... and finally

Prayer Wall

A prayer request from Brenda: Having found out via a routine eye test that I have cataracts in both eyes. I am booked in for eye surgery next Wednesday at 12:15 pm. Whilst I feel quite at peace now, having recovered from the initial shock of the news, I would appreciate prayer for next Wednesday that all will be straightforward and successful. Many thanks and every blessing Brenda

Some good news - Ian Surrell is back home from hospital - at least for a while. Whilst he was in there, the doctor's found a problem with one of Ian's kideneys. He is being monitored at home and at some time he will need to go back for further treament. Do pray for peace of mind, an accurate diagnosis, a suitable treatment plan and healing.

Some good news Dorothy Ridley is back home and does not have pancreatitis but the not so good news is that she has a frracture in her spine. Do pray for pain reliefd, peace of mind and healing.

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

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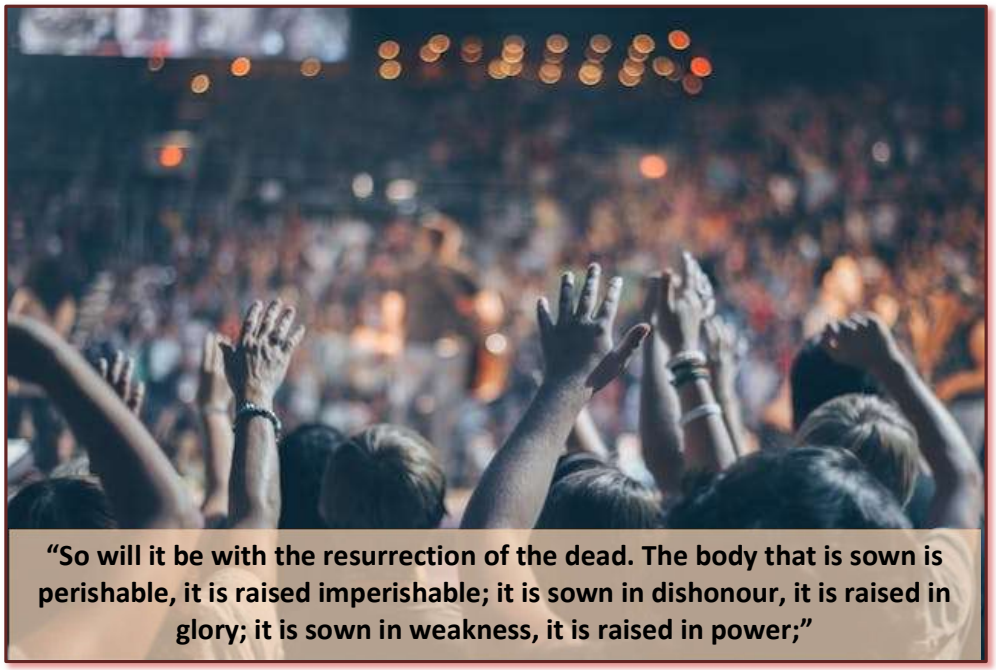

"So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;"

Sunday 27th April 2025

Series: Easter 2025

'You Only Live Twice'

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20 - 58

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Clive's band will be leading worship as Simon follows up the Easter message with a talk entitled – 'You only live twice' based on 1 Corinthians 20-58. This is a message that may just change the way you see everything—from life, to death, and what lies beyond. Intrigued? Well, this promises to be a memorable service with a very important message that we all need to hear. Don't miss this.

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 FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE 4th May 2025 – Simon's band will be leading worship as John masterminds another family service which will no doubt challenge us and yet make us smile. 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. Don't miss this opportunity.

TWO IMORTANT ITEMS FROM OUR CHURCH MEETING:

1. **NEW DEACONS/MEMBERSHIP SUPPORTING ROLES** – the Leadership Team are getting older and there is a real need for (ideally) four new people to join the team to spread the workload. Apprentices are needed for the roles of Treasurer and Secretary and full training will be given to those interested in taking on these roles. Anyone interested should talk to Derek. Again, proposal forms will need to be submitted in time for the July meeting.
2. **MISSIONS TEAM** – the Church currently gives money to 6 charities as part of our mission giving and it would be good to have a missions team to oversee this giving, to make recommendations and update the church on mission - volunteers needed.

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This week our poem links to Simon's talk this week, 'You only live twice' as we are reminded that this world, with all its beauty, is only a glimpse of what is yet to come. As believers in Christ, we are promised not just life here, but a glorious new life with Him—more wonderful than anything we can imagine.

"A World of Beauty, A World to Come"

I walk through fields where flowers bloom,
Beneath a sky of endless blue,
The whispering trees, the ocean's song,
All sing of life, both old and new.

Yet even in this world so fair,
A deeper longing stirs inside,
A yearning for a brighter land,
Where tears are wiped, and hopes abide.

If earthly joys can shine so bright,
How glorious must heaven be!
Where Christ Himself will light the skies,
And every captive soul is free.

The hills and seas shall fade away,
The stars will dim, the night will cease;
But life with Christ will still remain,
A song of everlasting peace.

So let me walk these paths with hope,
Eyes lifted high, heart full of grace;
For in His love I live once more—
And soon I'll see Him face to face.

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A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – **QUARTERLY PRAYER MEETING** – Saturday, May 10th at 10 am in the lounge. Please do make every effort to join us as we continue to seek God's guidance for the future. Joy.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – At our Church meeting on Thursday, we agreed to a temporary variation in Simon's contact reducing his hours by 30%. This means his main working days will normally be Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If you weren't at the meeting, then do ask me for a copy of our agreement. Derek

DBS Forms – If you have been given a DBS form by Jill Lomas, please return it as soon as possible.