


ABC NEWS

ldwick baptist church



I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless He is born again
(John 3:3b, NIV)

10:30am Morning Worship

Series: Who does God say I am?

Today: Born again

John 3:1-8

Speaker: Simon Downing

6.30pm Evening worship

Series: Being the people God called us to be

Today: Devoted to fellowship

Acts 2:42-47

Speaker: Derek Robinson

13th January 2019

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 14th January

10:00 – 12:00 - Craft Club

9.00 – 12.00 - Café Connect

Tuesday 15th January

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

Wednesday 16th January

9.00 – 12.00 - Café Connect

19:00 – 20:30 - Community choir

Thursday 17th January

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

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

Sunday 20th January

10:30 – 11.45 - Morning Worship with Simon Downing

18.30 – 19:45 - Evening Worship with David Wall

NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

SUNDAY MORNING – Simon will be continuing our new morning series entitled, “Who does God say I am?”. This week’s message challenges us all as to whether we have been truly “born again”. Jesus told Nicodemus, himself a religious man, that “No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born again”. So being religious isn’t enough. Neither is coming to church every week. It’s all about having a personal relationship with God through Jesus.

SUNDAY EVENING – Derek will be introducing our new evening series, “Being the people God intended us to be”. This week we begin by considering what we can learn from the early church about “Being devoted to the fellowship”. The series is intended to challenge us about how we actually live as Christians both in and outside of the church.

AN INTERESTING EMAIL - This week we received the following email from Geoff May. “Hello! This may seem like an odd communication. I'm a Canadian, who is planning a trip to the UK in August, and I'm looking to collect places I would love to visit. Aldwick church has a bit of a priority for me were I to make it to W Sussex, as my family, now over 40 years ago, used to attend "Aldwick Free Church". They moved to Canada in '79. While in the UK, I thought it might be quite a treat to attend the same church for a day. Are there perhaps any members still in attendance from 40+ years ago, or who may recall a Bob, Jan, Caroline and Andrew May? I would love to hear from you.” If you remember The May family, please talk to me. Derek.

TODAY'S FLOWERS - The flowers today have been donated by Jean and Barry Houlston in loving memory of David and daughter Debbie.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY - We will be meeting for Bible study on Tuesday 15 January at 7pm in the Lounge with Roger French when the subject will be ‘God’s Heart for Jerusalem’.

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FRANK IS BACK IN ACTION - As a new term begins, so Frank's non-stop mission into our local schools continues. Next week he will be at Duncton on Tuesday, Bishop Tufnell on Thursday and Nyewood on Friday. In the following week he will taking Jesus into Birdham, Nyewood and Arundel. Please pray for Frank's health, travelling mercies and for the seeds he plants to flourish in the childrens' hearts and minds.

PRAYER DIRECTORY - Most of the Prayer Directories have been issued now but if you have not yet received yours – please see Clive Bennett. We will keep you informed of updates that you need to make to your Directory from time to time.

MAKE A NOTE - Please note that the Phone number for Peter and Louise Day is 01243 763096 and that the mobile number is 07726 970794.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE – Next Sunday (20th January) there will be a Baptismal service here at 10.30am when (at least) three people will be baptised. 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?

OUR NEXT CHURCH MEETING - Our next Church meeting will be on Thursday, 24th January at 7.30pm in the church. The agenda is now available at the back of the church.

JEAN BROWN - Jean's funeral will be take place at Chichester Crematorium on Wednesday, January 23rd at 2pm. The service will be led by Paul Kerley. At the family's request, there will not be a service back here in the church. If you intend to go to the crematorium, please let me know as there will be a small gathering after the service. Derek.

EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY - Do you know of anyone who has ever expressed an interest in knowing more about Jesus but has not really found the answers they are looking for? If you do, then Simon and Nicky are hoping to run a course entitled, "Exploring Christianity", which may help them. Please see Simon or Nicky for more information.

ON THE MOVE - Douglas and Carol Fleming are delighted to announce that they have successfully bought a bungalow in Stubbington. They will be nearer to their family. It has been a long journey to get everything in place for exchanging contracts etc. They move in on Friday 18th January. The new address is 20 Mayfield Close, Stubbington, Fareham, Hampshire, PO14 2QD. Their phone number will be 01329 485 693. Best wishes from Douglas and Carol

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.

PRAYER NEEDED - Please continue to pray for Roland who is struggling at home after the loss of Jean. Please also continue to pray for Joan Brett, Michelle Crane, George Woods, Stella Filby, Sheila Payne, Pat Parker, Sid Evans and for any others is our fellowship who are unwell at this time.

OUTREACH FOR BARNABAS FUND - Our first ministry meeting for B.F. is today at Ferring Baptist Church. We have made contact with a number of West Sussex churches and so far 3 have offered us dates. We look to the Lord for the right number of openings but your prayers would be appreciated. Rejoice that you can worship freely at ABC, when many millions are unable to do so. Thanks, Brian & Hazel.

OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IS UNDER THREAT - Barnabas Fund are urging our government to protect our religious freedom in this country; freedom to worship and to read scripture in public etc. These freedoms may well be taken away in the near future if we don't do something about it now! Please add your name to the petition in the foyer. Thank you. Marie.

CHURCHES TOGETHER – There will be a MEN'S BREAKFAST on Saturday, 26th January at 9am at the Harvester in Chichester. The guest speaker will be Ray Pentland. The event is sponsored by Immanuel Church, Chichester. For further details phone Peter Sutton 07813024582.

ADVANCED NOTICE – The AGM of Bognor Regis Churches Together will be on Thursday, 28th February at 7pm. This will be held at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Bersted Street. More details will follow.

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