

# Aldwick Baptist Church NEWS



**10:30am Morning Worship**

**Rediscovering the awe of God Part 1**

Ezekiel 1

Speaker: Simon Downing

**6.30pm evening service**

**Second Sunday – Inspirational word**

**You are mine**

Isaiah 43:1-7

Speaker: Derek Robinson

9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

09:00 – 12:00noon - Café Connect

10:00 – 12noon - Craft Club

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

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

19:00 – 21:00 – Leadership team meeting

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

09:00 – 12:00noon - Café Connect

19:00 – 20:30 - Community choir

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>February**

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

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

10:30 – 11.45 - Morning worship with Simon Downing

18:30 – 19:30 – Evening worship led by Clive Bennett

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**NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

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**SUNDAY MORNING** – Today Simon will be bringing us a message based on Ezekiel’s vision that revealed God’s absolute moral perfection to the Israelites who were then captives in Babylon. God made it clear that He was spiritually and morally superior to their corrupt and compromising society.

Consequently, because God is morally perfect, He can help us to stand firm and live our lives in a way that honours Him rather than compromising with the world’s values. When we focus on His greatness, when we stand in awe of Him, He gives us the strength to overcome sin and to reflect His holiness.

**SUNDAY EVENING** – This Sunday evening is our monthly slot for an Inspirational Word from the Scriptures. Tonight, we will be listening to God speak to us through the prophet Isaiah as God reminds us of His purpose in creating mankind. We were made by God and for God. We were made to bring glory to Him. God’s reminds us that, “He formed us, He created us, He redeemed us and He called us by name”. His words resonate in our hearts as He says to us, “You are mine!” Please don’t miss this message.

**THANK YOU** – Thank you so much for your prayers over the last few weeks. I am now a lot better and should be with you on Sunday morning. Marion Collins.

**THANK YOU** - A big thank you to all who have collected used postage stamps for the Baptist Missionary Society. By selling on the stamps, they are able to raise thousands of pounds each year towards their valuable work worldwide. Please continue throughout the year to collect any stamps off your post, remembering to leave a minimum of half an inch border so each stamp is not damaged. The blue box is always on the shelf at the rear of the Church for your donations. Many thanks. Brenda

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** – The flowers this week donated by David Hanchard in memory of his Mother, Mrs Marjorie Hanchard, an officer in Aldwick Girls Brigade.

**THANK YOU** – I would just like to thank you for your prayers, cards and good wishes whilst I have been ill. It is really good to belong to God's family at ABC. Janice Sprules.

**THE NEW LIFE GROUP** - Our next get together will be on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm in the foyer of the church. Why not join us for a cup of tea, a chat and even a piece of cake? Janice.

**PREACHING MINISTRY** - Brian is preaching at Westergate Fellowship today. Please pray for his ministry there.

**MAVIS EADE** – Mavis has been unwell for some time with bronchial pneumonia and so has been unable to attend church. She is now back at home but still quite poorly. She wants to thank you for your prayers and ongoing support at this difficult time for her. She promises that she will back as soon as she is able.

**DOREEN SAMPSON** - Peter Sampson has informed us that his mother, Doreen, passed peacefully away during Wednesday. Doreen was until recently was a regular visitor to Lunch Club and had attended Victoria Drive Baptist Church (Now the Shore Community Church) for many years,

**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.

**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!

**ARE YOU TROUBLED BY UNWANTED COLD CALLERS?** – Then here is a possible solution suggested by a reader of the Times. "My father had a born-again Christian friend who took every opportunity to preach the Gospel sincerely to every incoming caller. Funnily enough, they have tailed off considerably. The conversation generally went along these lines; 'Have you been involved in an accident recently that wasn't your fault?' Response, 'Have you taken Jesus into your heart?' Click - as the caller hung up."

**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.

**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.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Pam Brown, 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, 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.

**PRAISE AND PRAYER** – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm, Felpham Methodist Church. An informal afternoon of prayer and praise.

**THE QUIET GARDEN AT FISHBOURNE** - You are welcome to come and join us at St. Peter's Place, Fishbourne Church Hall, two miles west of Chichester) PO19 3XT, for a morning of rest, quiet and spiritual reflection between 10am and 12.15pm on any or all of these 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays in 2020. For further details see the notice board.

**LENT GROUPS 2020 – The return of the prodigal son** – (See notice board for further details) **To book your place on one of these courses please contact Nikki on 01243 826886 or complete a 'sign up' sheet** with a choice of 2 hosts by the 14<sup>th</sup> February. This is because each host has a limited number of places. The Living Word bookshop, 30 Crescent Road, Bognor Regis (Tel 01243 828223) will be ordering copies of the book 'Return of the Prodigal Son' which will be available from the 27<sup>th</sup> January.

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