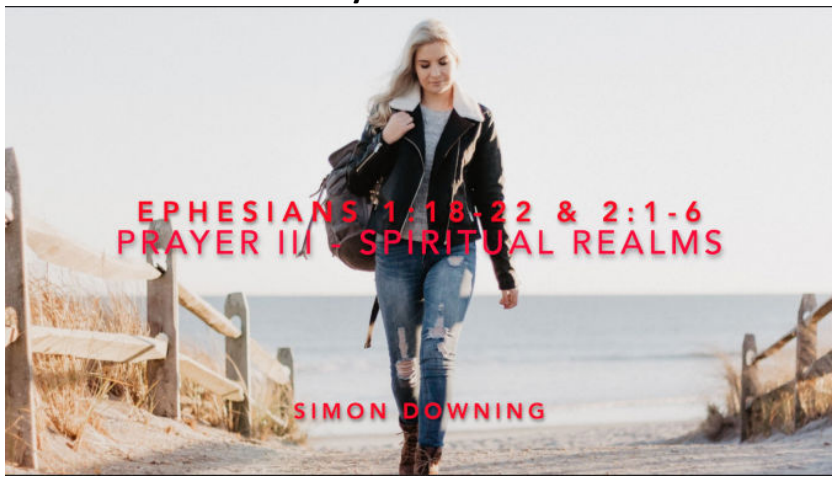
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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church

Sunday 13th 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 around 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 as we reach part 3 – "Prayer III – Spiritual realms." Through this series Simon will be reminding us of the importance and the privilege of prayer. Sometimes we forget that prayer takes into the very throne room of God and should be taken very seriously indeed. Derek.

Our online services

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 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 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 Clive will be bringing us part 9 entitled, "The help we need". This week's message covers most of Acts chapter 16 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.

RESERVING A PLACE - 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 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES –We have two birthdays this week. So please say a big "Happy Birthday" to Ken Tucker who will be 95 on 16th and to Daphne whose birthday is on 20th. 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).

One of the tragedies of modern life, is that there are so many people, content with their lives who simply don't know that they are lost. This sentiment is expressed in Arthur's poem for this week which is entitled, "Lost".

LOST

They say we're like sheep
That pass in the night.
Here for a moment,
Then out of sight
We're just passing through,
You hear them cry
Live, laugh and be merry,
For tomorrow we die
They're just as a speck of sand,
Lost in no man's land.
Lost in time and space,
In their world God has no place
They seem blind to see
But beyond the temporary
In Christ we have eternity
They asked me,
"How do you know what you say is true?"
I say "I know …. because once
I was lost like you."

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 TO OUR PASTORAL PHONE TEAM – I just want to express your thanks for the amazing work the team has been doing for the past 62 weeks. Please thank them whenever they give you a call. Derek.

THIS WEEK'S NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- I have just been speaking to Arthur, a resident poet. He is in a lot of pain with kidney stones and is waiting for a phone call about an imminent appointment at St. Richards for his operation. Please pray that this happens quickly, goes well and for pain relief.
- Simon visited Brian in hospital yesterday following his operation on Tuesday. Brian seems very upbeat, says he is making very good progress and wants you all to know that God has been good to him.
  Please give thanks for Brian's positivity and pray for ongoing healing.
- Simon also visited Pam Ryan who still needs ongoing care and there is still concern about her blood pressure. Please pray for peace of mind and general healing for Pam.
- 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 and is in hospital in Worthing. 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 30 June. Please thank God for his provision so far and for ongoing healing.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR – Kay and Ken Tucker, Ian Surrell, 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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