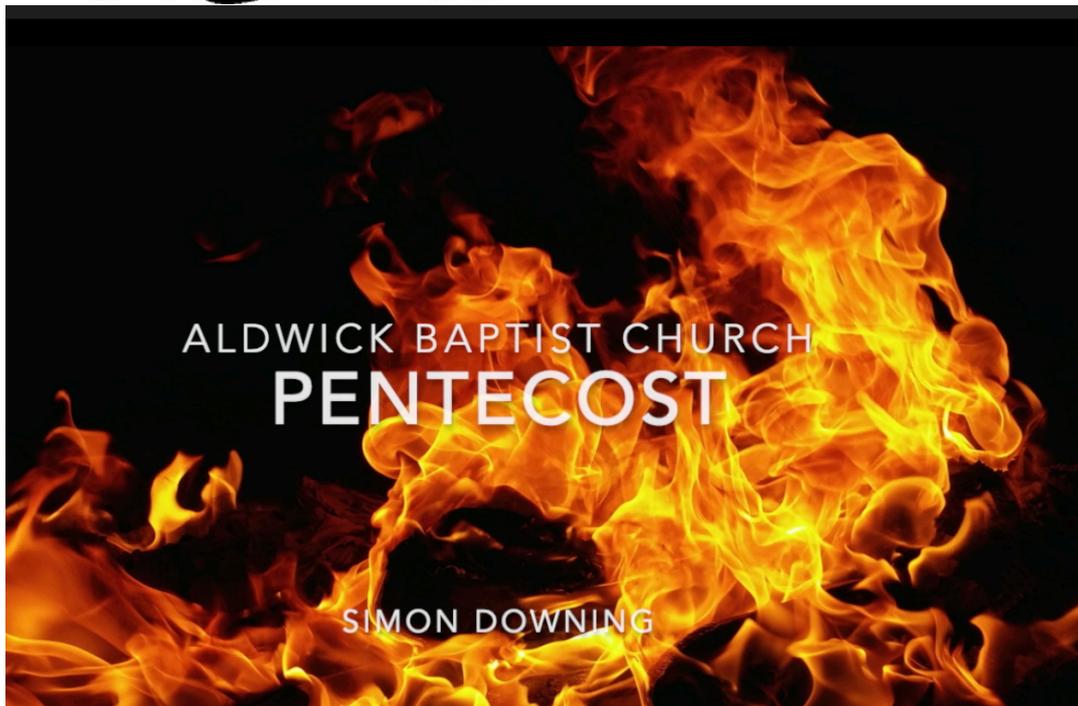


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ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

Welcome to our Pentecost Sunday service! All the waiting and staring that the apostles had done, as our previous talks showed, were all a necessary part of what was to come. It was all about preparation for Pentecost – the famous theme of our text, Acts 2v1-21. Pentecost is associated with three major Jewish feasts. It is linked with the feast of Weeks, the feast of Harvest and the day of first fruits - Pentecost's Hebrew name is Shavuot. In itself, Pentecost was one of the 3 major Jewish festivals, so thousands upon thousands of Jews would have been in Jerusalem for this – the place would have been packed. And so, there they were - the Day of Pentecost had come – 49 days after the Sabbath of the Passover week had already passed, as it has always done, but *this* Pentecost would be like no other!

PLEASE JOIN SIMON FOR PRAYER - On Monday, Simon intends to pray for the church at 9.30am. He would like us all to set this time apart to join him in prayer before he sets out on his rounds.

Our Sunday morning service will go “live” at 6pm on a Saturday evening. However, if possible, we would like you to join us on Sunday in prayer at around 10.20am before watching the service at 10.30am as normal. Please pray for your church family and for all the frontline workers who are keeping us going in these difficult times. Please pray too for our prime minister and the cabinet who have the unenviable task gradually easing lockdown. It is becoming clear that, as the lockdown continues, people will become more agitated, so, as we said last week, we need to keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus.

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In our midweek service this week we will begin a new series entitled, “Guarding your heart.” This week’s message will be brought to us by Derek Robinson and is based on Proverbs 4:20-27.. In this talk, Derek will be reminding us that God is telling us that, “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” The fact that God starts with, “Above all else ..” demonstrates the importance that God attaches to the state of your heart. Don’t miss this series! This will go live at 6pm on Tuesday

If you missed any of earlier services these can be viewed online services by going to <http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/latest-news/online-sermons>

The response from you has been very encouraging so far but please do send in your reactions to contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk.

SERMON’ NOTES – Over the weekend, we will be emailing the notes from Simon’s talk together with the news sheet. If you don’t have an email address, then we will be hand delivering both the news sheet and the notes to you early next week.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS – I am sure you have all missed our cheesy birthday greetings every Sunday morning. Well the good news is THEY ARE BACK. So, if you know of any pending birthdays, just let me know.

SO HERE WE GO WITH OUR WEEK TWO (in isolation) BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DAVID HANCHARD AND DAVID LAWREY



If this lockdown is getting you down and you are beginning to think it will never end then try looking out of your window, listening to the birds and marvelling at the beauty of God's creation. Why? Because as today's poem reminds us, we live in a wonderful world.

What a wonderful world

I see my God's face in a beautiful day;
I see His joy in a child at play.
I see His wonder in the stars at night;
I see His freedom in the birds in flight.
I see His love in a mother's eyes;
I see His glory in His golden sunrise.
I see His beauty in a kingfisher's wings;
I see His peace when a blackbird sings.
Oh what joy to bring when I see all these things.
Yes, I see my God in all creation,
His almighty power beyond imagination.

Arthur McGee

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM PASTOR NELU IN ZALAU (Forwarded by Rod) –

Please pray Tatiana. She is a gipsy who was to be baptised in the future but is now sick and in need of surgery. Please pray for our sister Ozana who has a cancer and in need of an operation, but the hospitals are only admitting patients with coronavirus. She could have the treatment in a private hospital but doesn't have any money. - **for** Please pray for Darius, He has made a commitment for Christ but now he has had family trouble. So now he is not living with parents.

Please also pray for Dan, Dana's father. He is in hospital.

Please pray for the health and safety of their brothers and sisters from Golgota and for wisdom for me in this time.

We are having church fellowship meetings in the church car park which are clearly visible to our many neighbours. We pray for impact!

Thanks for prayers. Nelu.

FRIDAY NIGHT IS QUIZ NIGHT – Every Friday at 7.15pm, Jon Robinson (my son) is organising a quiz through his church website and on Facebook. It lasts around 20 minutes and is really good fun. If you want to take part then join via www.stjohnssouthbourne.com or through the We Love Southbourne Facebook page (facebook.com/welovesouthbourne). Derek.

URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS - If you have, or know of, an urgent need for prayer in the coming week then please contact Simon as first responder. He will then activate the prayer chain as appropriate.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 1 - Mavis has asked for prayer for her sister, Beatrice who lives in Devon and has Alzheimer's disease for 2 and half years. Her son Geoffrey has been her carer for all of that time. It has been an arduous task with almost no let up. Geoffrey has now had a breakdown. Please pray for Beatrice that alternative arrangements can be made and for the correct diagnosis and treatment for Geoffrey. Mavis is obviously troubled by the news, so please also pray for peace in Mavis' life.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 2 - Please would you pray for Joy's brother John and his family. Their eldest daughter Hannah has been tested positive for Covid 19. Hannah works at Salford Royal as a pharmacist which involves working on the wards in some instances. Would you pray for protection for all the family as they now face isolation for the next 14 days. Pray particularly for Joy's brother John who is an Asthmatic. Although Hannah's symptoms are not too severe it's still a concern. John Smith

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 3 – Rosanne's daughter, Michelle, and Michelle's husband Daniel have been in a car accident. Rosanne tells that Daniel her son-in-law is now out of intensive care but still needs prayer along with Michelle who is still suffering from bruising and the aftermath of the incident. Rosanne says she personally is OK and grateful for the prayer and progress so far but to please keep praying for the whole situation.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Jim McAlpine, John and Michelle Crane, Kate Moss, Joy Smith, Pam Brown, Stella Filby, Maureen Jones, Joan Brett, Joy Puffett, Marion Bryant, Pat and Mick Parker, Val Collett, Pam Ryan, Tony Brock, George Woods, Sid Evans, and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time. Please also pray for all of us who have to self-isolate over the coming weeks.

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