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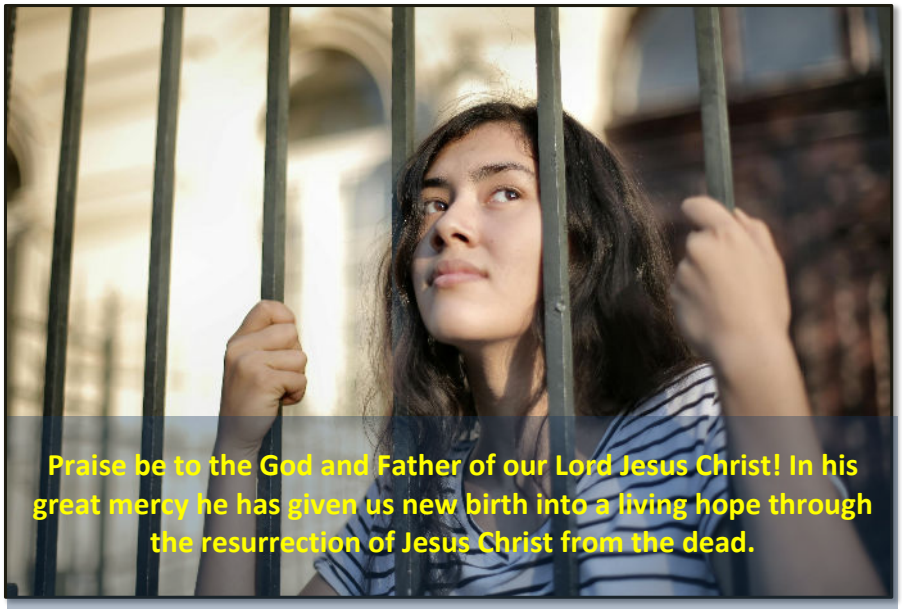

Sunday 22nd September 2024

Series: Living as exiles: Hope, holiness and honour

Week 1: A Living Hope

1 Peter 1: 1- 12

Clive Bennett

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Brenda's band will be leading worship with a little help from me as Clive returns to introduce our new series entitled, 'Living as Exiles: Hope, Holiness, and Honour'. In this series we will explore how believers are called to live out their faith in a world that is not their true home. Through the lens of 1 Peter, we'll discover how to find hope amidst trials, pursue holiness in daily life, and live honourably as representatives of Christ.

Clive's talk is entitled, 'A Living Hope' based on 1 Peter 1:1-12 – 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.

NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE 29th September – Clive's band will be leading worship as we welcome back Stuart Filby to bring us God's word. Stuart will be continuing with our series 'Living out our faith' as we reach part 2 – 'Compassion in action' based on the parable of the Good Samaritan as told in Luke 10: 25-37.

TODAY'S FLOWERS - The flowers today are in memory of my husband, Steve, who went to be with his Lord 25th September 2021. Missed by so many, especially me. Jill Lomas

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.

LOVE ALDWICK - INTERNATIONAL QUIZ-INE NIGHT - LAST CALL - 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. We still have plenty of spaces at the moment, so why not invite some of your friends and neighbours?
Please would you book in by email or text asap. 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

This week's poem

This week Arthur reminds us that God speaks to us every day through the wonders of creation.

"His Voice"

God speaks to us
Through the masterpiece of His creation.
In the work of His hands
We see His dedication.

His voice goes out to all the earth,
In the wonders that we see
The fingerprint of God's beauty
But In this glorious mystery.

Yes, God speaks to us every day,
When we see the sun and the moon,
In the wonders
Of the Milky Way

The heavens speak of the glory of God,
The artist of creation.
His almighty power
Beyond all imagination.

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.

… and finally

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.

WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BAPTISM – Why? - Because Jesus said so! Baptism as an adult is a powerful step of obedience, publicly declaring your faith in Jesus Christ, symbolising a new life in Him, and affirming your commitment to follow Him wholeheartedly. As there will be a baptismal service here on Sunday 13th October now is the time to stop thinking and take the plunge! Talk to me if you want to know more. Derek

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

A REFLECTIVE PRAYER DAY - Saturday October 5th which will be a "quiet day" of individuals listening to the Lord and reflective prayer. We would like to cover the whole day in prayer, so please do see Joy for details.

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS –Please do continue to pray Marion Bryant, Molly Hawkins, Arthur Magee, Malcolm Farrington and Hazel Bell. 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.

SIMON, NICKY, EMILY AND ANAYA – Please continue to pray for Simon as he is finding his enforced rest very difficult to manage. Pray too for Nicky as the school term begins in earnest. Please continue to pray for Emily as she settles down in university life. Pray too for Anaya as he begins her new course at Chichester College.

FRANK YORKSTON – Do pray for Frank's mission into our local schools as his calendar begins to fill. Do thank God that Frank's local schools' ministry has now been going 40 years!

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).