

aptist hurch NEWS



Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 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, Simon returns to our series based on the prayer. This week we Simon returns to the series entitled, "The names of God" as we reach part 7 – "Yahweh Tsidkenu" Through this series we will not only be looking at the different names of God but also how they reveal more of God's character and point us towards our response to His promptings. Derek Our Sunday online 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 <u>click here</u> 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 be continuing with our 13 part series entitled, "Unstoppable – A journey through the Book of Acts". In this series we will be considering God's plans for His church and asking, "Why do we do what we do?" and "Is this what God really wants us to do?"

This week Simon will be bringing us part 8 entitled "Staying the course". This week's message covers Acts chapter 15 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. As you know we are now open for Sunday morning worship but, as yet, still under the current restrictions which means, social distancing, masks, sanitiser, no singing and restricted numbers. We will be restricted to 35 worshippers, so, if you wish to attend, you have to **reserve a place**. Unfortunately, we will not be able to admit anyone who is not on the list. This is for the safety of us all. 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.

**THANK YOU FROM STUART & JOYCE** - We would like to thank you for the cards, letters, emails, phone calls and flowers that we received from you as a result of mum's death a few weeks ago. Thank you for your kindness and prayers which have sustain us during this period. We rejoice that Stella is yet another saint that has successfully finished "the race" with flying colours and is safely home with her Lord. Thank you. Stuart and Joyce

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES** –We have two birthdays this week. So please say a big "Happy Birthday" to Daniel Lawrey (7<sup>th</sup>), Brian Goldsmith (9<sup>th</sup>) and to Yvonne Wilkinson (11<sup>th</sup>). 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).

# THIS WEEK'S POEM

When we go through difficult times and we feel overwhelmed by our problems, how wonderful to know that Jesus really is the way, the truth and the life.

# The way, the truth and the life

Are you longing to find the answer and to know the reason why? Does it all seem so confusing, no matter how you try? If only when no one seems to care vou had a friend who was always there. If only when you regret your sin and shame Oh what joy if you could be born again. If only when you are lost and do not understand You had a friend to take your hand My friend the love of Jesus is the greatest love of all The man who says there is no God has to be a fool If you come to Jesus. how contented you will be. You find a peace so overwhelming. Oh what one did you will see. He is the way the truth and the life And he died for you and me.

### Arthur McGee

LOVE ALDWICK – A CALL TO PRAYER – As you probably know by now, our forts 'Love Aldwick' event set for mid-July which is fast approaching. The event is a gentle way to bless and love our local community, in the form of a local treasure hunt in the centre of Rose Green village with strawberry cream tea and some light children's activities. This will be held outside in the car park, with any suitable precautions in place. I am setting up a prayer team to cover the event and to lift the community up in their response to it. Please contact me if you would like to join the prayer team, we could hold the meetings on Zoom, or we could meet physically (socially distanced) at my house if there is up to 6 of us. We would much appreciate the church family's individual prayers for the event as well. Many thanks, Lucienne Edwards" A BIG THANK YOU FROM MAVIS – I just want to thank you all for your prayers, love and support over the last few weeks whilst I have been unwell. I do miss you all so much. Mavis

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# THIS WEEK'S NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pam Ryan has been transferred to Church Farm Care Home in East Wittering for a few weeks. Pam has already fallen over twice and is consequently feeling a bit low at present. Please pray for peace of mind, healing and a rediscovery of the joy of living.
- Mary Edwards is suffering from Bell's Palsy. As you may know this is is temporary weakness or lack of movement affecting 1 side of the face. Most people do usually get better within 9 months. Mary is feeling pretty down about this at present and would welcome our prayers. Please pray for peace of mind and healing.
- Marion Bryant is really struggling at present. Please pray for peace of mind and a general improvement in her health and wellbeing.
- Margaret Vincent had her laser surgery yesterday in both eyes. She is recovering and taking drops 4 times a day to aid healing and to avoid infection. Her first cataract operation is booked for 18 June. Please thank God for his provision so far and for ongoing healing.
- 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.
- Ken Tucker had a nasty fall on Friday and had to go to the Minor Injuries Unit (MIU)with a deep cut on his face and a bad scrap on his hand. Please pray for healing and rest and recuperation. Kay is also very tired so please pray that she can find time to rest for a while.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Mavis Eade, Vivienne Newman, Eve Williams, Janice Sprules, Hilary Naesmith, Michelle and Jon Crane, Arthur and Eileen McGee, Chris Grant, Joan Brett, Val Collett and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time.

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