

# ABC NEWS

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**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**WE ARE BACK TO NORMAL ...**

... well almost. Following the Government's current guidelines and the subsequent advice from the Baptist Union, the church is now fully open for worship. The chairs are now all back in the church enabling people to sit together or sit alone as they choose. Masks are optional, and we urge you to make your own decision about this. Refreshments will be served in the church but you are encouraged to remain cautious and not to mingle too closely. This week Simon will be leading worship and will also be preaching. He will be continuing in our new mini-series. His talk is entitled, "Loving God II - Love the Lord your God with all your heart" based on Matthew 22:34-40. Do try to join us if you feel able. Derek.

For worshippers who are still unable to join us, we are continuing with our online service for the present. You can access that service by [clicking here](#).

**"Behold, I am doing a new thing"**

As we have been saying for several weeks, we firmly believe that as we come out of lockdown, God will be doing a new thing here at ABC, through his people - and that means all of us, including Simon but also including you and me. And so church family, today we must look at being prepared for change, because God is going to do something new, right here in Aldwick.

So off we go again!

**LOVE ALDWICK TODDLER TIME** – We are launching our new group on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10am. So, calling all parents, grandparents and guardians, if you want to find somewhere to bring your baby/toddler, and meet others like you, Love Aldwick Toddler Time is the place to be. Please pray for this new venture and, of course, do spread the word amongst your neighbours and friends. There is a suggested donation of £1 per family.



**LOVE ALDWICK MESSY CHURCH** – We are relaunching Messy Church on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm. This is the place for families with younger children to come, have fun in an interactive way and enjoy a safe and friendly environment. Refreshments will be available. There is a suggested donation of £1.50 per family. Do pray for this venture and spread the word. "Messy Church" is back!



**LEAFLET TEAMS NEEDED** - We will be sending out our final set of leaflets announcing the launch of "Toddler Time" and the new season of "Messy Church". **These will need to be out later this week** - consequently we need people to deliver them. There are 10 quite large rounds so we suggest you form teams to take responsibility for one round and then we can share out the load. Please let Clive or Derek know if you can help as soon as possible?



**NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST: 8.00AM SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2021** – The first of the new post-Brexit Men's Breakfasts is being held at the **Brick Kiln Nursery on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September**. The speakers that have historically come to this event have always been extremely interesting and challenging. If you would like to come along please book yourselves in and if you need a lift please let me know. Clive. Venue: Brick Kiln Nursery & Garden Centre, Bognor Road, Merston, Chichester PO20 1EJ

## THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week's poem reminds us that every day is a new opportunity to praise the Lord for His amazing handiwork in creation. Open your eyes, breathe in the fresh air and thank the Lord that every day offers new opportunities to share God's love with others.

### **"Morning has broken"**

When I see the sunrise,  
reflecting in the golden sky;  
The glory of a new day dawning.  
We praise the Lord  
for the joy of the morning.  
Every day is a miracle,  
the joy of God's creation.  
So many wonders known and unknown,  
beyond our imagination.  
Thank you Lord we pray,  
for the miracle of the new day.

Arthur Magee

**THANK YOU FOR THE FLOWERS** - I've just received some lovely flowers for my birthday from the church and would like to say that they were such a lovely surprise and I was very grateful to receive them. Lynne Allard.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – John Smith (20<sup>th</sup>), Maureen Howland (20<sup>th</sup>) have birthdays this week, So don't forget to wish them a big "ABC Happy Birthday" on the appropriate day. As you know, we are trying to update our birthday list. 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).

**NEXT CORPORATE PRAYER MEETING** – The next opportunity for us to come together as a body of God's people will be at our monthly corporate prayer meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. It is really very important for us to come together before the Lord in prayer if we are to be at one with Him and with each other. Please do make every effort to join us for an hour.

**TRANSPORT BUDDIES STILL URGENTLY NEEDED** – There are a number of church members and regular worshippers who can no longer drive but would love to come to church. Can you help? If you drive to church, would you be able to offer a lift to someone who lives nearby?. If those who would need a lift, or those we can offer lifts, could let me know I will endeavour to set up some transport buddies. Clive

## *... and finally*

- **FIRST RESPONDER** – As Simon is back, he is now acting as first responder in the event of emergencies and urgent prayer needs.
- **DO YOU REMEMBER JOHN DOBLE?** If you do, then you might be interested to know that his family are organising a thanksgiving service for his life on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm at Hemyock Baptist Church in mid Devon. John was the minister here some time before Paul Kerley. For those we knew John, we have just heard that his wife Edna has also passed away and so this service is now a celebration of both of their lives.
- **CHRISTINE GRANT** – Christine is now back at home but obviously the unexpected hospital stay has shaken her. Please pray that she settles back into her normal routine, stays healthy and is able to join us in worshipping the Lord on a regular basis.
- **ABC CHURCH HISTORY BOOK** – As requested, more copies of ABC Church History are on order following the Love Aldwick day. Please contact me to order at £5 per book. Brenda.
- **MOLLY HAWKINS** – Molly is currently self-isolating prior to her planned hip replacement operation in the next few weeks. Unfortunately at her pre-op revealed a few problems and so things are temporarily on hold. That does mean Molly can now return to worshipping with us at ABC. Please pray that Molly stays well, that the operation actually goes ahead in God's timing and is successful.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Dorren Evans, Ann Tyler, Claire Millington, Polly Bennett, Kay and Ken Tucker, Perrie Sims, Mavis Eade, Vivienne Newman, Eve Williams, Janice Sprules, Hilary Naesmith, Michelle and Jon Crane, Chris Grant, Joan Brett, Val Collett and for any others in our fellowship who are unwell at this time.
- **PLEASE PRAY TOO FOR** – Our members and friends who are still unable to worship with us through ongoing concerns about coronavirus especially as cases continue to rise across the country. They miss the fellowship, and we miss them.

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