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

ABC NEWS



ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

Today, I believe the passage God has given me is, Romans 8v28-37. I am not going to go through every verse but draw out what I hope we need. One of the things that I was given as part of this, was a prophetic picture.

I saw a massive and vast jigsaw, with billions of pieces in it. Indeed, for every piece I could see, it was almost as though I could see down to the molecular level. All these pieces represented everything in our lives - everything. But as the pieces came together, the picture that formed was one of a giant hand – it was the hand of God! This meant that the hand of God was sovereignly over every tiny aspect of our lives, past, present and future. But as I looked more closely, the hand turned into the face of Jesus. I could not see his actual face, but I knew it was him. I believe God is telling us that this is his plan - that all that we go through, is to make us more like Jesus – to confirm us into the image of his Son – and all of it is under his sovereign hand.

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.

As a follow up to our "Open Sunday service" last week, our midweek service this week will be of a similar style. You might even get a short word from me! Derek.

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

SERMON' NOTES – Over the weekend, we will be emailing the notes from Simon's talk today 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.

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.

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

JUST TO CLARIFY – Although the latest advice from the government implied that churches can now open 4th July, we will not be doing so. This is part of an email we have received this week from Stuart Davison, our regional minister:

Please do not feel under pressure to start services after 4th July! The government are still being very woolly about the details of how this is to be done – mainly so they can deny any responsibility if it all goes horribly wrong. They are leaving it to the local situation. We are still waiting on HMG for clarity on a lot of points. Guidance will be appearing on the BUGB website as sure as we are clear on things. The message is very clear - "**NOT YET ABC**".

MARIE STONEHAM UPDATE – Following tests on Friday, Marie will need another operation on Monday. She will be kept in overnight. Prayer needed.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS – Even in isolation, don't let us miss your birthday! So, if you know of any pending birthdays, just let me know. This week will be celebrating John Richardson's birthday on July 4th. Sorry about the picture!

SO HERE WE GO WITH OUR WEEK SIX (in isolation) BIRTHDAYS



Our resident poet

Most of us in our lives come to a time when we feel we are at the end of our tether. This is a poem I wrote when I was at the end of mine. Arthur

"TRUST"

When you are at the end of your tether,
Jesus is at the other end.
When you reach rock bottom,
on Him you can depend.
When you feel you can't go on,
He'll be there to lean on.
On that rocky road of life,
He will be your guide.
When you cross that swollen river,
He will help you to the other side.
When you're feeling disappointed
And plans have gone astray,
Trust in Him to show you the way.
He knows your past and future.
He knows you through and through.
He is with you everyday in what you think,
where you go and what you do.
So when life seems so overwhelming,
and you feel you can't go on,
Just turn your eyes upon Jesus
For you have His love to lean upon.

Arthur McGee

…and finally

HEART NEWSPAPER COORDINATOR WANTED – We really need someone to be the distribution point for the Heart Newspaper whilst we remain in lockdown mode. It means people will contact you to arrange to then collect the paper from you. If anyone feels able to do this, please let know.

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

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 1 – George's wife Eileen has had a breakdown this week and is currently in hospital for assessment. Please pray for a swift diagnosis and correct treatment for Eileen. Please also pray for George who is naturally very concerned.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 2 –Vivienne Newman is currently suffering from a chest infection, combined with breathing difficulties and asthma. Please pray for healing and peace of mind.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 3 – Michelle Crane tells us that her Dad is still in an induced coma and looks very thin and washed out. Please pray for healing and peace of mind for the whole family.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST 3 - We have just received this email from Margaret Beckett. "I have just had dreadful news. My neighbour Suzanna and her husband Attila returned to Hungry for the summer a week ago. Suzanna has just sent an email to say Attila was killed in a bike accident yesterday. It has come as a dreadful shock to us all. Please pray for Suzanna, her the family and also for Margaret who is quite shaken by this news.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Marie Stoneham, Chris Grant, Maureen Jones, Mary Edwards, Kate Moss, Joy Smith, Pam Brown, Stella Filby, Joan Brett, Joy Puffett, Marion Bryant, Pat and Mick Parker, Val Collett, Pam Ryan, Tony Brock, George Woods, and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time.

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