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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 27th March 2022

Getting closer to the end?

By now I am sure you all know that the Government has ended all its mandatory Covid restrictions. This should not be seen as the "finish line" because the virus and future variants cannot be eradicated - instead "we must learn to live with Covid in the same way we live with flu".

In line with the new guidelines, face coverings are no longer mandatory in our church and that wearing them will become optional and a matter of personal choice. We will continue to reserve two rows for people who wish to wear masks and maintain a safe distance between themselves and others. Please do respect everyone individual decision. Derek

TODAY'S SERVICE – Today is Mothering Sunday which should mean a nice peaceful day for mothers everywhere as their children wait upon them hand, foot and finger. Well, that is the theory but in reality "mum's" work is never done, and she often feels under pressure to get everybody ready, everything ready and the dinner in the oven. Which, of course, leads us nicely into the topic for Clive's sermon this morning as we return to our "What do I do when …" series. Today's Clive's talk is based on Psalm 62 and is entitled, "What do I do when I feel under pressure?".

If you can't actually join us, you will be able to access the service live form 10.30am by going to:

http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons

UKRANIAN REFUGEES IN BOGNOR REGIS - The Shore Community Church has set up a small task group to look into welcoming Ukrainian refugees to Bognor Regis, providing ongoing support to both guests and their hosts, and making our church building available as a safe meeting place for companionship and English learning. If your church is doing anything similar, or if you or someone you know is considering being a host we would love to hear from you so that we can share experience, support one another and generally work together.

Contact Miranda Cormell on 07818 2929 14 or email at miranda.cormell@gmail.com (please note the m in the middle of cormell!)

PASTORAL CARE - Although Simon has overall responsibility for the pastoral care of the church, he cannot do everything by himself. He needs our help! After all, 95% of pastoral care is knowing someone cares about you and will be there for you. It doesn't have to be the pastor and so, from today, our new pastoral care system is now in operation.

To make this work, we have subdivided the membership and regular worshippers into 20 pastoral groups (PG). You should have all receive a copy of the groups by now. If you haven't, then do let me know.

Each group has its own notional coordinator (PGC).

It is the pastoral group coordinator's responsible to make sure everyone in their group feels cared for and to report any concerns or prayer needs to their pastoral group deacon.

It isn't the pastoral group coordinator's role to do all of the work but rather to get their group talking to each other, supporting each other and generally show that we do love each other. Derek.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week, Arthur's reminds us how wonderful it is to escape from the pressures of everyday living and to be alone with God.

"Alone with my God"

How I like to find a quiet place
to reflect on God's creation
Oh what a privilege to be alone with Him
And close my eyes in meditation.
To be alone with him,
looking up to the millions of stars in the Milky Way.
So overwhelming,
it takes my breath away.
To stand there in the midst of time and space
Oh, what peace I find
With my God in that quiet place.

Arthur Magee

CHARITABLE DONATIONS - Just to confirm we have made 4 donations this week as promised including two from the Well of Hope funds as recommended by Ian and Brenda.

- £700 to DEC - Ukraine appeal (from World Cuisine night)
- £725 to Barnabas Fund Ukraine appeal (from donations to the church)
- £100 to RNLI (from the Well)
- £100 to Sussex Air Ambulance (from the Well).

PREACHING TEAM – Brian will be preaching at Southbourne Free Church next Sunday and would appreciate your prayers for this small but faithful group of Christians as they meet to worship the Lord.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SCRIPTURE - By reading the Bible we sit with the resurrected Christ in His school of discipleship. The scriptures enable the Holy Spirit to lead our prayers. Angela

LADIES EASTER CRAFT NIGHT – Thursday 31st March at 7.30pm in the church. Please invite your friends and neighbours. To book a place please ring Nicky on 07943537785

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS – Apparently, we don't have any birthdays in our records for this week but, of course, that doesn't mean there aren't any If you want to be placed on our birthday list, and receive a celebratory slot in the news sheet, please contact Lynne Allard (265360. If you want details of the BMS birthday scheme, then please contact Brenda.

… and finally

- **FIRST RESPONDER** – Simon is now acting as first responder. Please contact Simon or Derek if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek
- **IAN SURRELL –** Simon visited Ian in hospital on Thursday and reports that Ian is in a lot of pain and will be having an operation soon. Please pray for pain relief, swift treatment and healing.
- **PAM RYAN** – Simon also visited Pam in hospital on Thursday and reports that she should be leaving hospital soon and returning home but remains a little confused. Please pray for ongoing healing, clarity of mind and safety when she gets home.
- **PERRIE SIMS** - Good news, Perrie is out of hospital and is staying with her son. She wants everyone to know how grateful she is for all of your prayers and support.
- **HILARY NAISMITH** – Unfortunately Hilary is back in hospital as she keeps having falls. Please pray for an accurate diagnosis, correct treatment and healing.
- **JANICE SPRULES** – Janice's funeral service will be held on Thursday 7th April at 1.15pm at Chichester crematorium. There will not be a service at church due to various practicalities and friends of Janice are invited to join the family at the crematorium.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Ernie Puffett, Vivienne Newman, Eve Williams, Marjorie Flynn, Emily Brown, Hazel Bell, Kay Tucker, Bob Hobart, Molly Hawkins, Christine Grant, Doreen Evans, Ann Tyler, Mavis Eede, Michelle and Jon Crane, Joan Brett, Val Collett.
- **PLEASE PRAY TOO FOR** – Our members and friends who are still unable to worship with us through ongoing concerns about coronavirus. They miss the fellowship, and we miss them. Please do give some of them a ring this week if you have a moment.

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