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10:30am Morning Worship

Series: Advent

Today: Advent II: Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:1-9

Speaker: Simon Downing

6.30pm Evening worship

Series: Going right in a culture that has gone wrong

Today: The Power of Praise

Psalm 149

Speaker: Derek Robinson

9th December 2018

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 10th December

10:00 – 12:00 - Craft Club

9.00 – 12.00 - Café Connect

14:45 – 17:00 - Leadership team meeting

Tuesday 11th December

10:00 – 12noon - Coffee Pot at the Aldwick Parish Council Office

Wednesday 12th December

9.00 – 12.00 - Café Connect

19:00 – 20:30 - Community choir

Thursday 13th December

09:45 – 11:00 - Prayer Time at the church.

10:00 – 12:00 - Coffee Time at the Community Centre, West Meads

Sunday 16th December

10:30 – 11.45 - Morning Worship with Simon Downing

18.30 – 19:45 - Evening Worship with David Wall

NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

THIS MORNING - As well as continuing with our Advent series this morning, we will be incorporating our NATIVITY SERVICE. In today's reading, Isaiah tells the Israelites to know that one day God would send a light into their darkness. They were told that this light would be a "Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God himself, their Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace." This message of hope was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus and the establishment of His eternal kingdom. The wonderful news of Advent is that the best is yet to come, as one day, Jesus will return and every knee shall bow and recognise that Jesus Christ is Lord.

THIS EVENING - We return to our series on "Going right in a culture that has gone wrong. Tonight, we will be looking at how Psalm 149 emphasises the importance of a body of believers coming together to worship God as we consider the "Power of Praise". When not join us?

TODAY'S FLOWERS – The beautiful spring daffodils are given in joyful memory of dear Jim Henn, a kind and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Revelation 21:1-5. Pam Henn White.

PHYLLIS NOBBS - known to the folks in the Ladies Fellowship and was living in Greenways Care Home for about 8 years, has died and gone to be with her Lord. The service for her will be held this Thursday, 13th December, at 1.15pm at Chichester Crematorium to which you are warmly invited. Stuart.

GRACE WISEWELL - Have just heard that Mrs Grace Wise well, widow of one of our previous ministers Rev Wisewell has passed away peacefully just weeks after her 100th birthday. Grace is the lady whose picture is in our 80th Church Anniversary book.

PAT SOLWAY - Who many of you knew, died at 6.30pm on Wednesday in St. Richards' Hospital. Stuart

URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS - If you have, or know of, an urgent need for prayer then please contact Simon as first responder. He will then activate the prayer chain as appropriate.

A BIG THANK YOU – We would like to thank you for your continued interest and prayer that you have shown to both of us whilst Kay was in hospital and since her return home. Thank you for love, the visits, for the lifts and for the other practical help that you have given us. Kay and Ken.

LADIES CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENING - Tuesday 11th December 7.30pm at the church. Please come along and join in, no prior craft skills required! You are welcome to bring a friend. I would be grateful if you could let me know if you are coming. There is a £2 charge towards the cost of materials. Nicky.

THE CASE FOR CHRIST - Some of us saw the interesting video 'The Case for a Creator'. You might like to know that there is an excellent video available online where Lee Strobel covers a lot of information, with wonderful graphics, giving what is the best scientific evidence I have ever heard or seen that shows that there HAS to be a creator. I encourage you to watch it for an hour from beginning to end - and be ready to share it with others. You will find it in a search for The Case for a Creator full documentary. Barbara

THE FLOWER ROTA - If you wish to donate flowers for next year, the new list of dates is on the notice board in the porch (end nearest the kitchen). It is a great way to remember any significant dates and also a great ministry, as the flowers are distributed each week to folk who are ill or housebound

CHRISTMAS CARDS - To save you writing loads of Christmas cards and donate to Barnabas Fund at the same time, a board is in the porch for you to sign your greetings to other folk in the Church.

PLASTIC GREEN MILK BOTTLE TOPS - Please don't throw them away but bring them to us here. They can be recycled and made into useful toys. See Chris Grant for further details.

THE WELL PROJECT - Did you know that Ian Surrell distributes the monies donated via the "Well" to families in need at Christmas? Can you help these families by donating to this cause?

USED POSTAGE STAMPS - With Christmas cards soon dropping through your letterbox, please remember to save the stamp by cutting them off the envelope but leaving a border of at least 1 inch round the stamp. We donate them to the Baptist Missionary Society who raise thousands of pounds by selling the stamps. Please place in box on shelf at rear of Church (near to where the Bibles are kept).

ROD' S MISSION TO ROMANIA - Rod will be giving updating us on Thursday, 20th December at 7pm on the amazing work that is going on in Romania. Come and find out what the Lord has been doing.

CLEAN UP THURSDAY - As things develop for us as a Church, we need to be able to make better use of our premises and the rooms within it. As that is so, we need to have a major clear up! There is so much stuff dotted around the church building, that we need to have a particular time to clear it all. On **Thursday 13th December** from midday, there will be a skip at the back of the Church building, into which all unused items will be thrown. I will head that up, but any help you can offer will be so very much appreciated... Please note, that if you have left behind any items in the Church that you wish to keep, please remove them *before* this date! Simon.

THE CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE – If you want to support Emily's trip to help to build a home for an impoverished Mexican family in 2020, then now is your chance as the calendars are now available at £10.00 each. Please see Emily for further details.

FINAL REMINDER - Samara's Aid Carols Friday 14th December at 7.30pm, Bersted Street, Bognor Regis, PO22 9QE (behind Bognor Hospital). A charity Christmas Carol service with special guest 'Samara Levy' and festive guest contributions from 'One Voice' Bognor Community Choir and others. This is an opportunity to raise money and awareness, relieving suffering through the provision of humanitarian and medical aid in Syria. Refreshments to follow at St Mary Magdalene Church. Please see Barbara for further details.

GLORIFY IMMANUEL - You are invited join the Westergate Christian Fellowship as they retell the story of Christmas on Saturday, 15th December at 7pm. See the notice board for further details.

LOOKING AHEAD - There will be a Baptismal service on Sunday 20th January 2019. Believer's baptism is a very special moment on the journey of faith. It is a moment when God's presence and blessing meets us, and when we make our personal commitment of faith in Jesus as Lord. It signifies the end of our old life and of being born again to new life in Christ. Normally taking place by full immersion in water, it speaks of repentance and cleansing, of being united with Christ in his death and resurrection, and of witnessing to the call of God upon our lives. If you are feeling challenged about baptism, why not talk to Simon soon? Exactly why are you hesitating?

TOOLS WITH A MISSION (TWAM) - TWAM does a wonderful work in proving very needy people with the equipment to set up a business. They send tool kits for gardening/farming, carpentry, building, plumbing, electricians and mechanics and even cafe equipment, as well as educational books and children's scholar packs. They also send sewing machines and knitting machines. If anyone feels they can help in this way - or financially - please let me know. Also, if anyone feels like making bags, etc., for haberdashery kits? I have the both the patterns and instructions to get you started. Barbara.