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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 29th December 2024

Series: New Beginnings

New Beginnings I

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Derek Robinson

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Today is our final worship service of 2024 but rather than looking back on a year that has brought joy to some but heartache to others, today's sermon is entitled "New Beginnings" based on 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 where we can look forward to renewed challenges. But this isn't about making new year's resolutions which soon lose their appeal after a few days of suffering. Rather today is about God's plan for your life and His ongoing promise that as believers in Jesus, we are a new creation. It is also a reminder that we are not the finished article as yet – as we are definitely still work in progress.

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 WORSHIP SERVICE 4th JANUARY 2025 - The theme for this service is also "New Beginnings". Simon's band will be leading whilst John will be coordinating the service. 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.

THANK YOU FROM SANDY – Thank you ABC for the amazing dinner (supplied by my wife and son). I enjoyed every mouthful. Thank you too for the two bags of treats you gave me (funded by the Well). What I love about your church is that you care for people who you hardly know. (Sandy contacts us periodically for help. She really has nothing and does her best to scrape by week by week – Derek).

A SHORT THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR - As we close one chapter and prepare to step into a new year, let us remember that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His mercies are new every morning, and His plans for us are filled with hope and purpose. Whatever this past year has held, we can trust that His grace will sustain us and His love will never fail. Let's step into the new year with hearts full of gratitude and faith, ready to embrace all that God has in store for us, trusting Him to lead us into His promises.

A SHORT POEM

At Aldwick Baptist, hearts unite,
In love and faith, we shine the light.
A family bound by grace divine,
Proclaiming Christ, the hope we find.

This week's poem

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that the name of Jesus is the name above all other names. Whether you are feeling happy or sad, Jesus is always close at hand when you call on His name.

His name is wonderful

When you are in that dark valley
Overwhelmed with fear and pain.
Do not be afraid, you will find the way
When you call on His name.

Yes, when you go through sad times,
When suffering grief and pain.
Trust the Lord, you will overcome
When you call on His name.

This life can be so pointless
If you only live for possessions and gain.
But you have a priceless treasure
When you call on His name.

The cross will set you free
Your life will never be the same.
You will find love and peace – forever
When you call on His name.

Arthur Magee

SEBA HOME MISSION FOCUS FOR DECEMBER 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 is https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/?show_media=333566&show_file=374007
YouTube Link - https://youtu.be/8CNmPffu7CE

FIRST RESPONDER –As Simon is continuing his phased return, 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.

PLEASE NOTE THESE NEW NUMBERS - Simon Downing (07411 919928); Church office (07743 257860)

