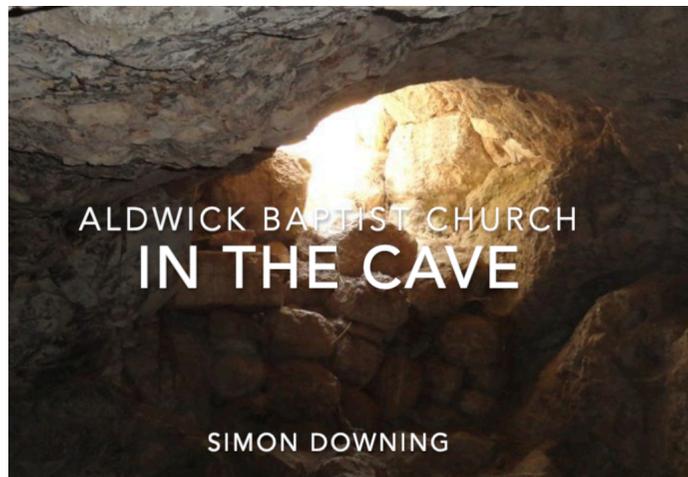


# ABC NEWS

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## ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

Welcome to the week's news sheet. I hope you feel that our weekly sheet helps you to still feel part of our family at ABC even though are still unable to meet together. In person. My sermon this weekend is called, 'In the cave,' based on 1 Samuel 21:10 – 22:2. Now you are probably thinking this is an odd title but I believe God has been talking to me over recent days about when David was holed up in the Cave of Adullam, as we still in our reading. David was God's chosen, his elected one – chosen to become King of Israel. Of course, at that time, King Saul was on still the throne, but as you would expect, men in power often do not want to relinquish their control. And so, because of Saul's anger and jealousy of David, David has to go on the run. Saul is so desperate to hold onto power, he attempts many times, to take David's life. Of course, as we know, The Lord's will prevails – eventually. So what has God to teach through this verses? Well you will have to watch the video to find out. God bless. Simon.

### Our online services

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.

You [Click here](#) to go directly to the service page.

In our midweek service this week we will continuing with our new series entitled, "Guarding your heart." This week's message will be brought to us by Clive Bennett and is based on John 12:20-43. In this talk, Clive will be reminding us that we currently exist in two very different worlds. There is the earthly world which rejects Jesus as their Saviour and puts self at the centre of all things. And there is the world of believers intent on glorifying God through there lives on earth. Don't miss this second episode in this important 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>

**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.

**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.

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** – Even in isolation, don't let us miss your birthday! So, if you know of any pending birthdays, just let me know.

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



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### Our resident poet

If you have had a bad week and the apparently never ending lock down is getting to much to take, 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 each day is a miracle and an example of God's wonderful plan for His world.

**"Morning has broken"**

When I see the sunrise,  
Reflecting in the golden sky;  
The glory of a new day dawning.  
We will praise the Lord  
For the joy of the morning.  
Everyday is a miracle,  
The joy of God's creation.  
So many wonders known and unknown,  
Beyond our imagination.  
Thank you Lod we pray  
For the miracle of a new day.

Arthur McGee

**ANSWERED PRAYER 1 – This email was sent to us all from John & Joy's son, Tom.**

Dear friends,  
I hope you are safe and well. Please know that I am hugely thankful for your faithful prayers over the last three or so weeks. It came as quite a shock to me, as you can imagine, to be diagnosed with Bell's Palsy. Sometimes you just don't expect it to happen to you! It felt like the brakes were hit hard. The great news (!) is that I am now doing a whole lot better. My blinking has returned, my mouth is much improved and the headaches have eased. I am only a little asymmetrical, but the ENT practitioner was really pleased with my progress. Prayer is powerful and I believe that your prayers, along with those of many others, have made a huge difference. Thank you so much. The Lord has been speaking to me about the importance of rest, about living slowly, and about abiding in Him. Life can throw up so much uncertainty and difficulty, yet there is always hope. To know Jesus is to know that hope — and he can speak directly into our situations when we open our ears to hear him, our eyes to see him and our hearts to receive him. I could write so much more but for now, I pray that God, who 'knows when you sit or when you stand' would fill you with all peace as you fix your eyes on Him. 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.' Numbers 6 v 24-26. Love to you all. Tom

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### ...and finally

**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** - Marion Bryant has sent in this request: Please pray for my friend, Jan, who has blood cancer and has been told by Hospital this week that she only has two weeks to live. Please also pray for her family in London that they, too, might know Lord Jesus and be comforted. '

**URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 2** – Rosanne's daughter, Michelle who was thought not injured in her recent car accident, has been diagnosed with a broken bone in her neck. Please pray for her recovery and also for her husband Daniel who is back at home but still needs healing.

**URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 3** – Maureen Jones who has ongoing problems with her legs which are continually weeping and very painful. She can't get down the steps into her garden so is stuck indoors. Please pray for relief and the correct treatment for her problems.

**URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 4** - Mary Edwards would value prayer. Her foot is still giving problems and she is still on crutches. This is all affecting her back, which is in turn affecting her foot! She is unable to drive. Please let's pray for healing and freedom from pain.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Marie Stoneham, John and Michelle Crane, Kate Moss, Joy Smith, Pam Brown, Stella Filby, 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.

**STOP PRESS** – Anna and Ben Applin's baby, Connie, was born on Wednesday and weighed in at 8lbs 4oz. Congratulations from us all.

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