

# ABC NEWS

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**10:30am Morning Worship**

**Mandate III: Loving the lost**

Luke 10:25-37

Speaker: Simon Downing

**There is no evening service**

**A time to open your house to a visitor.**

26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January

09:00 – 12:00noon - Café Connect

10:00 – 12noon - Craft Club

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

10:00 – 12noon - Coffee Pot at the Council offices.

19:00 – 20:00 – Corporate prayer meeting.

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

09:00 – 12:00noon - Café Connect

19:00 – 20:30 - Community choir

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January

10:00 – 12noon - Coffee Time at West Meads

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

10:30 – 11.45 - Morning worship with Simon Downing

18:30 – 19:30 – Devotional communion led by Simon Downing.

## NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

**SUNDAY MORNING** - As we continue into this new decade, the leadership team and I have been praying for the Lord to give us His direction for the church. In particular, how can we turn our vision to love God, love each other and to love the lost into meaningful, Christ-like action. Over the last two weeks we looked at the first two pillars of our vision – Loving God. And Loving each other. In today's talk, we will be looking at the third pillar – Loving the lost. In our reading today, Jesus teaches an expert in the Law, what it really means to love your neighbour as he tells the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It is a familiar story, but do we really take Jesus' message to heart and live our lives accordingly?

**OPEN HOUSE – WHO ARE YOU GOING TO INVITE?** This Sunday evening, there will be no evening service as we try to put the morning's message into practice by inviting people into our homes. Don't feel restricted in your choice of day or time, the important thing is this message applies to us all and can be applied at any time. How many of us fondly remember days gone by when we all really knew our neighbours? This is a chance to recreate the good old days!

**FRANK IN ACTION** – The new term is only a few weeks old but already Frank is burning up the rubber as he continues his non- stop ministry to our local schools. Please pray for Frank, his driver, the pupils and the teachers as they hear all about Jesus. Next week Frank will be at Fishbourne on Tuesday, Nyewood on Wednesday, Bishop Tufnell on Thursday before returning to Nyewood on Friday. Did you know that Frank will be celebrating 40 years of visits to Nyewood in September? Many of the current children's parents and even some grand parents first heard about Jesus from Frank. Keep up the good work Frank.

**CORPORATE PRAYER** - Our monthly corporate prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the church. Never underestimate the power of prayer. Please make every effort to join us.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** - The next Contemplative Prayer meeting will be on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10 a.m. in the prayer room. This is a time of waiting on the Lord in quiet and lasts about half an hour. Why not come and join us? Angela.

**COMING SOON** - Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm. It's MESSY CHURCH time. Why not join us and find out what it's all about?

**MAF IN SOUTH SUDAN** - Many in South Sudan believe sickness is the result of a curse and visit witch doctors to have a curse lifted or to have one placed on an enemy. The pressure to consult witch doctors is huge. Pastor Santino gives pastoral care as part of a regular community health and evangelism project organised by MAF partner 'In Deed And Truth Ministries.' They (IDAT), and MAF with its many air shuttle services, have a mission to bring Christ's love to remote communities. Light dawns and the people give up their traditions, and churches are planted. One day, for instance, at the project 22 people accepted Jesus, including a chief, who told his family he won't be practising witchcraft again!

**POSTCARDS FOR MAF** - Many thanks for the lovely postcard donations for MAF! May I remind others, too, of the MAF box on the top of the shelving across the back of the church, there ready to receive any more postcards you might have.

**NEXT SUNDAY** - As it is the first Sunday of the month, next Sunday's service will be a family service. The theme of the morning will be "Asking, seeking, knocking" based on Luke 11:9-13. If you know of any families in the area with children, why not invite them along?

**PREACHING MINISTRY** - Derek will be preaching at Southbourne Free `church next Sunday. Please pray for his preparations over the next few days.

**A TRAINING OPPORTUNITY** - Some of J. John's team are coming to Bognor Regis to lead a concise training session in Natural Evangelism in preparation for the Just One event taking place in April and will help us with conversations that we sometimes find difficult or opportunities to talk about our faith that we might miss. It is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm for about 2 hours, at St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, Bersted Street, Bognor Regis, PO22 9QE

**ROYAL GARDEN HOTEL** - As a result of the Carol Service there just before Christmas, they have requested we do a monthly service for the residents/carers. We used to do this for many years so are happy to resume this valuable outreach again. It will be on the last Friday of each month at 10:30 for coffee and cake followed by a short time of praise and worship, finishing by 11:45am. If anyone is interested in supporting this witness, please contact me . It would be great for folk from ABC to come and just get alongside the residents,

many of whom can no longer get to a church and miss a time of fellowship. The first service will be on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Brenda.

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**MARIE STONEHAM** - As many of you will know Marie has been unwell since Christmas and has struggled to cope. Consequently, she has moved into Autumn Lodge, Aldwick Road for a period of rest and recuperation. She will be staying there for another week. Please pray for an improvement in her health and for a restful time.

**DOREEN SAMPSON** - Following a bad fall before Christmas and a long stay in hospital, Doreen Sampson, mother of Peter and Eric, is now in Yew Tree Nursing home, North End Road, Yapton. She was a very regular member of Lunch Club so we wish her well as she settles in her new home. Any visitors would be welcome, preferably in the afternoon. Many thanks and blessings on behalf of the Sampson family.

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

**STELLA FILBY** – As Stuart and Joyce are away for a few weeks, Stuart has asked us to specifically uphold Stella in prayer.

**THE PRAYER ROOM** - Please go into the prayer room, there are many prayer requests displayed by our brothers and sisters in Christ. Prayer requests will remain for two weeks they can be re-dated. Please let us know answer to prayer so we can give thanks to our Father.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Marion Collins who has been in hospital this week, Stella Filby, Maureen Jones (friend of Bridget), Joan Brett, John Richardson, Aleesia (Peta's grand-daughter, friend of Ingrida), Joy Puffett, Marion Bryant, Pat and Mick Parker, Janice Sprules, Hazel Goldsmith, Val Collett, Pam Ryan, Tony Brock, George Woods, Sid Evans, and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time.

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