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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

MARANATHA – COME LORD JESUS

Do you ever think about Jesus coming back to earth? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be alive when that day comes? Or would you rather not think about as you cannot control or even predict when this will happen? But rest assured that day WILL come, and you could even be alive when it does. We cannot ignore the 300 mentions of Jesus' return in the New Testament. We need to understand why Jesus is coming back. We need to be prepared and we need to be ready. It will be a very exciting time for Christians everywhere as we meet the Lord Jesus face to face. The promised return should also inspire us to talk to any of our neighbours, friends and family who, as yet, don't recognise their sinfulness and their need of a Saviour. This Sunday, Simon will be looking forward to that day as he cries out to the Lord, "Come Lord Jesus." At the conclusion of his talk, Simon will also be sharing three prophetic words that the Lord has given him this week. Don't miss this.

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. This week, 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 the young people who will be heading back to school soon, not quite sure about what to expect. Pray too their parents who will not doubt have their own concerns. But also pray for their teachers who are being asked to work in quite a different environment.

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Derek will be leading our midweek service this week as we continue with our series based on 1 John. The text for Wednesday is 1 John 2:3 – 2:14 and the title of his talk is "Are you sure of your salvation?" Make sure you tune in!

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

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING – At our last leadership team meeting we had a long discussion as to the practical difficulties in re-opening the church for worship **as we are all keen to do**. As a result, have now set out the church in a way that would meet some of the government's guidelines on keeping us all safe in these difficult times. The leadership team will then meet again to discuss possible next steps on the 8th September.

WHEN ARE WE GOING TO RE-OPEN? Following our next leadership team meeting we hope to publish the conditions that need to be meet for us to partial re-open for Sunday worship. As much as we would all like to return to normal and for us all to meet together, this will not be possible as social distancing restrictions must be maintained on the church premises which will include the car park. Numbers will have to be restricted and some sort of booking system put in place. The sanctuary will also look very different from normal. We will be including a photograph of what it will be like in a special bulletin to be published soon.

One of the big stumbling blocks for us, however, is the government's advice on protecting people of 70 as outlined below.

- Certain groups of people may be at increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19, including **people who are aged 70 or older, regardless of medical conditions.**
- Individuals who fall within this group are **advised to stay at home as much as possible** and, if they do go out, to take particular care to minimise contact with others outside of their household.

At the moment, we feel that, **as much as we want to**, we cannot open whilst this guidance remains in place. Consequently, our message remains - "**NOT YET ABC**".

THIS WEEK'S POEM

I first heard about Jesus when I joined the Boy's Brigade in 1951. We used to sing, "We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll; fastened to a rock that cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love." Arthur

Our Anchor

When we see tragedy all around;
When we are overwhelmed with grief and fear;
Trust in the Lord, who is always near.
When we cannot understand the sadness and the sorrow,
Remember His love is for ever and ever,
Not just for tomorrow.
He is our "anchor" in the raging sea;
He is our rock, our hope our security;
Faith, hope but mostly love are for eternity.
Yes, when at last the trials of earth are over;
And we see that new day dawning;
We will praise the Lord;
For the everlasting joy in the morning.

Arthur McGee

INVITING PEOPLE ROUND - Did you know there are around 35 church members who don't have internet access? Why not invite one of them round to watch the online services? Of course, you must still follow the guidelines on social distancing and that means you can only invite one other household at a time into your house. But that would be a good place to start.

MEETING IN THE GARDEN – Do you know that you can meet in groups of six people from different households in your garden provided you maintain social distancing? If you have a good sized garden, when set up a mini-housegroup or simply meet for a chat?

GOOD NEWS – Ken Tucker is now back home after his stay in hospital. Kay would like to thank you fall or your prayers and concerns. Please continue to pray for Ken as he continues his recovery at home. Please also pray for Kay as she is obviously still concerned about Ken.

MARIE STONEHAM IS CHANGING HER EMAIL ADDRESS – As from Monday, 7th September, Marie has changed her internet provider and has a new email address – stoneham1935@gmail.com. Please amend your records accordingly.

CLIVE AND PAULINE NEW LAND LINE PHONE NUMBER - 01243 930756

… and finally

URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS - If you have, or know of, an urgent need for prayer in the coming two weeks then please contact Derek as first responder either by email or phone. He will then activate the prayer chain as appropriate.

URGENT PRAYERS NEEDED – Please pray for Pam Brown who is finding the restrictions placed on her movements and access to outside visitors very difficult at present. Please also pray for other members of our congregation who are in nursing homes at present as many of them feel lonely at cut off.

URGENT NEED OF PRAYER FOR SYRIA - Samara of Samara's Aid tells of a significant explosion in an electricity production plant in Syria. For Syrians it is having great effect on their lives, jobs and their ability to obtain fuel for cars. This is after all they have been through from Isis and now the coronavirus epidemic. It is also causing delays in Samara's team's plans regarding the completion of the hospital and functioning of the refuge centre - but they are taking the opportunity to complete some things.'

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

PASTORAL CARE TEAM AND DELIVERY TEAM – These two teams have done an amazing job over the past 24 weeks. I am sure you are all grateful for their ongoing efforts to contact you, so why not tell them yourself when they ring. We do have space for **two more volunteers** on the phone line, if you feel God is calling you into that ministry. Just let me know. Derek

A REMINDER - ERIC SAMPSON RECENTLY MOVED - His new address is 1 Oakwood Court, Willowhale Avenue, Bognor Regis. PO21 4BG. Tel. 07444638616. Please update your church directory.

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