



ABC NEWS

aldwick baptist church



Sunday 29th May 2022

What about church?

Romans 12:3-8

In line with the Government's guidelines, face coverings are no longer mandatory in our church and wearing them is now optional and a matter of personal choice. However, as the number of cases is still quite high, we think it is wise to be cautious. So please think carefully about your own situation and that of your friends and their safety. We will continue to reserve two rows for people who wish to wear masks and maintain a safe distance between themselves and others. Derek

TODAY'S SERVICE – There will be a special service to mark the end of our current Alpha series. The church sanctuary will be rearranged "café style" for that day only. If you are not too sure what that means, then you should make sure you are there! Clive will be leading the service which has the interesting title of "What about church? Fitting all the shapes together – A place for you." This service will also contain the final video of the Alpha series as well as two "table talks" where you will be asked to discuss a few questions together. This does mean that the service will not be streamed live. Instead, we have pre-recorded an online service which follows a similar pattern.

Of course, we do hope you can join us for the service in the church but if you can't actually join us, you will be able to access this service from 10.30am by going to:

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

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD BE A DEACON? – Deacons are a group of men and women appointed by the church meeting to serve* with the Minister as a leadership team. Whilst the team cannot represent exactly, it is hoped that it will reflect the mix of gender, age and background within our fellowship. Our constitution says we should have up to 8 deacons – but currently we only have 5. Who would like to remedy this at our AGM in July. Do you know someone who could be a deacon? If you do, then talk to them about it as well as speaking to one of the current deacons (*Deacon means servant - see Acts 6:1-4, 1 Timothy 3:8-13).

A VISIT FROM BRIAN AND JACKIE CHILVERS - Our BMS missionaries Brian and Jackie Chilvers will be travelling to be with us at 4pm on Sunday June 5th to talk to us and share tea and cakes with us. Please would anyone who fancies bringing cakes or biscuits or helping with teas and coffees have a word with me, this Sunday if possible. Barbara

THANK YOU - The Gaudoin family would like to thank everyone for their messages of support and their presence at Trevor's service. The uplifting prayer backing of recent weeks has been appreciated and we thank you all.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS – David Hanchard and David Lawrey both share the same birthday and that is today! Mary Bullock's birthday follow on day later (Monday). So do let's all wish them a very Happy Birthday. I am not sure if there are any more birthdays on our list for this week, so I'm sorry if I have missed you out. If you do 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.

LOVE ALDWICK VINTAGE POP UP CAFÉ – Saturday 11th June. We will be holding a Pop-up Vintage Cafe following on from the previous week of Jubilee celebrations. We are turning the clock back to 1953 with an opportunity for our church and community members of any age to come as individuals or as families and enjoy vintage games with us: bagatelle, tin-can alley, skittles, hopscotch, hula hoops and the "test your strength" challenge amongst many others. There will also be balloon art, caricature drawings and the opportunity for a Strawberry Cream Tea, Ice Cream and (for the children) Dunkin' Donuts. This is an opportunity not to be missed and all for a minimum donation of £1 per head. **BUT YOU MUST BOOK YOUR PLACE** (for catering purposes) and please note that we will be using our car park for this event so you will not be able to park on our premises as both gates will be closed. Can parents who are booking please note that children should be accompanied on the activities provided to maintain safety and a spirit of family fun.

DO HURRY UP and get your booking in as places are filling up fast. We look forward to seeing you on the day. Clive.



BOOK NOW!!

An afternoon of fun for all community members of any age

(children must be supervised to ensure safety)



PRAYER FOR THE POP-UP CAFÉ - Excitement is building for our Pop-up Cafe event in just under 3 weeks time, it looks to be a real fun day. Please continue to lift the event up in your prayers, especially for God sent appointments to share the love of Jesus and His heart with our local community. If people would like to gather together to pray, please contact me and we can arrange an agreeable time to meet. Mags and I will be praying specifically for the event on Monday evenings. With gra

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- **DRIVE CAREFULLY IN GOSSAMER LANE** – and of course everywhere else! As there are road works in Gossamer Lane for gas main updates, there are temporary traffic lights in operation. This will be going on for several weeks, so do take care. There has already been at least one significance accident.
- **FIRST RESPONDER** – Derek will be acting as first responder. Please contact me or your pastoral lead if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek
- **A SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST** - Please could you pray for my sister Joanne. She is due to have surgery on Wednesday 1st June to remove a fast growing tumour from the facial nerve. Please pray especially for protection over Joanne's speech ability & facial movement. Jason.
- **MAVIS EEDE** - Mavis is beginning to feel a little but is still feeling very low at the moment. She has various appointments planned but does want to thank you all for your prayers and messages. he still needs of our prayer support please pray for peace of mind and healing.
- **EMILY BROWN** – Emily has left Marriot House in Chichester where she has been staying for a few weeks. She is now back at home but will have to have home help. Emily would like to thank you for your prayers and messages. If you want to ring Emily, her number is 07496316127.
- **EVE WILLIAMS** – Eve is now living in Bromley but she would still like to hear from her friends at ABC. Her number is 07745607678.
- **KEITH SCOTT** – Eve's move means that Keith is now short of Christian company at the Royal Garden Hotel and he would also like to hear from you. His number is 07873787368
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Joan Brett, Doreen Evans, Sue Applin, Eileen McGee, Hilary Naismith, Ernie Puffett, Vivienne Newman, Marjorie Flynn, Hazel Bell, Kay Tucker, Bob Hobart, Molly Hawkins, Christine Grant, Doreen Evans, Ann Tyler, Michelle and Jon Crane, and Val Collett.

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