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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



10:30am Morning Worship

Mandate II: Loving each other

John 13:31-35

Speaker: Simon Downing

6.30pm Evening Worship

The Third Sunday -Prayer and presence

Be Holy

Leviticus 20:7-8

Leader: Simon Downing

19th January 2020

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 20th January

09:00 – 12:00noon - Café Connect

10:00 – 12noon - Craft Club

Tuesday 21st January

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

18:45 – 21:00 – Leadership team meeting

Wednesday 22nd January

09:00 – 12:00noon - Café Connect

19:00 – 20:30 - Community choir

Thursday 23rdJanuary

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

19:30 – 21:00 – Church meeting

Sunday 26th January

10:30 – 11.45 - Morning worship with Simon Downing

No evening service – Open House

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. Last week we looked at the first pillar of our vision – Loving God. In today's talk, we will be looking at the second pillar – Loving each other. In today's reading the Apostle John, tells us that as Jesus steadfastly continued towards the cross, He stressed the importance of loving each other. Without Jesus to guide them, the disciples would feel lost but if they loved each other in the way that Jesus loved them, Jesus emphasised that they would continue to grow more like Him. Jesus added that this love should be so tangible and visible that others would see that it came from a supernatural source and want to know more.

SUNDAY EVENING - This Sunday evening is our monthly slot for "Prayer and presence". In these sessions, there is a short word intended to encourage us in our praying. In this evening's reading from Leviticus, we read how God reveals that it is only by keeping His Divine laws that we will can move towards a state of holiness where will then be able to resist the corruption of modern day living. Further by striving to live holy lives we then begin to reflect the holiness of their Lord.

LOVE SHINES OUT FROM ABC - Thank you all so very much for the cards, telephone calls and messages through Liz but mainly your prayers. They have been and are being answered in miraculous ways. I am sure our Lord allowed this to happen to me the way He has led me through it all. I really enjoyed my time in hospital, it was a blessing to see the care given to each patient making sure they were comfortable and if necessary, fed them. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Louisa.

TODAY'S FLOWERS - The flowers today have been donated by Mick and Pat Parker to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, (actually today). Many congratulations!! Brenda.

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 31st January. Brenda.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY – This week's Tuesday Bible study will focus on 'Preparing for Revival' and be led by Roger French in the Lounge at 7pm.

CHURCH MEETING – Copies of the agenda for our next Church meeting to be held on Thursday, 23rd January at 7.30pm are now available at the back of the church. Please take one.

CONTACTING THE MILLINGTONS - Rob and I can no longer be contacted on the landline but can be contacted on our mobiles - just to confirm mine is 07708477178 and Rob's is 07840901012. Claire

FLOWER ROTA - The flower rota for 2020 is now on the notice board (near the kitchen end). Please put your name against any date special to you to donate flowers. This is a vital part of our Church life as, after Sunday services, the flowers are distributed to the ill, housebound or any in need of cheering up!

CHURCH DIRECTORY - If you have filled in a form to have their name in the directory but do not have a directory copy please let Clive know and he will give you a copy.

WHO ARE YOU GOING TO INVITE ROUND? – On the last Sunday evening of each month from January onwards, we will not be holding an evening service here. Instead, we want to encourage you to invite one or two Christians round, so as to build stronger relationships with them. As well, or instead, why not invite some unbelievering friends or neighbours round to your home and get to know them a little better? We know that this may not be possible to do every month, but the aim is to be consistent with your invitations whilst not always inviting the same people every time. It is about doing what God leads you into. Hopefully, through your homegroups, you can share how things are going. If you don't know where to start, you could always do the British thing and invite them for a cup of tea! You might be surprised what doors can be opened through unexpected acts of kindness.

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. 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 – Stella Filby, Maureen Jones (friend of Bridget), Joan Brett, Louisa Freezer, 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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