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.

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. Simon has sent out an email explaining his current situation and he asks you to read it carefully and then to pray for healing and peace of mind for him and the family. A copy of this email is included with this news sheet. **Please do not try to contact Simon by phone or email** as he needs a complete break. Nicky would also appreciate it if we didn't keep asking her for updates as she has nothing to add to Simon's email at present. We will keep you updated as we receive any updates but it is highly unlikely that Simon will return to the church into early in 2025. In his absence, pastoral matters will be handled by our leadership team.

SEBA HOME MISSION FOCUS FOR OCTOBER 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 Pulborough Brooks Baptist church, Kent, where their minister is Revd. Judith Ellis.

The Link for the video …. on the SEBA Web Site - https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=330454&show_file=369670

YouTube Link - https://youtu.be/lkoFWPSS_5U

MOLLY HAWKINS – Molly will shortly be leaving St Richard's hospital and moving to a care home that can accommodate her needs. Unfortunately the only home the take her at the moment is the Hillside Care Home which is in Pulborough. As you can imagine Molly is pleased to be leaving hospital but would have much preferred to be in Bognor near to her home, her friends and the church. Please pray that Molly settles in – at least for the time being.

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS –Please do pray Brenda, Liz and Mick who have all be sidelined with Covid this week. Pray too for Barbara Farrington and her family and for Nan who has had a fall, Marion Bryant, Arthur Magee who has been in hospital 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.

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ABC NEWS



"Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38, NIV)

Sunday 13th October 2024

Repent and be baptized, every one of you

Acts 2:38-41

Derek Robinson

TODAY'S BAPTISMAL SERVICE– Today we have three ladies going through the waters of Baptism. First up is Christine Austin, followed by Rosanne Brown and then Jaycee Hudson. Please pray for them before and during the service as this is a very significant step for each of them. If you are not sure what believer's baptism is all about – this might help. Believer's baptism is a very special moment on the journey of faith. It is a moment when God's presence and blessing meets us, and when we make our personal commitment of faith in Jesus as Lord. It signifies the end of our old life and of being born again to new life in Christ. Normally taking place by full immersion in water, it speaks of repentance and cleansing, of being united with Christ in his death and resurrection, and of witnessing to the call of God upon our lives. Baptism is also about receiving God's Spirit for service in the church and in the world. Let me ask you, if you haven't been baptised as a believer, what is stopping you? If you want to know more, then talk to me or one of the deacons. We are hoping to have another baptismal service early in the new year. 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.

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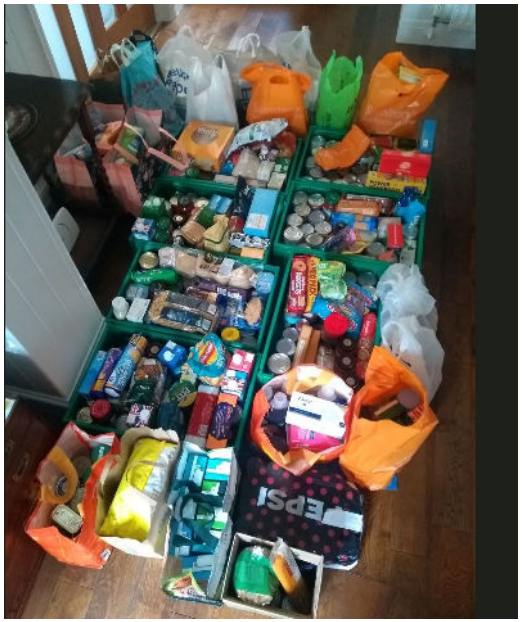
The foodbank were certainly very pleased and included a picture of our giving on their facebook page.

If you want to see the entry then click this link!

You have certainly made life a little bit easier for a few of the many families who will be visiting the foodbank over the next few days.

Yes all of this will be gone in just a few days.

The need in our area is acute!



Have you got a spare kettle?

We have been asked by a lady who is literally living hand to mouth each week if we can supply her with a kettle as her has died and she simply can't afford a new one!

Let me know if you have one (preferably that works!

This week Arthur reminds us that no matter what you are going through, there really is always no need to be afraid.

"Do not be afraid"

Have you been in that desperate place?
When you doubt your faith?,
Where all hope has faded away,
Where there seems no more words to say.

In that deep pit
with no exit.
The devil on your back
Hoping that you will crack?

"Do not be afraid"
Trust in the Lord
and all the promises He made.
Remember He is with you through the darkest night.
He will guide you into His everlasting light.

Because of the cross, you will never need to be afraid again.
He will help you through your fear and pain.
And when all the trials of the world have passed away
We will spend forever with the Lord
In that eternal day.

Arthur Magee

MALCOLM'S FUNERAL – Malcolm's funeral has been arranged for 23rd October. The cremation service begins at 11.30am at Chichester crematorium. This is for the family but Barbara would be pleased if some of us joined them. There will be a celebration service for Malcolm's life here at ABC starting at 1.00pm. This will be followed by refreshments. Do join the family here. Paul Kerley will be taking both services

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE - Clive will be returning to our series "Hope, Holiness and Honour". Part 2 is entitled called to be holy based on 1 Peter 1-13-2:3. Band 2 will be leading worship.

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).