



ABC NEWS



Sunday 12th June 2022

Series: What do I do when I feel ...?

Leviticus 16:20-22; Colossians 2:13-15, 1 John 1:8-9

In line with the Government's guidelines, face coverings are no longer mandatory in our church and wearing them is now optional and a matter of personal choice. However, as the number of cases is still quite high, we think it is wise to be cautious. So please think carefully about your own situation and that of your friends and their safety. We will continue to reserve two rows for people who wish to wear masks and maintain a safe distance between themselves and others. Derek

TODAY'S SERVICE – In today's service we return to our series, "What do I do when I feel ..." This morning Simon asks a question everyone in the world faces many times over in their life. "What do we do when I feel sinful?"

Simon's talk will come in two parts. In part 1, Simon will be looking at what the Bible means by sin. In part 2, Simon will be telling what the Bible says we should do when we do recognise our sin. But He will also be looking at what the Bible says God will do if we truly repent, As 1 John 1v8-9 reads: 'if we confess our sins, he (God) is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.' Of course, God does this because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Sounds both important and intriguing, so don't miss it.

Of course, we do hope you can join us for the service in the church but if you can't actually join us, you will be able to access this service from 10.30am by going to: <http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons>

TODAY'S FLOWERS - The flowers today have been donated by Ernie Payne in memory of his dear wife Sheila who died three years ago, they will be arranged by Helen. Sheila loved flower arranging and was involved in arranging the church flowers at ABC.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD BE A DEACON? – Deacons are a group of men and women appointed by the church meeting to serve* with the Minister as a leadership team. Whilst the team cannot represent exactly, it is hoped that it will reflect the mix of gender, age and background within our fellowship. Our constitution says we should have up to 8 deacons – but currently we only have 5. Who would like to remedy this at our AGM in July. Do you know someone who could be a deacon? If you do, then talk to them about it as well as speaking to one of the current deacons (*Deacon means servant - see Acts 6:1-4, 1 Timothy 3:8-13). Nominations must be in by the end of June, so please pray about this urgently.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER - Prayer connects us with God, it is life changing. Our daily life and eternal life is wrapped up in our relationship with God. Prayer is the key to making that relationship vibrant and real. Angela

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS – It doesn't look like we have any birthdays this week – well not according to my list. So if we have missed you out, we are really sorry. If you do want to be placed on our birthday list, and receive a celebratory slot in the news sheet, please contact Lynne Allard (265360). If you want details of the BMS birthday scheme, then please contact Brenda.

OUR VISIT FROM BRIAN AND JACKIE CHILVERS - Brian and Jackie Chilvers were with us last Sunday to talk to us and share tea and cakes with us. It was a really special occasion but where were you all? The attendance was very disappointing. Please do pray for then as they return to Chad next month.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur reminds us that whatever we are going through, there is always sunshine on the horizon if we remember to look for it.

Count your blessings

Oh, what contentment it brings
Early on a summer morning,
when the Blackbird sings.
I'm sure he has a message,
To count our blessings day by day.
He sits high in the tree,
Singing his song in perfect harmony.
He doesn't worry about wealth or fame.
His wealth is in the sunshine
and in the golden rain airline.
Yes I'm sure he has a message,
that he's trying to convey,
to count our blessings
on this brand-new day.

Arthur Magee

Another short poem from Arthur to brighten your day.

I woke up this morning
What is cramp in my leg
And fell over the cat as I shot out of bed
It took me a while to gather my wits,
so I read the newspaper to cheque the obits.
I say my name is still missing,
So I know I'm not dead.
So I said my prayers and went back to bed

PS. So did the cat.

GIFT AID – Although generally there is no such thing as a free gift, the government's gift aid scheme gets pretty close. If you are a tax-payer, it means we can claim an extra 25p for every pound you give through your tithes and offerings. The scheme cost you nothing. You do have to make a Gift Aid declaration for the us to be able to claim. You do this by filling in a form which you can get from Peter Kaufman. In the last financial year, we were able to claim around £9000 – which is a significant amount!

PREACHING TEAM – I am preaching at Southbourne Free Church today. Please pray for this small congregation and also that my message encourages them to invite others to join them. Derek

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- **FIRST RESPONDER** – Simon will be acting as first responder this week. Please contact him or your pastoral lead if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek
- **A SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST** - We have just heard my sister's operation has been postponed as there is not a hospital bed available. They have set a new date of 14th June for this operation which is to remove a fast-growing tumour from the facial nerve. Please pray especially for protection over Joanne's speech. Thank you to everyone who has already been praying for Joanne and we would be truly grateful if you continue to pray for Joanne as she is very nervous about the operation. Jason.
- **MAVIS EDE** – As you know Mavis is back at home, and is always glad to hear from you. She has various appointments planned but does want to thank you all for your prayers and messages. Mavis is missing the church greatly and can't wait to be back with us. She still needs of our prayer support so please pray for peace of mind and healing.
- **EMILY BROWN** – As you know Emily is now at home but still has to be very careful about putting any weight on her foot which makes moving about very difficult. Emily would like to thank you for your prayers and messages. If you want to ring Emily her number is 07496316127.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Joan Brett, Doreen Evans, Sue Applin, Eileen McGee, Hilary Naismith, Ernie Puffett, Vivienne Newman, Marjorie Flynn, Hazel Bell, Kay Tucker, Bob Hobart, Molly Hawkins, Christine Grant, Doreen Evans, Ann Tyler, Michelle and Jon Crane, and Val Collett.
- **A BIG THANKYOU** – to Liz, Mike, Tricia, John and Lou who were part of the team that organised Coffee Time's Jubilee celebrations last week. I think all of us who went had a great time and really enjoyed the cake, the scones and cream and of course the red, white and blue ice cream.

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