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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

This weekend we will be worshipping both in church and online. As you are aware, due to social distancing recommendations, numbers in church are restricted to 34. Of course, our online services will be continuing as normal. This week the title of Simon sermon is entitled, "Weaving and Unweaving - The Return" based on Isaiah 43:18-21. You may possibly remember that when Simon preached here for the first time, he preached on Isaiah 42:8-9 and, as part of this talk, he gave a prophetic word about weaving and unweaving. In that talk Simon talked about the need to unpick or unweave certain things, so that new things can replace them as we are directed by God. Today, Simon feels led to return to this idea and feels that this approach will be necessary when we come out of the present restrictions. Today's service will also include communion. Derek

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 especially for Simon and his family in these difficult times.

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Derek will be leading our midweek service this week as we conclude our series based on 1 John entitled, "That you should know". The text for Wednesday is 1 John 5: 13 – 21 and the title of this talk is "Final Instructions." In this passage John summarises his message to all believers as he warns us all to beware of fakes! 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

ON RE-OPENING THE CHURCH – As you know we have now re-opened the church for Sunday morning worship. It certainly isn't church as we know it or how we want it to be – but it does comply with the government's current advice. If all goes well, and there isn't a change in the government's advice to churches, we now be open every Sunday morning. By now, you should have told me whether you want to continue to worship home (Status - HOME) or whether you want to attend the live service (Status – CHURCH). You are free to change your mind at any time by letting me know in writing as we have to keep detailed records of who attends for "Track and Trace" purposes. We do need to know by Monday evening of any changes. This might mean that we cannot accommodate everyone who wants to come every week and we may have to use a rota system. When on the church property (and that includes the car park), you must observe social distancing and wear a mask within the church boundaries at all times. Some of you haven't yet put your choice in writing and so, if that is you, can you do so as soon as possible. If you are unsure as to how this will work and how it affects you, please give me a ring. Derek

NEXT SUNDAY – Roger French will be preaching here next Sunday morning when the title of his talk will be, "Loving One Another – Taking People to Christ" based on Mark 2:1-12.

SIMON AND NICKY ON HOLIDAY – Simon and Nicky will be away from Monday, October 19th until Monday 26th as they make up for their interrupted summer holiday. I will be acting as first responder next week. If you have any problems, concerns or prayer needs then please contact me. Derek

THIS WEEK'S POEM

Sometimes we all mess up! Arthur's poem today offers some sound advice as to what we should when we do!

Go back

When you go astray,
Feeling lonely and lost;
Retrace your steps
And go back to the cross
Yes, the path is narrow,
So easy to slip and fall
But remember how he suffered
And died to save us all
Sometimes we feel so far away,
But one thing I know is true;
You might feel far from Him
But He is never far from you.
So when you lose direction,
Feeling so lonely and lost;
Turn around, retrace your steps
And go back to the cross.

Arthur McGee

MISSION UPDATE 1 – **BARNABAS FUND.** The difficult plight of Christians in the world now is tremendous in so many ways- too many to mention here. Why not check out **Barnabas Fund's** website? They are a lifeline to so many desperate people.

MISSION UPDATE 2 - The BIBLE SOCIETY says:- the biggest Bible factory in the world is ready to produce Bibles on a massive scale. It only needs the paper to print them. They also say that whatever we can give towards providing that paper will be matched by a generous supporter. Contact Barbara if you want to make a donation.

MISSION UPDATE 3 - SAT-7 encourages and brings hope to those struggling with the aftermath of the explosion in Lebanon. The young people brought encouragement to SAT-7 Academy brand manager Juliana when she saw hundreds of young people walking in the streets of different faith backgrounds, carrying brooms and shovels, working to clear the streets. They were also distributing food, helping the elderly. They also kept saying, 'We love SAT-7'. SAT-7 Academy is plugging the educational gap for Arabic-speaking children during the Coronavirus epidemic.

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REACHING OUT TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS – Everyone is getting really fed up with the restrictions placed on their lives through the Covid19 pandemic and, yet, this gives us an opportunity to bring some light into our neighbours' lives. Few of us are gifted evangelists. In fact, many of us have a rather dismal track record when it comes to sharing our faith. Yet, in spite of our evangelistic shortcomings, we do want to share Jesus with others. Have you ever wondered if there is a way that we can be involved in sharing the gospel without preaching like the Apostle Paul? Well, why not be a ray of sunshine in your neighbourhood by making someone you don't know very well a cake, or a pie, or a crumble and giving it to them without expecting anything in return?

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 PRAYER REQUEST –Sadly Rosanne's husband, Alan, died unexpectedly earlier in the week. Please pray for Rosanne and her family at this difficult time.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER – Good news, Mike Shaw is now out of hospital and back at home with Jean. Please pray for Mike's continued healing and for peace and calm for Jean.

PRAYER REQUEST – Please pray for our young people and their teachers as they approach half term. For many, this half term has been particularly difficult as school has changed so much. Pray for their safety both in and out of school and a sense of togetherness as they continue to combat the hazards of coronavirus.

PLEASE ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Jean and Mike Shaw, 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.

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