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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 7th August 2022

Our Sunday family worship service

"I am the Vine"

John 15:1-8

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 – This weekend, it is our monthly family service where Simon will be returning to a very well-known passage from John 15:1-8 as he explains the importance of Jesus' teaching, when He says, "I am the vine." Next week Clive will be returning to our "Hope" series where we will be "Rejoicing in Hope" based on Romans 5:1-5.

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

DOREEN GAUDOIN - As most of you are probably aware Doreen passed away at 4.20pm on Wednesday. She is now at peace with her Lord. Doreen's funeral will be on 1st September with family members only at the graveside service which is at 11am. This will be followed with a memorial service back here at the church. I will share further details about this service when I have them. Derek.

HILARY NAESMITH – Hilary also died on the same day. Details of Hilary's funeral have not yet been finalised, but it will take place after Simon has returned. The family would like a memorial service at ABC. Again, more details when I have them.

HOUSE GROUPS (OR ARE THEY HOME GROUPS?) - If you do not belong to a house group then why not think about joining one? It is a great way of sharing your faith, your own problems and you own celebrations. It's also great place to look deeper in God's word and how it applies to us as individuals and as a group of believers. Do let me know if you want to join a group or even start a new one. Derek.

PREACHING TEAM AT SOUTHBOURNE FREE CHURCH – David Howling is preaching at Southbourne today (Sunday 7th August) and I will be preaching there on Sunday 14th August. Please pray for this small congregation and for Holy Spirit power in our preaching. The Reverend Paul Cox will be leading this church from 31st August. Do pray for his safe arrival and revival in Southbourne.

DOWNINGS ON HOLIDAY – The Downing family will be on holiday from 10th August to 25th August. Our Harvest celebrations will take place over the weekend of 1st /2nd October. This is a "Love Aldwick" special event - more details to follow. We will be supporting the "shoebox" appeal as we get nearer to Christmas. This will be organised by Brenda.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – If you want to know more about Church membership, then do talk to me or ask for a copy of our helpful guide. Derek

BAPTISM – if you haven't been baptised as a believing adult, then maybe you should think about it. After all it is what Jesus commanded. For more details to Simon or me.

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur reminds us that even in brief encounters, we should take the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus.

Lost

They say we are like ships that pass in the night,
Here for a moment then out of sight.
"We just passing through," you hear them cry
Live laugh and be merry
For tomorrow we die.
They're just like 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
That 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 Magee

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS – This week we appear to have two birthdays to celebrate. We have Daniel Lawrey (today) and Beryl McLaughlin (Thursday, 11th August). So do remember to wish them all a **BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY**. If you want to be included in 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.

BMS PRAYER APPEAL - Edwin Penman, Church Relations Co-ordinator, BMS World Mission asks:- Could your church pray with us? Global Cost of Living Crisis appeal –You'll be all too aware from the news that the continuing conflict in Ukraine is destroying the supply of some of the globe's most essential produce. Even as I write, out-of-control food and fuel prices are driving vulnerable people across the world to starvation and deprivation. Our appeal is to raise funds to support those most suffering as a result of this war's ongoing collateral damage. More than that, we need the POWER OF YOUR PRAYERS again as, through our mission workers and our partners, we witness how a war in Europe can have such a terrifying global impact. For further details see Barbara.

… and finally

- **FIRST RESPONDER** Derek will be acting as first responder whilst the Downing family are on holiday. Please do not try to contact Simon until he returns on 25th August. Do contact me or your pastoral lead if you need urgent help and prayer. Derek
- **DOREEN GAUDOIN** - Please do continue to pray for Doreen's family at this very difficult time especially coming so soon after Trevor's death. Pray especially for Andre who will find this all very confusing.
- **HILARY NAESMITH** - Please do pray for Hilary's family as the come to term with their loss. Please pray particularly for Hilary's daughter, Melanie, as she plans her mother's funeral and sorts out her estate.
- **THE WELL** - There will be a Well prayer meeting on Wednesday 17th August at 10.30am. This can be extended into a more corporate prayer time if that feels appropriate. More details will follow.
- **KATRINA GOULD** – Clive has spoken to Rosanna who wants you to know that Katrina is much better following her medication change and had a really good week last week. She wanted to thank all those who prayed.
- **KAY TUCKER** – Kay had a recent fall and continues to struggle with her balance. She would like to thank you for your prayers and good wishes.
- **IAN SURRELL** – Ian is now back at home but still in need of your prayers as his illness is not straight forward. Please pray for the correct diagnosis, correct treatment and healing.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Pam Brown, Mavis Eede, Joan Brett, Doreen Evans, Eileen McGee, Ernie Puffett, Vivienne Newman, Marjorie Flynn, Bob Hobart, Molly Hawkins, Christine Grant, Ann Tyler, Michelle and Jon Crane, and Val Collett.
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