



ABC NEWS



2 Samuel 7:18-29

Simon Downing

Sunday 20th June 2021

ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

Following the Government's current guidelines and the subsequent advice from the Baptist Union, the church is now **open** for Sunday worship. We do, however, still need to follow the current restrictions which means, social distancing, masks, sanitiser, no singing and restricted numbers. We are restricted to around 35 worshippers – so you need to book a seat. As numbers are restricted, we will be continuing with our online services on Sundays and Wednesdays. This Sunday, Simon returns to our series based on the "Names of God" reach part 8 – "Yahweh Sabaoth." In this series Simon has been intentionally linking the names of God to the character of God – something perhaps take that we don't think about too often as we only see things from our point of view.

Derek.

Our online services

Our Sunday online 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 [click here](#) to go directly to the current service page. You can then watch the entire service through the without interruption by following the simple instructions on that page.

In our midweek series this week we will be continuing with our 13 part series entitled, "Unstoppable – A journey through the Book of Acts". In this series we will be considering God's plans for His church and asking, "Why do we do what we do?" and "Is this what God really wants us to do?"

This week Derek will be bringing us part 10 entitled, "Culture Clash". This week's message covers Acts chapter 17:16-34 and so you may find it helpful to read through this chapter before the service. You should find this talk very relevant to us today as there is little doubt that as Christians we are certainly experiencing a culture clash with the world in general.

This service can be accessed using the same link as above from 4pm on Tuesday. If you have missed any of the previous talks in this series, then they can be accessed through the website by going to <http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/latest-news/online-sermons>.

CHRISTIANS IN PARLIAMENT AND RELEASE INTERNATIONAL: NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY PRAYER BREAKFAST 2021 ONLINE. You may be interested in joining the 2021 National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast Online, which will be livestreamed on Friday 25 June from 8:00-8:45am. The theme this year is 'Life Beyond Covid: A Renewed Hope' with the main speaker being The Rt Revd Professor NT Wright. The event will include prayers led by parliamentarians, hymns led by special guest singers and the keynote address.

Following the event, Christians in Parliament principal partner, The Bible Society will be hosting a webinar for church leaders from 10:00-11:00am, titled 'Re-imagining Mission', and this will be followed by a programme of webinars hosted by our partners from 11:00am-3:00pm. Barbara.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES –We have two birthdays this week. So please say a big "Happy Birthday" to Daphne whose birthday is on 20th and to Marie whose birthday is on 26th. If you would like to share your birthday details with us then please contact Lynne Allard (265360) who is acting as our birthday monitor! If you want details of the BMS birthday scheme then please contact Brenda (265984).

THIS WEEK'S POEM

We all have so much, but some people simply fail to open their eyes to see.
They don't see wonders of God's creation and or recognise the never unending
love of Jesus. Just think what they are missing!

The love of Jesus

The greatest gifts that we see
Are the gifts that are free.
The sunrise of a new day,
The joy to see a child at play.
The wonder of the stars at night
Yes, God's creation gives us so much delight
People crave for wealth and fame,
But in the end, it's all the same
They can gain the whole world
But what is the cost?
Just like the sheep
who is lonely and lost.
Why put your trust in things that are only temporary?
Which one day will cease to be.
Put your trust in things of eternity
Faith, hope and joy
But most of all the love of Jesus
Who died for you and me.
Amen

Arthur Magee

LOVE ALDWICK – A CALL TO PRAYER – As you probably know by now, our first 'Love Aldwick' event set for 31st July which is fast approaching. The event is a gentle way to bless and love our local community, in the form of a local treasure hunt in the centre of Rose Green village with strawberry cream tea and some light children's activities. This will be held outside in the car park, with any suitable precautions in place. I am setting up a prayer team to cover the event and to lift the community up in their response to it. Please contact me if you would like to join the prayer team, we could hold the meetings on Zoom, or we could meet physically (socially distanced) at my house if there is up to 6 of us. We would much appreciate the church family's individual prayers for the event as well. Many thanks, Lucienne Edwards"

A BIG THANK FROM KAY AND KEN – We want to thank you for your prayers, support and ongoing love. We also want to thank you for Ken's birthday cards. They brought us so much joy. Derek.

... and finally

THIS WEEK'S NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- I have just been speaking to Arthur again, a resident poet. He is still in a lot of pain with kidney stones and is waiting for a phone call about an imminent appointment at St. Richards for his operation. Please pray that this happens quickly, goes well and for pain relief.
- Brian is now at home and seems very upbeat. He says he is making very good progress and wants you all to know that God has been good to him. Please give thanks for Brian's positivity and pray for ongoing healing.
- Pam Ryan still needs ongoing care and there is still concern about her blood pressure. Please pray for peace of mind and general healing for Pam.
- Mary Edwards is suffering from Bell's Palsy. As you may know this is temporary weakness or lack of movement affecting 1 side of the face. Most people do usually get better within 9 months. Mary is feeling pretty down about this at present and would welcome our prayers. Please pray for peace of mind and healing.
- Simon spent some time with Marion Bryant is really struggling at present and is in hospital in Worthing. Please pray for peace of mind and a general improvement in her health and wellbeing.
- Margaret Vincent had her laser surgery in both eyes. She is recovering and taking drops 4 times a day to aid healing and to avoid infection. Her first cataract operation is now booked for 30 June. Please thank God for his provision so far and for ongoing healing.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Kay and Ken Tucker, Ian Surrell, Mavis Eade, Vivienne Newman, Eve Williams, Janice Sprules, Hilary Naesmith, Michelle and Jon Crane, Arthur and Eileen McGee, Chris Grant, Joan Brett, Val Collett and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time.

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