

ABC NEWS

aldwick baptist church



Our second weekend service will go “live” at 6pm on a Saturday but we would like to encourage you all to settle down around 10.20am on Sunday in front of your TV or computer screen and pray for Jesus’ church here in Aldwick. This Sunday marks the beginning of Easter week as we begin with Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem as we celebrate Palm Sunday. [Click here](#) to go directly to the service page.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM – We now have a team of 15 people who are committed to contacting you all at least twice a week whilst this crisis continues and probably beyond. I know from listening to your feedback how much this is appreciated by you all. If for any reason you have not been getting a call, please phone me on (01243) 866238 and I will make sure you are on our contact list. Also, if you have any particular problems, please tell a member of the pastoral team and they will report back to me. We will then do our best to help. We also have three people who can help with your shopping if you are unable to get out. Again, please tell any of the pastoral team and we will sort it. Derek.

Our online services

As you now know, on advice from the Baptist union and the Government, we have closed down all of our “in house” activities. However, this does not mean that we can’t worship together. We will be holding two “virtual services” each week which you will be able to access through the church website. As this is Holy week, we have moved our midweek service to Friday as Simon recalls that first Good Friday and how this event impacted our lives for ever. Next Sunday which of course is Resurrection day we will be holding two virtual services – one to mirror our traditional sunrise service on Pagham Beach and the other at 10.30am. At both of these services we will be proclaiming boldly that Jesus is Risen.

If you missed our last midweek service entitled, “Treasures on Earth”, it can be accessed by going to

<http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/midweek-service-wednesday-1st-april-2020>

You can view our other online services by going to

<http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/latest-news/online-sermons>



So far there have been averaging around 80 hits on Simon’s talks which probably means more than a hundred people have actually heard each one. The response from you has been very encouraging so please do send in your reactions to contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk.

SIMON’S NOTES – We will be emailing Simon’s notes and the order of service to you along with the news sheet. If you don’t have an email address, then we will be hand delivering both the news sheet and the notes to you on Monday.

PLEASE JOIN SIMON FOR PRAYER - On Monday, Simon intends to pray for the church at 9.30am. He would like us all to set this time apart to join him in prayer before he sets out on his rounds. He will then begin delivering the news sheet to those without email access and also his notes.

HAZEL GOLDSMITH – As you know it is Hazel’s funeral on Monday 6th April at 14.00 hours. Due to the present coronavirus we are likely to be having a simple ceremony around the graveside. Numbers will be limited to between 10 & 20 placed 2 metres apart. It will be family only with a few exceptions. Pastor Simon will officiate. Please pray for Brian and the family at this time. Please also praise God for Hazel’s life and that she is now free from all her earthly limitations and is with the Lord.

STAND BY – For the ABC Midweek magazine – **COMING SOON** – Helping us all to stay in touch.

Prayer requests

As you will know, we have been sending out prayer requests almost daily this week. Simon suggests that we all keep a notebook handy to jot down the details and to remind you to pray continually!

So, for those who don't have email, we have been asked to pray for:

Marie Stoneham - Marie will be having an operation to fit a shunt into her brain will take place next Wednesday (April 8th). Please pray for the surgeon and his team who will be performing this operation, for a successful outcome and for general peace and calm for Marie as she waits for next week.

Peter Farrington - My brother Peter, previously a Missionary in Thailand, now living in Brisbane, is having breathing problems and will be seeing his consultant on Monday 6th April. He will be having an Angiogram in the morning and will undergo Angioplasty to insert stents in the afternoon, or if this is not feasible, to have bypass heart surgery. We would appreciate prayer for peace for him and his family, wisdom and skill for the consultant resulting in successful treatment. Malcolm.

Mary Edwards – Mary's uncle died today, so she has asked us to pray for her aunt and her family. They have the extra sorrow of not being able to get close to the family because of the coronavirus issue. Please pray for Mar's aunt and the family.

Margaret Beckett - Margaret is having problems with the ligaments in her knee and would welcome prayer support from us all. Please pray for pain relief and healing.

Kate Moss - My dear friend of many years, June, has been widowed. Her husband David, also a dear friend of mine, went home to be with The Lord yesterday lunchtime having lost his battle with COVID-19 in Q.A. hospital. Please would you kindly add her to the prayer chain. They only moved from a large house to a one bedroom apartment in Havant in December, she is now alone in a relatively strange place, in isolation. They were together 63 years and moved as one. Many thanks in anticipation

Molly Hawkins - For my niece Joanne, who is very anaemic & now suffering from painful gallstones. She has suffered from ME for many years. They aren't churchgoers but her parents were very grateful when I asked if they would like us to pray.

NHS Workers everywhere – but especially those known by us personally (details given last week) . Please pray for Ruth (Sue Applin's sister); Sarah, Chris and Miri (Jim and Bev's daughter and family); Shavali and Avinash (working at St. Richards Hospital); Naomi (grand daughter of a church member); James Harrison (nephew of a church member).

DON'T FORGET – Thursday 8pm – open your doors and clap for the workers of the NHS.

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GETTING DELIVERIES – Here is Angela's up to date list of shops that will deliver! Jordan's butcher 583200 order by 10a.m. Same day delivery.

Davis greengrocer 821314 3Station Rd

Spar 823494 53 Hawthorn Rd; Felpham Post Office 92 Felpham Rd 870900

These are offering delivery of meals.

The Bear Inn at Pagham, lunch or dinner 262157

The Deli Aldwick 931049 lunch; Ricks cafe 29 Queensway 842598 lunch

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.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR –Brain, Joy Smith, 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, Val Collett, Pam Ryan, Tony Brock, George Woods, Sid Evans, and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time. Please also pray for all of us who have to self-isolate over the coming weeks.

DO YOU REMEMBER JIMMY YOUNG? – In particular do you remember Terry Wogan asking. "What's the recipe today, Jim?" Well next week we will be beginning a similar idea on our website. So if you have any simple recipes that people can try whilst they are in isolation then please let me know. Hopefully, people will then send in a photo of their creation which we can then feature the website. Watch out for Claire's recipe for Oat and Fruity Squares that will feature in the ABC Midweek magazine – COMING SOON.

BE SAFE - Please listen to the Government's advice and try to follow their guidelines. If you are in need of help yourself then ring one of the leadership team or email the church. I will be back on call myself from next Monday. God bless and be safe. Simon

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