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## Prayer Board

Please pray for Marie Stoneham who has been particularly unwell over the last week. Do pray for healing and peace of mind.

Please pray for Frank who has really been unwell for several weeks now. Pray for an accurate diagnosis, correct medication and healing. Pray too that Frank will soon be able to recommence his ministry in our local schools.

Please pray for Sheila's granddaughter Lara who is in great pain at the moment. Please pray for pain relief and healing.

Please pray for Kay's family as they face up to the loss of their dear mum. Pray too for peace and strength as they say 'Goodbye' to their mum on Monday.

Please pray for Jon who is now at home but still struggling with an irregular heart beat and is totally exhausted after all of his recent tests. Please pray for me too as I am suffering with my colitis at the moment. Thank you Michele.

Please pray too for Molly Hawkins, Mary Bullock, Pam McClaren, Val Colette, Mo Howland, Arthur Magee, Vivienne Newman, Hazel Bell – all of whom need our prayers. Do thank God that Simon has been able to rejoin us in church. Do pray for a gradual return to full health.

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# ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church




**Sunday 24th November 2024**

**Series: Advent 2024**

**Be Ready**

**Gen 3:15; Isaiah 11:1-5; Gal 4:4**

**Stuart Filby**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** Clive's Band will be leading this service which leads into our series for Advent. Stuart Filby will be bringing God's word to us as he stresses the importance of "Being Ready". Stuart's talk is based on 3 short readings; Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 11:1-5 and Galatians 4:4. This service will also include communion which will be led by Simon. 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.

**KAY TUCKER** – Kay's cremation service will be held on Monday 25th November at Arun Crematorium, Grevatts Lane - BN18 0LW (Not Chichester) at 12 noon. This will be led by Simon. This will be followed by a service of celebration for Kay's life here at ABC – starting at around 1 pm. This service will be led by me. This will be followed by refreshments.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS A FAMILY SERVICE** – This service will be led by John and Joy with Simon's band leading the worship. 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.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** -Today's flowers are in memory of Marjorie Hanchard, my mum.

**SHOEBOXES** - Many thanks to all who generously filled the shoeboxes. They are now on their way towards making 36 children very happy this Christmas.

**ALONE AT CHRISTMAS** - If anyone is alone on Christmas Day and would like a Christmas dinner, Shore Church, (Victoria Drive) are providing one. If interested, please inform Brenda and she will pass on details.

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING** - We would like ABC to help provide 3 Christmas hampers for CAP (Christians Against Poverty) clients by latest Sunday 15th December to show our love to them. Please put items in the box provided in the foyer. The suggested items are: Sweet biscuits, Savoury biscuits, Nice family cake, Tinned fruit, Custard, Tinned meat, Mince Pies, Trifle (boxed), Crisps, Tinned salmon or tuna, Christmas crackers, Stuffing, Fruit juice, Tea and/or coffee, Jam and/or marmalade. **BUT** no alcohol or "value" food please. Thanking you in anticipation. Polly

**SIMON DOWNING** – Simon is now going through a phased return to work under guidelines given to us by the Baptist Union. This means that he will gradually take on more responsibilities as his strength and his health improves. Please do not add any extra burdens into Simon during this period.

**FIRST RESPONDER** –I will continue to act as first responder for the time being, so please don't try to contact him, instead contact me in the case of problems.



This week Arthur's poem reminds no matter how hard it rains, there is always sunshine to around the corner – even when it's hard to imagine.

**"After the rain"**

It's wonderful
When the sunshine comes.
When we can relax in its warm rays.
How we look forward to those sunny days.

Sometimes we struggle
Through life's sorrows and pain.
But how wonderful
When the sun shines again.

"Yes", we all have dark days to endure
But one thing can be sure
That after the sorrow and the pain
The sun will shine again.

Arthur Magee

**SEBA HOME MISSION FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER 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 Westvale Community Church, where their minister in training is Miranda Odysseos-Beaumont. The Link for the video on the SEBA Web Site https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=332131&show_file=371990
Or through YouTube Link - https://youtu.be/D_6-REcAlSQ

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