

ABC NEWS

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10:30am Morning Worship
The First Sunday – Family service

Labels of life

2 Corinthians 6:18

Speaker: Simon Downing

6.30pm evening service

Devotional Communion

Isaiah 46:1-5

2nd February 2020

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 3rd February

09:00 – 12:00noon - Café Connect

10:00 – 12noon - Craft Club

Tuesday 4th February

10:00 – 12noon - Coffee Pot at the Council offices.

19:00 – 20:00 – Corporate prayer meeting.

Wednesday 5th February

09:00 – 12:00noon - Café Connect

12:15 – 14:30 – Lunch Club

19:00 – 20:30 - Community choir

Thursday 6th February

10:00 – 12noon - Coffee Time at West Meads

Sunday 9th February

10:30 – 11.45 - Morning worship with Simon Downing

18:30 – 19:30 – Evening worship led by Derek Robinson.

NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

SUNDAY MORNING – Today is our monthly family service and so, as you look around the congregation, you might spot some new faces. Do make them feel welcome and part of our family. As you look around, I am also sure that you won't find anyone who is exactly the same as you. It is somewhat reassuring to know that we are all unique and, although we all made in God's image, we are still all different. This is one of the many wonders of God's creation.

In our world people are often labelled by categories as if they were products on the shelf. Some labels are useful but labelling people can be misleading and even hurtful.

It's good to know that the LORD does not look at the things man looks at. He doesn't label us in the way we do. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." (1 Sam. 16:7)

Today take the opportunity to see beyond the labels that we sometimes use to define people by and, in doing so, challenge the stereotypes that often go unquestioned.

In God's eyes every one of us is special. Every one of us is beautiful. He loves every one of us! It's what's in your heart that counts.

SUNDAY EVENING – This evening we will be holding our monthly Devotional Communion around the Communion table. Our text for this service is Isaiah 46:1-5 in which God reminds that He is the one who made us and carries us when we are struggling. He is the one who sustains and it He who has rescued us through. Now that really is worth remembering and celebration together. Please join us.

PREACHING MINISTRY 1- Derek will be preaching at Southbourne Free Church today. Please pray for this small congregation and for Derek's ministry there.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY - Bible study on Tuesday 4 February at 7pm in the Lounge led by Roger French on the subject 'Walking in the reality of Redemption'. In this study Roger will look at how Christians in the spiritual realm can get healthier and stronger in the process of Christian maturity."

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER - The next Contemplative Prayer meeting will be on Tuesday, 4th February at 10 a.m. in the prayer room. This is a time of waiting on the Lord in quiet and lasts about half an hour. Why not come and join us? Angela.

MESSY CHURCH – It's the first Thursday of the month and so that means it is "Messy Church Thursday". Games, singing, story, crafts and food. Who could ask for more? Why not come along at 3.30pm and see what it is all about? Or, even better, why not invite someone with children to come along with you?



PLEASE BE AWARE - Following an incident last weekend with Harry, can I please request that members of the congregation DO NOT try to engage Harry in conversation and definitely do not touch him. Unfortunately he has become a very stroppy and aggressive teenager in some situations and I can only hope he will grow out of it and learn to be more polite and less aggressive as he gets older. Thank you. Jan - Harry's Grandma.

A TRAINING OPPORTUNITY - Some of J. John's team are coming to Bognor Regis to lead a concise training session in Natural Evangelism in preparation for the Just One event taking place in April and will help us with conversations that we sometimes find difficult or opportunities to talk about our faith that we might miss. It is on Friday 7th February, 7pm for about 2 hours, at St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, Bersted Street, Bognor Regis, PO22 9QE

OPEN HOUSE IS AN ONGOING EXPERIENCE – Although we are setting aside the last Sunday evening of every month for us to invite people into our homes. Don't feel restricted in your choice of day or time, the important thing is this message applies to us all and can be applied at any time. Inviting someone into your home isn't meant to be a "one off" either. It is meant to be ongoing. How many of us fondly remember days gone by when we all really knew our neighbours? This is a chance to recreate the good old days!

PREACHING MINISTRY 2 - Brian is preaching at Westergate Fellowship on 9th February

MARIE STONEHAM - As many of you will know Marie has been unwell since Christmas and has struggled to cope and recently stayed at Autumn Lodge, Aldwick Road for a period of rest and recuperation. The good news is she is now back home. Please continue to pray for her continued well-being.

HAZEL GOLDSMITH – More good news, Hazel is now back home and is being treated by care nurses every few days. Brian would like to thank you all for your prayers but respectfully asks you to continue with your prayers as Hazel's condition remains a great concern.

PAM BROWN – Pam is currently in Ford Ward at St. Richard's hospital following a fall. Although Pam seems to have not been hurt in the fall, she remains confused as to what happened. Please pray for a speedy diagnosis and appropriate treatment.

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.

STELLA FILBY – As Stuart and Joyce are away for a few weeks, Stuart has asked us to specifically uphold Stella in prayer.

THE PRAYER ROOM - Please go into the prayer room, there are many prayer requests displayed by our brothers and sisters in Christ. Prayer requests will remain for two weeks they can be re-dated. Please let us know answer to prayer so we can give thanks to our Father.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Marion Collins, Stella Filby, Maureen Jones (friend of Bridget), Joan Brett, John Richardson, Aleesia (Peta's grand-daughter, friend of Ingrida), Joy Puffett, Marion Bryant, Pat and Mick Parker, Janice Sprules, Hazel Goldsmith, Val Collett, Pam Ryan, Tony Brock, George Woods, Sid Evans, and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time.

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