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. In his absence, pastoral matters will be handled by our leadership team.

MOLLY HAWKINS – Molly's new address is Room 33, Burlington Nursing Home, 111 Victoria Dr, Bognor Regis PO21 2DZ. Phone: 01243 821446. Please continue to pray that Molly continues to settles in and that she will soon be able to return to church on Sunday. Molly does feel a bit isolated from us at the moment and would welcome visitors. Molly still has great difficulty in getting out of bed but her mind is very active and her sense of humour remains!

VIVIENNE NEWMAN – Many of you will know from my urgent prayer requests that her daughter Karen is extremely poorly and needs our prayers as does Vivienne. Vivienne is hoping go visit her daughter in the next few days. Please do pray for peace of mind and safe travel.

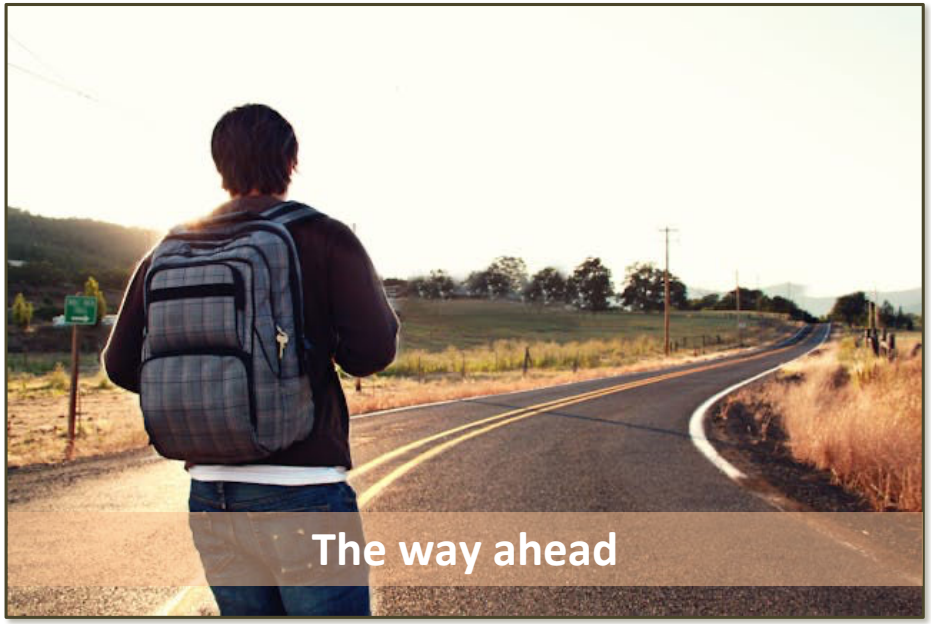
IAN SURRELL – Some of you will know that Ian was rushed into St Richards at 2am last Sunday morning with very severe abdominal pain. They have found a blockage in the intestine and are trying to relieve it. At the time of writing this, I have been told that the this has been successful and hopefully he will be coming home soon.

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS –Please continue to pray for Frank who has had an unsettled week, and for Barbara Farrington and her family, for Nan Everett, for Jon and Michelle Crane. Pray too for Marion Bryant, 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.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 3rd November 2024

Series: Our family worship service

The Way ahead

Matthew 7: 7 - 14

John Smith

TODAY'S FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE – John will be leading today's family worship service entitled "The way ahead'. This is based on Jesus' words to us as recorded in Matthew 7:7:7-14,which begin with 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.' This is a wonderful promise that we need to hold onto when things start to go off track.

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.

This service will also 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. The theme for this service is still being developed!

TODAY'S FLOWERS - The flowers today are in loving memory of Bev McAlpine's mother, Doris.

NEXT SUNDAY IS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – Clive will be leading the service supported by Brenda's band. Do invite your friends and neighbours to join us as this is one of the Sundays when the wider community do come to church.

TWO BIG THANK YOUS FROM BRENDA - Firstly, a huge thank you to all the folk who have been upholding me in prayer for the last few weeks. We have a great and wonderful God who has answered those prayers as my energy is slowly returning and my B.P. is now at a normal and safe level. Every day I give HIM all the praise and glory.

Secondly, thank you to all who responded to my request re flowers donations. Your generosity has made it possible for flowers to be there every week now and we can continue the ministry of distribution to any who are ill or housebound. Every blessing Brenda

SHOE BOXES FOR SAMARITANS PURSE - Just a reminder to all who are very generously filling shoe boxes for children at Christmas. The last Sunday for receiving them at ABC is November 10th, only 1 week away! Brenda.

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).

This week Arthur suggest we all need to find a secret place where we can be alone with our God. A place where we can focus exclusively on he Lord.

"The secret place"

Early in the morning
I climb to the top of the hill.
I see the sun rise
to welcome the new day.
So wonderful,
It takes my breath away

I feel I can almost touch
the peace and tranquillity there.
Far from this world
With its burdens and care.
Oh what peace I find with my God
In that secret place.

Arthur Magee

HAVE YOU MADE A DECISION? – Two weeks ago, John introduced us to the serving ministries board – Now is the time for action. A few weeks ago we suggested that we not be asking what God can do for us but rather asking what we can do for God. Today we are asking you to make this a reality.

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

PAM RYAN – died last Sunday and is now with the Lord. Her cremation service will be held on 14th November at the Crematorium followed by light refreshments. Paul Kerley will be leading this service. If any of you need a lift, do let me know and we will try to help. More details when we have them.

KAY TUCKER – Kay's daughter rang me this week to say that Kay is very poorly and urgently needs our prayers. Both Millie and I visited Kay this week to share God's word and give her our love for which she was very grateful. If you are a friend of Kay's do try and visit her soon.