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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church

Sunday 30th May 2021



ABC ONLINE – TWICE A WEEK – EVERY WEEK

Following the Government's current guidelines and the subsequent advice from the Baptist Union, the church is now **open** for Sunday worship. We do, however, still need to follow the current restrictions which means, social distancing, masks, sanitiser, no singing and restricted numbers. We are restricted to 35 worshippers (more details inside). As numbers are restricted, we will be continuing with our online services on Sundays and Wednesdays. This Sunday, we welcome our regional minister, Paul Kerley and his wife Pam back to ABC. Paul knows us very well as he was our minister for many years prior to his current appointment. His talk is entitled, "How to find Joy in the hard times." Do welcome Paul and Pam into our midst – as much as social distancing allows. 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.

Please click here to go directly to the current service page. You can then watch the entire service through the without interruption by following the simple instructions on that page.

In our midweek series this week we will move on to part 7 of our 13 part series entitled, "Unstoppable – A journey through the Book of Acts". In this week's talk we be reminded that salvation isn't just for people like us, it is available for everyone, as the title of our talk is "Unstoppable diversity". This is a reminder to the church in general to widen their doors to let everyone come in.

This week's message covers Acts chapter 10 and so you may find it helpful to read through this chapter before the service.

This service can be accessed using the same link as above from 4pm on Tuesday.

If you have missed any of the previous talks in this series, then they can be accessed through the website by going to http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/latest-news/online-sermons.

FOIR THE MOMENT NUMBERS ARE STILL RESTRICTED FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP - We will are currently restricted to around 35 worshippers as, under the current guidelines, we still must maintain social distancing, wear masks, use sanitiser, and, unfortunately no congregational singing. So, if you wish to attend, you have to **reserve a place**. As before please do not congregate in the car before or after the service. Current covid restrictions are still in force although the number of cases in this area is falling. The church remains closed for all other activities. We are monitoring the both the Government's and the Baptist Union's guidance as to when this may change. We just ask that you remain patient and vigilant for the time being. Derek.

LOVE ALDWICK 2021 - When restrictions are lifted, we will be launching our new outreach initiative entitled "Love Aldwick". This is very much in line with our vision to love God, love each other and love the lost. We really do want both the undecided and non-believers to realise that we do exist and that we have a message that they need to hear. In this way we hope to bless and love our local community through a series of outreach events beginning with a local treasure hunt in the centre of Rose Green village with strawberry cream tea and some light children's activities. Provisionally we have pencilled in Saturday July 17th for this event which will be held outside in the car park, with any necessary precautions in place. Of course, this is subject to the restrictions being lifted by then. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

It seems to many people are blind to the fact that we are living in a wonderful word. If only they would "Open their eyes".

"Open your eyes"
Open your eyes,
like the chick from the egg breaks free
into the light of eternity
Open your eyes,
Look around you, can't you see
the wonder of creation.
God's power beyond imagination
Open your eyes,
Look all around
From the very smallest creature
to the universe unbound.
Open your eyes to the gift of life
that God is given to you and me
And because of Jesus
It is for eternity.

Arthur McGee

IMPORTANT NOTICE – Simon, Nicky and the girls will be on holiday from today (30th May) to next Saturday (5th June). Simon will be preaching here next Sunday. The family really do need a complete break after a very stressful 15 months. Please do not contact Simon during this period but instead direct any questions, prayer needs or other matters of concern to me or one of the other deacons. Derek

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES – As it is David Hanchard please wish a big ABC "Happy Birthday" from us all. If you would like to share your birthday details with us then please contact Lynne Allard (265360) who is acting as our birthday monitor! If you want details of the BMS birthday scheme then please contact Brenda (265984).

A CALL TO PRAYER - When the current restrictions are lifted, we believe it is important for us to come together as a whole church to pray and seek the Lord's direction for the future as He directs. The end of the current restrictions gives us a unique opportunity to consider what God meant when He gave Simon the message of us needing a "divine reset". More details will follow when things become clearer, but this will be a call for the whole church to come together. Please do add this call to your personal prayers.

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THIS WEEK'S NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ian Sorrell is still having problems with his legs which he finds most debilitating. He is currently waiting for an appointment to see a specialist. Please pray for relief from pain, a speedy appointment, a correct diagnosis and then the correct treatment.
- Marion Bryant is really struggling at present. Please pray for peace of mind and a general improvement in her health and wellbeing.
- Vivienne Newman who has been suffering from carpal tunnel syndrome had her operation this week and all appears to have gone well. Vivienne is still in a lot of pain and so please continue to pray for her recovery and for immediate pain relief.
- Eve Williams is now back at home at the Royal Garden Hotel with two black eyes and a cut on her forehead following a fall. She is now having to quarantine for 14 days. Please pray her ongoing recovery.
- Margaret Vincent has been having problems her left eye and now has to have an urgent operation in the next two weeks. After that she needs to have another two operations to have cataracts removed from both eyes. Please pray that this all goes to plan and for the Lord to give Margaret peace of mind.
- Pam Ryan is still in hospital and has been suffering from low blood pressure. Can you please pray for a correct and speedy diagnosis, correct treatment, peace of mind and healing?
- Mavis Eede has had her scan but not the results. She remains a little bit apprehensive and has been told to do nothing but rest. Please pray for peace of mind and a positive outcome.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** –Kay and Ken Tucker, Janice Sprules, Hilary Naesmith, Jean Shaw, Mick Parker, Michelle and Jon Crane, Arthur and Eileen McGee, Chris Grant, Mary Edwards, Joan Brett, Val Collett and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time.

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