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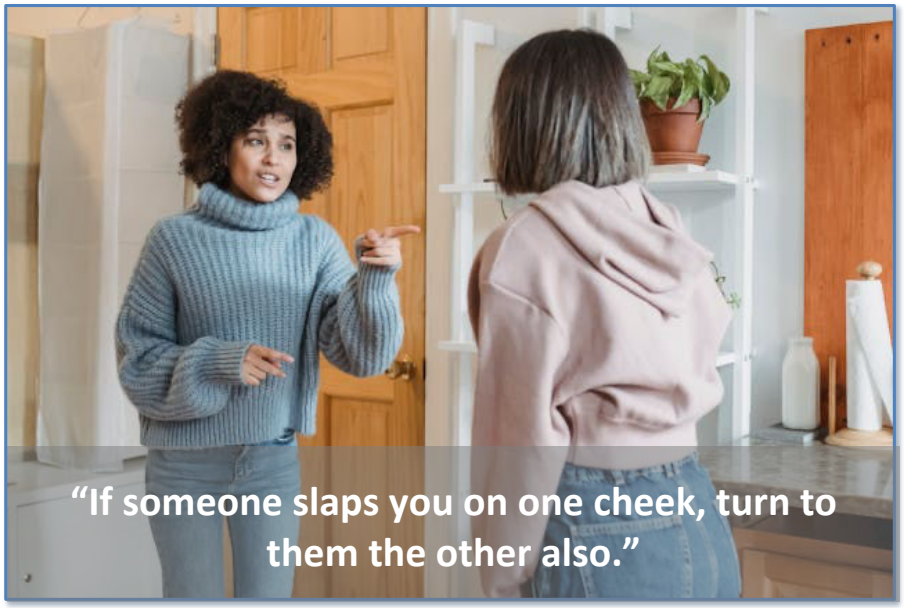

Sunday 15th September 2024

Series: Living out our faith

Week 1: Love your enemies

Luke 6:27-36

David Howling

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Brenda's band will be leading worship with a little help from me as we welcome David Howling back as our speaker. David will be introducing a new series entitled, 'Living out our faith'. In this series we will explore themes of Christian character, compassion, and practical living, building on the teachings of 1 Peter and tying in lessons from the life and ministry of Jesus as recorded in Luke. We begin with David's talk 'Love your enemies' based on Luke 6:27-36. Easy to say – but not so easy to take it to heart and live a life that please Jesus. This service also includes communion.

This talk will be intentionally challenging – so don't miss it!

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.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER – Our minister Simon is currently taking an extended leave on medical advice to focus on his health and well-being. During this time, he will be completely off-duty and not involved in any church activities. Simon and his doctors will be reviewing this on at the end of this month. We ask for your prayers for Simon and his family during this period of rest and recovery. **Please do not try to contact Simon by phone or email** as he needs a complete break. In his absence, pastoral matters will be handled by our leadership team. Rest assured, we will keep the congregation informed as we continue to support Simon and his family through this journey.

NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE 22nd September – Brenda's band will be leading worship with Clive introducing another new series entitled, 'Living as exiles: Hope, Holiness and Honour.' This series is based on 1 Peter. The title of Clive's talk is 'A Living Hope' based on 1 Peter 1:1-12.

LOVE ALDWICK - INTERNATIONAL QUIZ-INE NIGHT CMING VERY SOON - As we begin a new series of Love Aldwick activities, we are pleased to let you know that our very popular Autumn International Cuisine evening and Quiz Night will take place again on September 28th 2024 at 19.00.
Please would you book in by email or text asap since this is always a well-attended night with limited places available and spaces are rapidly dwindling. The entry is free but we would like to encourage you to consider a donation to the Bognor foodbank to help those who are currently in need. We look forward to seeing you on the night. book your place by emailing secretary@aldwickbaptist.co.uk or by text to 07951 985432

LAST CALL FOR BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES – There will be a baptismal service here on Sunday 13th October. So if you 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.

This week's poem

This week Arthur acknowledges that at times, especially in hard times we all ask the question, "Why, Lord?" It's a question we simply cannot answer but we need to trust that Jesus knows exactly what he is doing.

"Why"

Sometimes it's difficult to understand
The sadness and sorrow,
And to face another day.
Sometimes, no matter how we try,
We cannot help but ask the question – Why?

But we are only human.
Our flesh is weak.
Christ is our shepherd
And we are His sheep.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus.
Look into His wonderful face.
There you will find the answer
In His love and in His grace.

Arthur Magee

SHARING THE GOSPEL – Thank you to all of you have taken to copies of the Gospel to share with your neighbours, families and friends. I was so encouraged that I ordered another 100 copies. Please take then and give them to someone who hasn't yet committed their life to the Lord. Ask them to read the Gospel and later arrange to meet them over coffee, lunch, tea or simply as you walk along the esplanade. I will be circulating some possible conversation questions within the next two weeks for you to use if that helps you.

SHARING AFTERNOON TEA – Q & A session – Please invite any of your contacts to share afternoon tea with us at 4 pm on Saturday, 12th October. This will also include an informal question and answer session. Please encourage your contacts to bring along any questions they might have about the Christian faith. Please reassure your contacts that there will not be any sort of sermon from anyone. If anyone can make a cake or two that would be great. Do let me know. Derek.

A REFLECTIVE PRAYER DAY - Saturday October 5th which will be a "quiet day" of individuals listening to the Lord and reflective prayer. See Joy for details.

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FIRST RESPONDER – As Simon is now on an extended break, I will be acting as first responder, so please don't try to contact him, instead 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 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 Yalding Baptist church, Kent, where their Pastor is James Bushnell.

The Link for the video …. on the SEBA Web Site - https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=328280&show_file=365437

YouTube Link - https://youtu.be/k3nnxO84Quo

MOLLY HAWKINS – Molly is still in Ford Ward at St. Richard's Hospital. She is attentive and feeling a bit more like her normal self. She did manage (with a lot of help) to get out of bed this week and sit in an armchair for a few hours – which has progress. Thankfully Molly seems more like herself and we chatted for almost an hour! Molly wants to thank you all for your prayers and misses us all. Do keep raying for her ongoing comfort and healing.

MARION BRYANT – Marion is making slow but steady progress after her recent operation to have an aorta valve replaced 4 weeks ago. She is still having lots of tests but is looking forward to some normality returning to her life soon. Please do keep praying for her ongoing healing.

MALCOLM FARRINGTON – Malcolm had a fall last weekend and fractured his femer. He is currently in Selsey Ward making satisfactory progress. Do pray for his ongoing healing and for Barbara who is struggling with the events of the last few months.

JAYCEE – Jaycee is also back in hospital as her doctors continue to seek to find the best medication for her. Jaycee is anxious to return to us as soon as she is looking forward her baptism on October 13th. Do pray that her treatment plan is soon finalised and that it is effective.

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS –Please do continue to pray Hazel Bell following her recent operation. Pray too for Arthur Magee who is waiting for an operation. Do continue to pray for Mary Bullock, Kay Tucker, Val Colette and Pam McLaren at Arun Lodge, 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 as she continues he long wait before her necessary operation.

IF YOU NEED HELP? – Do contact one of the leadership team. Clive (01243 930756), Brenda (01243 265984), John or Joy (01243 837181) or Derek (075994 73691).