

A Raptist Church NEWS



Sunday 5th June 2022 Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

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 – In today's family service we will celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles as they were celebrating the Jewish festival Shavuot. Christians now call this celebration Pentecost which occurs on the Sunday fifty days after Easter. Pentecost Sunday is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church and the start of the church's mission to the world. Although "church" may have changed over the centuries, Jesus' final instructions to the church has not. We are to "go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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

TODAY'S FLOWERS - The flowers today have been donated by Doreen Evans in memory of Sid who went to be with the Lord 2 years age. Still missed by all the family and lovingly remembered for the great man he was.

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 TODAY - Our BMS missionaries Brian and Jackie Chilvers will be with us at today (Sunday June 5th) at 4pm. They will be talking to us and sharing tea and cakes with us. Please do come and show our support for their work. If you want more information or want to help in some way, please do contact Barbara on Sunday morning.

CORPORATE PRAYER MEETING - Following up God's call for us all to come together in prayer, we are urging as many of you as possible to attend the next corporate prayer meeting on **Wednesday 8th June** at 10.30am in the church.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS – It is Daniel Lowrey's birthday on Tuesday (7th), Brian Goldsmith's birthday on Thursday (9th) and Yvonne Wilkinson's on Saturday (11th). So do let's all wish them a very Happy Birthday. 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, tln-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 a few days' time. It should 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.

- FIRST RESPONDER Simon will be acting as first responder this week.
 Please contact him or your pastoral lead if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek
- **PREACHING TEAM** Brian Goldsmith is preaching at Southbourne Free Church today. Please pray for this small congregation and also that Brian's message encourages them to invite others to join them.
- A SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST We have just heard my sister's operation has been postponed as there is not a hospital bed available. They have set a new date of 14th June for this operation which is to remove a fast-growing tumour from the facial nerve. Please pray especially for protection over Joanne's speech. Thank you to everyone who has already been praying for Joanne and we would be truly grateful if ABC can continue to pray for Joanne as she is very nervous about the operation. Jason.
- LINDSAY LENEY As many of you may know already, Lindsay was promoted to Glory on Wednesday 18th. May, after being diagnosed on Ash Wednesday with bone cancer (from 25-year-old breast cancer). We are holding a Celebration & Thanksgiving Service for Lindsay on Sat: 11th. June at the Shore Community Church, Victoria Drive at 12noon, with refreshments afterwards. You are most welcome to come.(for catering numbers, perhaps you can let me know if you are coming. Thank you.) Lindsay has been overseeing and running the shop for nearly 30 years, it will be great if we can continue to be a witness in the Town and a well patronised Christian Resource Centre. Tony
- PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR Mavis Eede, Emily Brown, 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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