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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 23rd March 2025

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

Refined by fire: Suffering for Christ's glory

1 Peter 4:7-19

David Howling

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Simon's band will be leading worship as we welcome David Howling back to bring God's word. David will be returning to our series Living as Exiles: Hope, Holiness, and Honour based on 1 Peter 4:7-19. The title of his talk will be Refined by fire: Suffering for Christ's glory. Sound challenging! 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 30th March 2025 – Simon's band will be leading worship as Clive concludes our series on Living as Exiles: Hope, Holiness, and Honour with his talk entitled, 'Shepherding God's people and Standing Firm' based on 1 Peter 5:1-14. Don't miss this!

MISSIONARY GIVING AND A NEW MISSIONARY TEAM - As a church we give £200 a month to BMS and to Baptist Home Mission. Once a year we also make one off donations of £500 to The Bible Society, MAF, SAT-7, One Life, African Adventures and Barnabas Fund. This one-off gifts went out in February and we have received thank you letters from each group. During the next 12 months we will be inviting representatives from some of these charities to share with us over afternoon tea as we have previously. We now need to form a small Missions group to meet together to pray, plan and inform the church about how we can support the work of the Lord at home and abroad. Please speak to me or on of the leadership team if you feel called to join this group. Many thanks. Barbara F.

EASTER FAMILY CRAFT & HOT CROSS BUN BONANZA - We are looking forward to a great day next Saturday (29th March) and to hosting over a hundred of our neighbours from the community. Finally, a big thank you to all of those from ABC who are helping on the day in whatever capacity. Every blessing, Clive.

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. 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! We are will be holding a Baptismal service on Easter Sunday which is a terrific day to be baptised.

HOME GROUPS – Home groups are a really great place to grow in faith, ask difficult questions, share your prayer needs, celebrate successes and support each other in hard times. There are also times of genuine friendship and cake! So, if you are not in a homegroup, then do talk to me about joining a group. If you have ever thought of leading a group, then also talk to me as we are looking to expand!

This week's poem

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that it's good to get away from the hustle and bustle of modern living and find a quiet place to be alone with the Lord.

Quiet Place

How I love
To find a quiet place.
To reflect in God's creation.
Oh, what a privilege
To be alone with Him.
And close my eyes in prayer and meditation.
To be alone with Him.
Looking up to the millions of stars
In the Milky Way.
So wonderful, Lord
How it takes my breath away.
To stand there
In the midst of time and space
Oh Lord, what peace I find
In that quiet place.

Arthur Magee

CALLING ALL ABC GROUP TREASURERS – Our financial year ends on 31st March and so I will need you accounts as soon as possible after that date. Thank you all in advance.

QUIZ QUESTION – Who is the greatest ever living author? First three correct answers will all receive a fabulous Aldwick Baptist Pen. Answers by email to contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk or in writing to me!

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... and finally

Prayer Board

Please do pray for our 5 baptismal candidates as they begin to plan their testimonies. Do also pray for anyone else who is thinking about baptism.

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 Biddy who has been struggling of late. Pray too for Simon as he is struggling at times with his health. Pray too for Arthur, our favourite poet, who is also waiting for an operation.

Please pray for Jon Crane who is waiting for test results on the possibility that he has bowel cancer. Pray too for Michelle who continues to struggle with her occassional colitis flare ups and recurring mental health issues. Pray for healing and peace of mind.

Please pray too for Ian Surrell for is always smiling despite his ongoing health issues. Please pray too for wisdom in how the Wheel of Hope uses their resource to help those in need.

Please do pray for ladies currently living in care homes. Pray for Molly Hawkins at Burlington. 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.