... and finally

Prayer Board

Please do pray for ladies currently living in care homes. Pray Molly Hawkins at Burlington , Val Collett, Mary Bullock and Pam McClaren at Arun Lodge, Mo Howland at Westergate House and Pam Brown at Cherington's. They all miss coming to worship the Lord as members of His family. Please don't forget them.

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 has recently begun his chemotherapy and is anxious about the future. Please pray for peace of mind for Gary and the family and for healing.

First responder - Although Simon is now back in action, please contact your pastoral care leader or me if you have any urgent prayer needs. We are here to help! Please don't overload Simon as his continues his phased return to full time ministry.

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 continue to pray too for Simon and his family. Please pray too for Athur Magee - our resident poet who is still struggling with his health, Pray too for Polly and Brenda who are still suffering the effects of their recent illnesses. Pray too for Haze and Jason as Haze's health is still a concern.

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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 26th January 2025

Series: Word Study

Part 2 - - Love of God (Hesed-Agape)

Psalm 57:10, 1 John 4:7-8

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Clive's band will be leading us in worship this Sunday as Simon continues his Word Study series. This week, we come to part 2: *The Love of God* (*Hesed*, *Agape*), based on Psalm 57:10 and 1 John 4:7-8. You know, there's a song that says, "Love makes the world go round," and another that says, "All you need is love." But let me tell you, those words can't even begin to describe the love of God. His love is higher, deeper, and wider than anything we can imagine. It's a love that meets the deepest needs of every human heart, a love that was demonstrated when He sent His Son to die for us. And yet, so many people turn away from that love. I'll never understand why someone would reject the greatest gift ever given—the unshakable, unending, unchanging love of God. What about you? Have you embraced His love? Join us this Sunday as we explore what it means to truly know and experience the love of God. It's a message that can change your life.

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.

STREAMING PROBLEMS – We are so sorry that we had some technical problems with the sound in our streaming last weekend. We think we have sorted this out now – so do tune in if you are unable to get to the service.

NEXT WEEKEND'S WORSHIP SERVICE 2nd FEBRUARY 2025 – Simon's band will be leading worship, and 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.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED 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!

FRANK IS BACK – Frank is now fully recovered from his recent illness and is back on his mission to take the Gospel in our local schools. The theme of his talks this week has been, "What do you know about God?" A topic that used to be in the National Curriculum but now isn't. Do pray for Frank's ministry and for safe travel.

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that no matter how you are feeling today, there is always a light shimmering in the distance. You only have to look up to see the light of hope.

The Light of Hope

When you are in that depressive pit
Of panic, sweat and fear.
Of still small voice of comfort.
To know that you are near.

When I see no hope in sight,
When no one seems to care.
O still small voice, what joy
To know that you are there.

In our strength we often fail.
Of what can we be sure of?
O Lord, through earthquakes, wind and fire.
You are the same for evermore.

Through that long dark tunnel,
I see a light of hope.
There is a way, I have a choice
O thankyou Lord, O still small voice.

Arthur Magee

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.

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