



ABC NEWS

aldwick baptist church



Sunday 17th July 2022

Our Sunday worship service

“Be Encouraged”

1 Peter 2:4 -10

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 – There is no question about it: we live in a world that is often a scary place where good news is frequently in short supply. Consequently, this is a good time to focus on the good news that Jesus brought with Him and wants us to share with others as we begin our new series entitled, “Hope”. We will be making the case that we don’t have to downcast as we have an unshakable hope, a rock-solid foundation that will never fail us. In this series we will emphasise that a simple and profound trust in God can be a steady anchor for our souls.

I will begin this series with a talk entitled “Be encouraged” based on 1 Peter 2: 4 -10. Simon will be continuing next week with his talk entitled, “Living Hope” based on 1 Peter 1: 3 – 12.

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 – Today’s flowers are given in memory of my late husband Ron, who would have been 90 on the 20th July. We all miss you darling. Love Margaret Raines

THANK YOU - We would like to thank everyone at ABC for their continued prayers for Joanne. The good news is she had the surgery today and we are told it went very well. The doctors are hopeful Joanne can go home in 2-3 days.

TODDLER TIME - We will be holding our last meeting of this term on Monday 18th September with a little bit of a party. Please pray that everything goes more or less to plan and that everyone has a great time. We will be back on 12th September. Thank you for your support. Joy

CHURCH AGM & MEMBERS MEETING – Please make a note of this in your diary, Thursday 28th July 2022 at 7.00pm. Note especially it is a 7pm start. At our AGM we regularly table a report on progress with our various activities and I would be grateful if leaders could provide me with a **paragraph** (electronically) on your activity during 2021/22 which I can consolidate into a report for the meeting. Clive.

CHURCHES TOGETHER - There is a meeting to pray and discuss the future of Churches Together In Bognor Regis & District Thursday 21st July 7pm for 7.30pm (Refreshments available from 7pm) South Bersted Church Hall Bersted Street, Bognor Regis, PO22 9QE. This meeting is for all church leaders, representatives and other interested members of churches to pray and discuss together some options for Churches Together in Bognor Regis & District going forwards.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

I wrote this poem for anyone who is unable to get to church service for whatever reason. I wanted to remind people that God is everywhere.

See you later

I do not see my church in rules and regulation.
But I see my church in the glory of creation
I see my church in God's devotion
in the towering mountains and in the restless ocean.
Church does not have to be made of stone and clay.
I see my church in a summer garden on a beautiful day.
And when I look up to the millions of stars in the Milky Way.
I find my church by that quiet stream.
In that quiet place where I can rest and dream.
I find my church in the valleys and in the hills,
when I see the golden daffodils.
Yes. I find my church in all creation
God's power beyond imagination

Arthur Magee

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS – This week we appear to have only one birthday and that is Kate Moss on Friday (22nd). So do remember to wish her a **BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY**. If you want to be included in 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.

NEWS FROM THE BIBLE SOCIETY - Demand for the Bible soared among UK prisoners during lockdown and it's showing no sign of slowing down. Prisoners are having incredible, personal encounters with Jesus. They hope to be able to provide an extra 2,000 this year instead of just 5,000 and they hope to run 'The Bible Course' in 50 prisons! A worthy cause indeed! Barbara

BRIAND AND JACKIE CHILVERS – To get the latest news from our Baptist Union missionaries go to www.bmsworldmission.org/bjchilvers

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING - We will be meeting on Thursday 21st July at 9.30am. Please pray for the Lord's guidance as we seek His will on various matters.

SIMON AND NICKY - Simon are away this weekend as they celebrate their 25th Wedding anniversary. Please pray that they have a wonderful time. Simon will be back in the office on Tuesday morning.

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- **FIRST RESPONDER** – Simon will be acting as first responder from Tuesday onwards. Please contact him or your pastoral lead if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek
- **MAVIS EEDE** – Wasn't it wonderful to see our dear friend Mavis back in church last Sunday after several months of being confined to home. Welcome back Mavis, we missed you and we love you!
- **DOREEN GAUDOIN** – Doreen has had her biopsy results on Thursday, which confirmed she has Cholangiocarcinoma which is to-do with the pancreas, liver, bile duct and GI. She had an oncology appointment on Tuesday. She has asked that to remind people about the visiting restrictions on Fishbourne ward. She would very much appreciate people's prayers for her, that she gets the right treatment and care quickly. She was quite upbeat when I saw her, considering the news. Simon.
- **PAM MCLAREN** – Pam has finally had a negative test after her Covid illness. She certainly sounds more cheerful but is still lacking in energy. Please pray that she recovers her strength soon and can re-join us in church. Derek.
- **KAY TUCKER** – Kay is feeling slightly better this week and hopes to be in Church on Sunday. Thank you for your prayers.
- **IAN SURRELL** – Ian is now back at home but still in need of your prayers as his illness is not straight forward. Please pray for the correct diagnosis, correct treatment and healing.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** –Mavis Eede, Joan Brett, Doreen Evans, Eileen McGee, Hilary Naismith, Ernie Puffett, Vivienne Newman, Marjorie Flynn, Kay Tucker, Bob Hobart, Molly Hawkins, Christine Grant, Ann Tyler, Michelle and Jon Crane, and Val Collett.

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