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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Our Sunday family worship service**

**I am the door  
John 10:7-10**

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

**September 2022**

**TODAY'S SERVICE** – This weekend, it is our monthly family service where Simon will be returning to a very well-known passage from John 10:7-10 as he explains the importance of Jesus' teaching, when He says, "I am the door." Next week Simon will be returning to our "Jesus at the heart of everything we do" series where the title of his talk will be "Through Him – the Motivation" based on Hebrews 13:12-15.

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>

**PASSIONATE ABOUT PRAYER** - When we make a habit of prayer we stay constantly tuned to God's presence and open to receive His blessings. It is impossible to be passionate about prayer if we are not passionate about Him. We build up and deepen our relationship with God as we pray. Angela.

**CORPORATE PRAYER MEETING – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 1030am.** You may recall that Simon told us that at a recent prayer meeting there was a greater sense of the Holy Spirit than we have probably known before.

It was during this time that a tongue was given; something the person who gave it, felt led to do, even before the meeting started. The interpretation then followed - the interpretation being the prophetic word God wants us to know. The following things are what were contained in the interpretation.

- I am calling ABC to be a house of prayer.
- Indeed, I am also calling my people to be a house of truth and a house of my Word.
- But ABC, you, as a whole people, have not wearied me with your prayers, Luke 18v1-5.
- In the past I have spoken on different occasions about ABC being a beacon of light.
- Indeed, this is my calling for you – a beacon of light, a beacon of truth in this area.
- But, unless my people become a house of prayer, then this cannot happen.
- Therefore, God is calling everyone to prayer – to be part of this.

Following up God's call for us all to come together in prayer, we are urging as many of you as possible to attend our corporate prayer meeting starting at 10.30am in the church on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**HILARY NAESMITH'S THANKSGIVING SERVICE** – Hilary's service of thanksgiving will take place here on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at ABC beginning at 1.30pm. It will be followed by a service of cremation at 2.45pm.

**THE FLOWER ROTA** – The flowers this week are in loving memory of my mum Stella, she would have been 100 years old on the 7<sup>th</sup> September. Janice Mandry.

**MESSY CHURCH** – After a one-month break, Messy Church will be back on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm. This month's topic will be David and Goliath. We look forward to seeing all our regulars and if you've never been before this is a great opportunity for parents to do something with their children and have fun together. It is also a great chance for extra volunteers to enjoy a fun time with members of the local community. If you would like to help, do contact Simon.

**STONEPILLOW CHARITY FOOTBALL EVENT** - at Bognor Town Football Ground, Nyewood Lane, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept., 12pm till 6pm. This is an invitation to Bognor churches to throw their support in helping homeless and vulnerable people become empowered to achieve sustainable independence and wellbeing. With a full programme of family activities throughout the afternoon they say there is sure to be plenty to keep everyone entertained:

1PM: Youth team warm-up game, 2PM : Kick off.

Ticket price is a donation of your choice to raise funds for Stonepillow (helping the homeless), this can be purchased in advance from Email: [fundraising@stonepillow.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stonepillow.org.uk) or phone 01243 537 934.

**THE RETURN OF THE PEACE TOGETHER PUZZLERS** - The Peace Together Puzzlers will be held on Saturday 10th September 10 - 12 noon. If you enjoy jigsaw puzzles, come along and have a coffee and do a puzzle. Alternatively come and borrow a puzzle for the month to do at home."

**THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS** – This week we appear to only have one birthday to celebrate. Jean Shaw will be celebrating her birthday on Saturday, 10th September. So do remember to wish her 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.

**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

**A WONDERFUL TRIBUTE TO DOREEN GAUDOIN** – On Thursday we celebrated Doreen's life in a moving service here at ABC. Thank you to all who made this service so special. Please do continue to pray for Heather, Philip and Andre as they adjust to life without "mum". If you want to see the recording of this service, go to <https://youtu.be/4KYMB2SvMN8>.

## THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur reminds us that, no matter how we are feeling, we are all loved by our Heavenly Father with a love that exceeds all of our expectations.

### The greatest love of all.

The greatest gifts that we see,  
are the guests that are free.

The sunrise of a brand-new day,  
the joy of a child at play.

The wonders of the stars at night  
God's creation gives us so much delight.

People crave for wealth and fame,  
but in the end, it's all the same.

We can gain the whole world, but at what cost?

Just like a sheep, so lonely and lost.

Put your trust in the things of eternity,  
hope faith and joy, but most of all love that love.

The greatest love of all  
when Jesus died for you and me.

Arthur Magee

- **PLEASE PRAY FOR** – Lara, Sheila Sargent's granddaughter, who is currently undergoing chemotherapy, and who desperately wants to have a baby as soon as she is able. Pray that God performs the healing that is needed to enable this to happen.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** – Kay Tucker, Jakki Burns, Pam Ryan, Sandra Field, 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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