

# ABC NEWS

aldwick baptist church



## 10:30am Morning Worship

### Rediscovering the awe of God Part 2

Revelation 4

Speaker: Simon Downing

## 6.30pm evening service

### Second Sunday – Prayer and presence

#### His presence among the people

Exodus 33:7-23

Speaker: Clive Bennett

16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February

10:00 – 12noon - Craft Club

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

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

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February

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

14:30 – 16:00 – New Life Group

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

10:30 – 11.45 - Morning worship with Derek Robinson

**No Evening service** – Open House

## NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

**SUNDAY MORNING** – Today Simon will be bringing us the second message on this short series, entitled, “Rediscovering the awe of God Part 2.” In today’s reading from Revelation Chapter 4, we are given a glimpse in Christ’s glory. We are taken through John’s vision into the very throne of heaven. God is on the throne and is orchestrating all of the events that John will record. Contrary to what you may sometimes feel, the world is not spinning out of control: The God of creation will carry out his plans as Christ initiates the final battle with the forces of evil. John shows us heaven before showing us earth so that we can focus on God’s greatness. As we read John’s words, we are compelled to bow down in awe of Him. He gives us the strength to stay strong and not be frightened of future events.

**SUNDAY EVENING** – “This Sunday Evening is a Prayer & Presence evening where we can focus on our relationship with the Lord Jesus. The passage we are considering is Exodus 33:7-23 and we will be considering what lessons we can learn from how Moses prayed in the presence of Almighty God and taking time ourselves to follow his example.” Clive.

**TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** - Bible Study on Tuesday evening 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Lounge led by Roger French on the subject ‘The Problems of a Crooked Counsel.’ The Bible assigns the unjust and illegal judgement of Jesus and His death on the Cross to the account of eight individuals or groups of people in particular. In this study Roger will identify who they are.

**MEN’S BREAKFAST** - Our next men's breakfast - 22nd February. David Westlake, UK CEO of the International Justice Mission, will be with us and we look forward to his inspiring talk. As always, we welcome all men irrespective of faith or none. It's an excellent opportunity to bring along non-Christian friends and neighbours to join us for breakfast, fellowship and to hear this interesting and maybe life changing talk. For further details speak to Clive or Ray.

**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.

**CHURCH PRAYER DIRECTORY UPDATE** - It is over a year since we issued the loose leaf Prayer Directory and we do trust that it has been a blessing to you. We promised that we would produce new contents (for you to exchange in the pockets of your directory) in time for the April AGM.

There will be a draft A3 copy of the Directory on the foyer tables today and for the two following Sundays and we would be grateful if you could check that your personal details are correctly recorded or write in any corrections / additions. If you want to be put in the directory for the first time then you will need to complete a church data form, sign it and submit it to Clive Bennett and then add your details to the draft A3 directory. If any of you are missing a photograph, please see Clive on the Sundays he is available and he will take your photo. (It really does help people know who they are talking to or praying for).

It is very important that all the changes are completed by you no later than 8<sup>th</sup> March so that there is time to run off a full set of directories by the AGM. Any changes after this date will have to be dealt with manually and individually by every member as there will be no regular update until the following AGM.

Thank you for your help with this important prayer and pastoral care facility.

**Doreen Sampson** - Peter and Jenny Sampson wish to thank all at ABC for all the cards and messages following the death of Doreen. Her funeral is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 11am at Chichester Cremation for family followed by a Thanksgiving Service at Shore Church ( Victoria Drive) at 12:15 pm to which all who knew Doreen are warmly welcomed.

**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

**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!

**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.

**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.

**HOMELESSNESS IN BOGNOR REGIS** - will be the topic of the next Discussion Group of the parish of Our Lady of Sorrows and St Anthony's, Bognor. To be led by: **Major Matt and Major Sarah Butler of the Salvation Army.**

*As well as telling us about the work of their organisation in Bognor they will help us to think about how we can help with some of the issues involved. When:* At 7.30pm on Wednesday **February 26<sup>th</sup>.** **Where:** At St Anthony's Church, Gossamer Lane, Rose Green. PO21 3DD. As well as discussion there will be refreshments. The meeting will end, with a prayer, about 9.15pm. All are welcome.

**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.

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