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

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS –Please do continue to pray for Barbara Farrington and her family as they come to terms with Malcolm's recent death. Pray too for Nan who has had a fall, Marion Bryant, Molly Hawkins, Arthur Magee 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.

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 6th October 2024

Our family worship service of thanksgiving for the harvest

"Give thanks with joy"

Psalm 100

Derek Robinson

THIS WEEKEND'S FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE – The theme of our Harvest service is 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.

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 BAPTISMAL SERVICE – Next weekend 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 during the week 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

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!

This week Arthur reminds us that no matter what you are going through, there is always a safe haven for you in the arms of the King of Kings.

"SAFE IN HIS ARMS"

Beyond the doubt and fears.
Beyond the sorrow and the tears.
Beyond the conflict and the pain.
Where we will never say goodbye again.
Beyond the earthquakes and the flood.
To a place of never ending love.
Beyond all hatred and evil things,
Safe in the arms of the King of Kings.
Yes, beyond all time and space
How wonderful to be with our Lord
In that eternal place

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.

INTERNATIONAL QUIZINE EVENING – Thank you to Clive, to the food makers, to Brenda and kitchen team. It really was a wonderful evening and the food was absolutely amazing. If you missed why, you missed a treat.

MALCOM FARRINGTON – In case you haven't heard the news - Malcolm died in St. Richard's Hospital last Sunday afternoon. It put an end to his suffering and he is now at peace with the Lord. Do thank the Lord for Malcom's life and for his release from pain. Do pray too for Barbara and the family.