**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 for Malcolm Farrington who is extremely poorly at present. Pray too for Nan who has had a fall, 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.

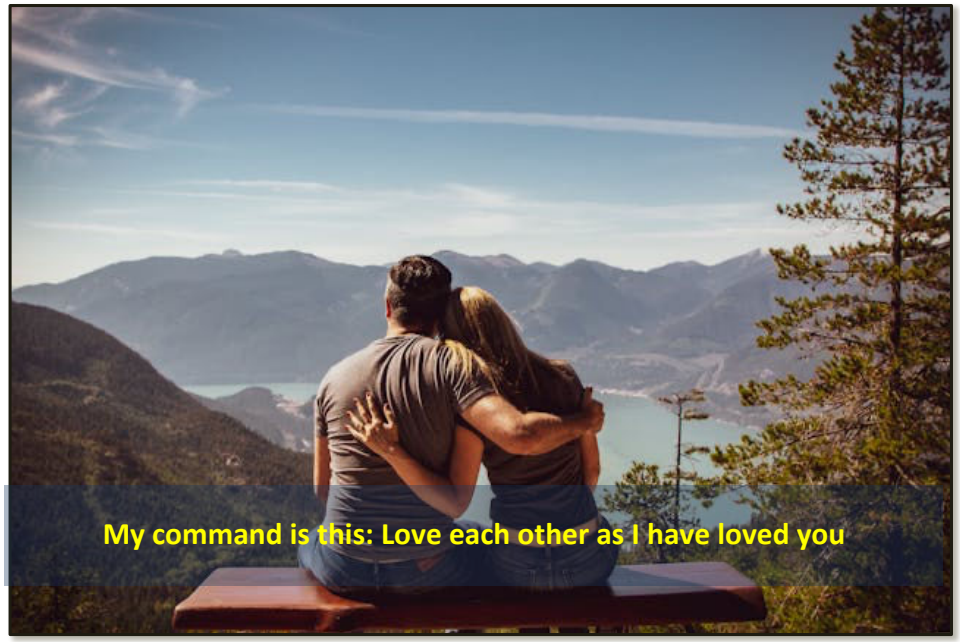
**FRANK YORKSTON** – Do pray for Frank's mission into our local schools as his calendar begins to fill. Do thank God that Frank's local schools' ministry has now been going 40 years!

**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).

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# ABC NEWS




**Sunday 29th September 2024**

**Series: Living out our faith: A Passionate Love**

**Luke 10:23-37**

**Stuart Filby**

**THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE** – Clive's band will be leading worship as we welcome our dear friend Stuart Filby back to continue our series, 'Living out our faith. In this series we are looking into Jesus' instruction as to we should live out our faith on a day by day basis. Stuart's talk this week is entitled 'A Passionate Love" based on Jesus' parable of parable of the Good Samaritan as told in Luke 10: 25-37.

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 HARVEST FAMILY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** – The theme of our Harvest service will be thanksgiving for God's amazing provision as a family of Christian believers. This service will be led by John and myself supported by Band 4 which means Helen, David, Barbara, Larry and Ray. This service 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.

**YOUR HARVEST DONATIONS** – Your donations will be going to the Bognor Food bank. For your information, each week Bognor Regis Foodbank gives emergency food parcels to around 100 people about a third of whom are children. Currently about 25% of the people they see are homeless or insecurely housed. The team also offer income maximisation support through their financial inclusion adviser, as well as seeking to signpost people to other sources of support. The items they most require are long life fruit Juice, long life milk, jars of pasta sauce, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned milk pudding, tinned vegetables, sweets/biscuits, and toiletries. Please bring your donations to the church on Saturday 5th October from 4pm to 6pm or to the Sunday service. Thank you in advance!

**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 recently reviewed his situation and decided that he is still not fit to return. They will be reviewing this again towards the end of October. 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.

## This week's poem

This week Arthur reminds us that wherever you are and however you are feeling God is there besides you.

**"I AM"**

When you feel all is lost,
**I AM** here beside you.

When you lose your way,
**I AM** here to guide you.

When you feel vulnerable and afraid,
**I AM** here to defend you.

When you need a friend,
**I AM** here to befriend you.

When those you trusted let you down,
It doesn't have to be.
For **I AM** here with you
For all eternity.

When you ask me into your life
**I AM** here to save you

**I AM** the way, the truth and the life
**I AM** your God.

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. Please take one and give it 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.

**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.