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

ABC NEWS



ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

This Sunday, our subject today comes under the title, 'truth for our time...' and it is going to focus on God's word, and how that can help us manage the time we are living in and our feelings. Everybody struggles to live in this world, and most people have depressive moments and anxieties. Of course, there are others who have chronic battles with it - lifelong struggles. But I hope that whatever degree of struggle yours may be, there will be something of use for you in this. The focus in the first part of my talk is a three specific Bible verse: Ephesians 1:6; Romans 8:31 and Hebrews 13:5. In the second half of the talk I will offer some practical ways to move forward.

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.

Our online services

Our Sunday morning service will go "live" at 6pm on a Saturday evening. However, if possible, we would like you to join us on Sunday in prayer at around 10.20am before watching the service at 10.30am as normal. Please pray for your church family and for all the frontline workers who are keeping us going in these difficult times. Please pray too for our prime minister and the cabinet who have the unenviable task gradually easing lockdown. It is becoming clear that, as the lockdown continues, people will become more agitated, so, as we said last week, we need to keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus.

You Click here to go directly to the service page.

Our midweek service this week will continue with our theme of 'Repercussions of the Resurrection'. This week's message will be brought to us by Clive and is entitled, 'Waiting – Luke 24:45-49. This will go live at 6pm on Wednesday. In this talk, Clive will be reminding us that we must 'not get ahead of the Lord'; that we must allow 'God to work out His purposes in His own timescale' and that we 'must learn to depend on Him'.

If you missed any of earlier services these can be viewed online services by going to http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/latest-news/online-sermons

The response from you has been very encouraging so far but please do send in your reactions to contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk.

SERMON' NOTES – We will be emailing the notes from both Simon's talk and Clive's talk together 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 early next week.

DIAL A SERMON – It would be possible for us to set up a system whereby you to listen to our latest sermon on your phone. This may be of interest to those who do not have internet access. If this is of any interest, let me know. Derek.

PRAYER DIRECTORIES 2020 - The new prayer directories have been printed and distributed. These are inserts for the holder most of you already have. Please replace the old pages with the new and then destroy the old copies as the contents are restricted to worshippers at ABC. If you haven't had a folder in the past or your insert hasn't arrived, please let Clive know.

EXPANDING THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM – Although we have a team of 15 people, we are now looking for new recruits! We need people who are able to make 12 – 14 phone calls each week whilst this crisis continues and probably beyond.

Our resident poet

Did you know that one of our congregation, Arthur Magee, is a well know local poet? He is feeling a little better but would still value your prayers for himself and for Eileen his wife, who has been unwell recently. He has kindly given us permission to print some of his poems. If you are feeling that our world is currently out of control, then today's poem reminds us that we live in the Lord's kingdom and "Power and Glory" belong to Him.

Power and Glory

When I see the tragedy and the heartbreak;
When I see the sorrow and the pain.
How we long for the glorious day
When the Lord comes back again.
Love will overwhelm us
All hatred and fear will pass away
Oh what joy will be on that wonderful day.
The choirs of angels singing
As we fall down on our knees and pray.
Can you imagine the miracles we will see?
The Son of Man descending from the clouds of heaven
as the waters cover the sea.
The sun and moon proclaiming His glory.
That final chapter of the old, old story.
For thine O Lord is the kingdom, the power and the glory.

REALLY GOOD NEWS – John Richardson who has been undergoing treatment for a long time is now completely free of cancer in his arm. Trish and John would like to thank you all for your prayers.

HEART NEWSPAPER – Although the Heart newspaper is still being delivered to the church, we are unable to distribute at present. All is not lost, as you can access the contents online at https://www.heartpublications.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Heart-April.

FRIDAY NIGHT IS QUIZ NIGHT – Every Friday at 7.15pm, Jon Robinson (my son) is organising a quiz through his church website and on Facebook. It lasts around 20 minutes and is really good fun. If you want to take part then join via www.stjohnssouthbourne.com or through the We Love Southbourne Facebook page (facebook.com/welovesouthbourne). Derek.

…and finally

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 PRAY FOR ROSANNE'S FAMILY – Michelle, Rosanne's daughter, is in hospital following a nervous breakdown. Meanwhile, Michelle's husband, Daniel, had fall, hit his head and end up in hospital as well. Please pray for healing for both Michelle and Daniel as well as Rosanne and the rest of the family.

UPDATE ON PAT PARKER – Some of you will know that Pat was readmitted to hospital in the week but was discharged on Friday. She has declined further treatment, so we now need to refer her to NHS 111, or Echo if we have any problems. She is on a reducing palliative dose of steroids to help get her stronger. I would like to ask the church to pray for God's strengthening for Pat and myself as we both face whatever is to come. Thanks.

UPDATE ON MARIE STONEHAM – Marie has had a down and up week. Monday was a really bad day as she was unable to eat or drink anything because of her nausea and sickness. She was also finding it difficult to sleep. But on Friday, Marie had a good night's rest and has managed to eat some toast and have a drink this morning (Saturday). Please pray for her continued recovery and pece of mind.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Jim McAlpine, John and Michelle Crane, Kate Moss, Joy Smith, Pam Brown, Stella Filby, Maureen Jones, Joan Brett, 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.

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

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