... and finally

Prayer Board

Please do pray for Paul Cox, the pastor at Southbourne Free Church as he continues to minister to this small but faithful congregation. Please pray for strength, peace of mind and signs of growth.

Please continue to pray for Gary Edgington, Vivienne's son-in-law, and his family who are in a state of shock following Gary's recent diagnosis of oesophageal cancer. Gary began his chemo treatment on Friday and is feeling very anxious about the future. Please pray for peace of mind and healing.

Please pray for Angela Halfacree as needs our prayer support. Her mobility is not as good as it once was, and so please pray for her general well-being as well as improvements in her walking.

Please pray for Ray and Heather Craddock who are also suffering with and have both been very poorly, coughing, sneezing, fatigue and feeling generally unwell. They would value your prayers please as we are both very tired and unable to 'get up and go' which has go up and gone!

.Please continue to pray too for Simon and his family. Please pray too for Athur Magee, Molly Hawkins, Mary Bullock, Pam McClaren, Val Colette, Mo Howland, Vivienne Newman, Hazel Bell – all of whom need our prayers.
If you have a prayer need, do let me know! Derek.

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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Counter-culture Christianity

Sunday 19th January 2025

Series: Living as Exiles: Hope, Holiness, and Honour

Counter-Culture Christianity

1 Peter 2:1-25

Clive Bennett

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – - Simon's band will be leading worship as Clive returns to our series based on 1 Peter entitled. 'Living as Exiles: Hope, Holiness, and Honour'. Today we reach part 4 which is based on 1 Peter 2:1-25. The title of Clive's talk will be, 'Counter-Culture Christianity'. This service will also include communion.

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 26th JANUARY 2025 - Clive's band will be leading worship as Simon returns to his series, on word studies. The word this time is the Love of God – Hesed/Agape based Psalm 57:10 and other relevant verses.

TODAY'S FLOWERS - I've sponsored today's flowers today in memory of my lovely Pat. Had she survived we would have been celebrating our 65th wedding anniversary that day. Mick Parker

FEBRUARY LUNCH CLUB - We are sorry to announce that due to staff illnesses, we are having to cancel February Lunch Club. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes but we have no alternative – Brenda.

TALKING ABOUT LUNCH CLUB – Although we have a fantastic kitchen team, Brenda could really do with some help with the ordering and collection of food. Is this something you could do? If so, talk to Brenda.

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).

OUR CHURCH FAMILY MEETING – Thursday, 23rd January at 7.00 pm in the church. Please make every effort to attend. You can pick up a copy of the agenda from the back of the church.

BAPTISM – Have you considered taking the step of obedience and faith through baptism? Baptism is a powerful declaration of your commitment to Jesus—a public testimony that you have been made new in Him.

Romans 6:4 says, *"We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."*

If you feel God calling you to take this step, we would love to walk alongside you. Speak to one of the leaders today to learn more about this incredible opportunity to declare your faith!

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that no matter how you are feeling today, there is someone who loves you more than you can ever imagine.

The Love of Jesus

The greatest gifts that we see
Are the gifts that are free.
The sunrise of a new day.
The joy of a child at play
The wonder of the stars at night.
Yes, God's creation gives us so much delight.
People crave for wealth and fame
But in the end, it's all the same.
They can gain the whole world
But what is the cost?
Just like the sheep who is lonely and lost.
Why put your trust in things that are only temporary
Which one day will cease to be.
Put your trust in the things of eternity.
Faith, hope and joy
But most of all -
In the love of Jesus.
Who died for you and me.

Arthur Magee

CALLING TABLE TENNIS FANS – We meet in the back hall every Tuesday afternoon between 2pm to 4pm. We welcome everyone who has played or wants to start. We only charge £2.00 for the afternoon including tea, coffee and biscuits which leads to conversations about all things worldly. Don't be shy - give us a try. For further information contact John Bell on 01243968608 or simply turn up on the day!

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