

# ABC NEWS

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**10:30am Morning Worship**  
**Rediscovering the awe of God III**

Ezekiel 10  
 Speaker: Simon Downing

**6.30pm Evening Worship**  
**Prayer and Presence: His presence among the people**

Exodus 33:7-23  
 Speaker: Clive Bennett  
 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

09:00 – 12:00noon – Café Connect  
 10:00 – 12noon - Craft Club

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

10:00 – 12noon - Coffee Pot at the Council offices.  
 18:45 – 21:30 – Leadership team meeting

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

09:00 – 12:00noon - Café Connect  
 19:00 – 20:30 - Community choir

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

10:30 – 11.45 – Morning worship with Simon Downing  
 18:30 – 19:30 – Evening worship with Simon Downing

**NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

**SUNDAY MORNING** – In today’s sermon, Simon returns to the importance of us rediscovering the awe of God as we look at Ezekiel Chapter 10. In this chapter, the prophet Ezekiel sees a vision of God’s glory departing from the temple, never to return completely until Jesus himself visited the temple in the New Testament. God’s holiness required that He leave the temple because the people had so defiled it. God had to completely destroy what people had perverted in order for true worship to be revived. We must commit ourselves, our families, our churches and our nation to follow God faithfully, so that we never have to experience God abandoning us.

**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** – ‘The next bible study by Roger French will be on 10<sup>th</sup> March in the Lounge at 7pm on the continuing subject of ‘The Crooked Counsel’ looking at the six false trials that Jesus faced.’

**PHIL WATTS** – We have just heard from Maggie Watts that her beloved husband Phil has recently died. For those who have been here a while, Phil was our church secretary for many years and particularly whilst Paul was our minister. Phil's cremation service will be on 27th March in Rugby. If anyone needs more information, then contact me and I will find out more. Please pray for Mags and the family and thank God for Phil's life. Derek

**HAZEL GOLDSMITH** – Hazel will be admitted to St. Wilfred’s hospice today on a trial basis. Brian and Hazel both believe this is the Lord’s doing and are so thankful.

**ROMANIAN MISSION** – I have just received this message from Rod and Carole in Romania. "So far 16 have accepted Christ as their Saviour. Trian is hanging on for dear life - a 36 year old mother who has been diagnosed with cancer. We are visiting many people who need prayer and support. We have been given special permission to visit Hope School tomorrow morning as they tightening up for visiting. Please pray for many more to become Christians and for those who have made a commitment to be encourage in their walk with God. Rod and Carole.

**CALLING ALL LADIES** – The Ladies Easter Craft evening, will be held at the church on Thursday 26th March, 7.30pm, £3.50. Please book a place with Nicky 07943 537785. You are welcome to invite a friend or neighbour to come with you.

**OPEN HOUSE – HOW IS IT GOING?** Simon and the Leadership would like to know how you are getting on with this challenge. If you have any stories to share that might encourage others, then please either email [contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk](mailto:contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk) or write a note and give it to me. We do not need names of your contacts as they remain confidential. Derek

**MEMBERSHIP MATTERS** – Our annual general meeting will take place on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. As laid down in our constitution, two of the team are required to formally stand down but can then be re-nominated for a further three years. This year Brenda and Derek will be standing down. If you would like to re-nominate them, please see Clive for a nomination form. At the AGM, you can also nominate others whom you think are suitable to join the diaconate. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church.

**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. Clive.

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**OUR NEW REGISTRAR** – Janet Cowley has agreed to take over the role of registrar from Ken Tucker as he has retired from duty. This position will need to be confirmed at the AGM. We also need to appoint a deputy registrar. If you feel able to fill this position, please contact Clive.

**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 UPDATE** - The little girl Aleesia, all being well, is due to have her operation on 17th March at 7.30am. The family are very emotional and thankful that finally there seems to be an end in sight. Please continue to pray for the whole family.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** –Joy Smith, Pam Brown, Stella Filby, Maureen Jones, 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.

**PAUSE AND PRAY** - We are gathering to pray for God's will for this town, His church, the nation and the world. We will meet from 7:30 to 8:30pm, just an hour, but God can do a lot in that time. Come ready to declare in the Spirit what He is doing. These are interesting times and God is calling His people to united prayer and proclamation. This is a Churches Together gathering at the Jenesis Building, Lindon Road.

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