank God for the excellent care she is currently receiving and do pray for peace of mind, a successful operation and healing.

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. Do continue to pray for Ian Surrell with his ongoing health issues and thank God for his cheerful disposition.

MONTHLY FAMILY PRAYER MEETING – Tuesday, 6th August at 7pm. This is our chance to come together as a family to seek God's will for the church. Do come and join us if you are able,

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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