

# Idwick aptist Church NEWS

Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are míne Isaiah 43:1

> 10:30am Morning Worship You are mine Isaiah 43:1 – 7 Speaker: Derek Robinson 6.30pm No evening service An Open house opportunity 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

# Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

09:00 – 12:00noon - Café Connect 10:00 – 12noon - Craft Club **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** 10:00 – 12noon - Coffee Pot at the Council offices. **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** 

09:00 – 12:00noon - Café Connect 19:00 – 20:30 - Community choir

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>February

10:00 – 12noon - Coffee Time at West Meads **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March** 10:30 – 11.45 – Family service with Simon Downing

18:30 – 19:30 – Devotional communion

### **NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

**SUNDAY MORNING** – This morning Simon will be taking a well-earned from preaching and so Derek will be sharing God's word with us. Over the past two weeks, Simon has reminded us of our need to reawaken our awe of God and be more aware of His presence in our lives. This more will be listening to our truly awesome God as He speaks to us through the prophet Isaiah. In today's passage, God reminds us of His purpose in creating mankind. We were made by God and for God. We were made to bring glory to Him. God's reminds us that, "He formed us, He created us, He redeemed us and He called us by name". His words resonate in our hearts as He says to us, "You are mine!" Please don't miss this message.

**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!

**CORPORATE PRAYER** - Our monthly corporate prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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.

**ROMANIAN MISSION** – Rod and Carole will be flying out to Romania early next week to take part in the 2020 Spring Mission based around Zalau where they will be met by Pastor Nelu. Please pray for a safe journey, spiritual protection and a fruitful mission. **WEC YOUTH CAMP TASTER DAY** - Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10am to 2pm, Shore Community Church (aka Open Gate, Victoria Drive Baptist Church). The taster day offers you an amazing opportunity to come and see what camp is like and meet up with others who might be going. The camps are aged at young people aged 9 to 17. To book a place see Ben or Anna Applin or Derek.

**BUNGALOW WANTED TO RENT** - Do you know of anyone who has a bungalow to rent for a middle-aged Christian man and his son? If you do, can you please contact Simon in the first instance.

**CHICHESTER AREA TALKING NEWS** - "Hello ABC, Chriss and Chris Mustchin (Guide dog Kenny's Mum and Dad) are committee members of Chichester Area Talking News, (CATN) who provide audio recordings of articles and news from the Observer Series of local newspapers and put them onto a CD or memory stick enabling people to keep in touch with local news and events.

We have a recording studio in the grounds of St Richards Hospital, Chichester, from where every two weeks a team of volunteers provide this service and send out to over 400 visually impaired members of our community. The criteria for receiving this is that through sight loss, you cannot read the newspaper. We also offer this service to those who just cannot hold up a newspaper.

This is a completely free service. So if you know of anyone who could benefit from this, please 'phone either of us on 01243 828982 for further information".

**CHURCH PRAYER DIRECTORY UPDATE** - It is over a year since we issued the loose leaf Prayer Directory and we do trust that it has been a blessing to you. We promised that we would produce new contents (for you to exchange in the pockets of your directory) in time for the April AGM.

There will be a draft A3 copy of the Directory on the foyer tables today and for the two following Sundays and we would be grateful if you could check that your personal details are correctly recorded or write in any corrections / additions. If you want to be put in the directory for the first time then you will need to complete a church data form, sign it and submit it to Clive Bennett and then add your details to the draft A3 directory. If any of you are missing a photograph, please see Clive on the Sundays he is available and he will take your photo. (It really does help people know who they are talking to or praying for).

It is very important that all the changes are completed by you no later than <u>8<sup>th</sup> March</u> so that there is time to run off a full set of directories by the AGM. Any changes after this date will have to be dealt with manually and individually by every member as there will be no regular update until the following AGM.

Thank you for your help with this important prayer and pastoral care facility.

**SAT7 ENCOURAGEMENTS** - In a time of demonstrations and violence in Iraq and Iran, SAT7 is able to keep on providing Christian support to individuals and to help Iranians realize it is not unlawful for people to change from Islam to Christianity. The closure of churches in Algeria has given SAT7 the opportunity to speak to more people about the church and Jesus. Viewers' testimonies bring encouragement, too. Demonstrations in Lebanon have brought together various religious communities and SAT7 is inspiring children to dream of a brighter future. Partnership executive Dave Mann networks with our MPs from all 3 main parties and last year gave SAT7's first Middle East briefing, the government now formulating a response to the Algerian Government about church closures. If you would like to read more about these issues why not take one of Val's SAT7 Insight magazines from the back of the church? Barbara F.

**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.

**HOMELESSNESS IN BOGNOR REGIS** - will be the topic of the next Discussion Group of the parish of Our Lady of Sorrows and St Anthony's, Bognor. To be led by: **Major Matt and Major Sarah Butler of the Salvation Army.** 

As well as telling us about the work of their organisation in Bognor they will help us to think about how we can help with some of the issues involved. When: At 7.30pm on Wednesday February 26th. Where: At St Anthony's Church, Gossamer Lane, Rose Green. PO21 3DD. As well as discussion there will be refreshments. The meeting will end, with a prayer, about 9.15pm. All are welcome.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** –Pam Brown, Stella Filby, Maureen Jones, Joan Brett, John Richardson, Aleesia (Peta's grand-daughter, friend of Ingrida), Joy Puffett, Marion Bryant, Pat and Mick Parker, 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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