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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 23rd April 2023

Series: The Grandeur of God

Title: Part VI – Truth, wisdom, perfection

John 17:3, Romans 11:33, Matthew 5:48

Simon Downing

TODAY'S SERVICE – Today's service will be led by Brenda's band with Simon bringing God's word to us. In this service we are continuing with the grandeur of God series – in fact we are on part 6! This series is all about God's attributes – his characteristics and qualities. It is about what makes God, *God!* Indeed, God's wants his people to see him, as he really is. Here is our list of attributes so far – those qualities that express God's grandeur. Holiness, glory, majesty, omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, independence, unchanging, eternal, love, beauty, grace, jealousy, goodness and peace! Can you imagine a being like that? As for today, we end this series with our final three: truth, wisdom and perfection.

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 the service at any time by going to: **http://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons.**

THE WELL PRAYER MEETING – This will be going ahead in the Prayer Room on Wednesday, April 26th at 10.30 am. You are warmly invited to join us.

MISSION SLOT. *God is at work* in the Bible Lands, where for many, church has been about cultural identity and the words of scripture barely known but now, after covid and lockdown, violence, wars and hatred, people are turning to the Lord in unprecedented numbers. According to the Bible Society, in a desperately poor community demand for scripture is rocketing. When one church was provided with 50 bibles the givers were told that the congregation numbered 2,000 and when another church was given 100 bibles they asked for 900 more! Biblica, too, is at work in earthquake areas where people welcome their devotionals which identify with the emotional needs people face. Barbara.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP) PRAYER SUPPORT - Please could we invite people to pray for the CAP programme shortly to start in the Bognor Regis area. In particular, please pray for the Life Skills Course which is being run from ABC, and the team that is running it from our church family. We can pray together or individually in our own homes, that's absolutely fine. Please let me know if you would prefer to pray with Margaret and I as a prayer group and we can arrange this. With grateful thanks, Lucienne

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING – Our next Church family meeting will be held here on Thursday, April 27th at 7 pm as we are now officially in British Summer Time. It is really important that you attend this meeting as the decisions taken at our Church Meeting effectively set out our agenda for the future. This is not the annual church meeting as that will now take place in July.

MESSY CHURCH – Because of the local elections on May 4th, we have moved Messy Church to the following week on Thursday, May 11th.

This week Arthur's poem reminds us how wonderful it will be when we finally go home to be with our Lord for all eternity.

Home

It seems so long ago
I started on life's road.
Sometimes I travelled light,
Sometimes with a heavy load.

When I think of all the loved ones,
Who meant the world to me.
And it seems the sun was always shining,
In my memory.

Sometimes the road led me
To the valley of despair.
But at other times there was
Love and joy beyond compare.

But no matter where I roam,
I know one day the road will lead me home.
Home to that place away from sorrow and pain.
Where we will never say goodbye again.
How wonderful to be 'home'
With our Lord for all eternity.

Arthur Magee

LUCIENNE AND BERNARD'S WEDDING SERVICE INVITE - Bernard and Lucienne are getting married on the 27th May 2023, the service starts at 11.30 am. All are very welcome to celebrate with us at the service, there will be refreshments afterwards (tea/coffee/cake/biscuits). Please do come and celebrate with us and stay behind afterwards for some refreshments. We would also like a large group photo, so please gather in the car park when the word goes around. Love and Blessings, Lucienne and Bernard.

BIRTHDAY LISTS – This week we have four birthdays to celebrate. First, it's Jan Harris on Wednesday (26th) and then Christine Mustchin and Heather Craddock share their birthday on Thursday (27th) and Janet Norton Saturday (29th). Do wish them all a big Happy Birthday and perhaps even send a card or two. If you want to be included in our birthday list and receive a celebratory slot in the news sheet, please contact me. If you want details of the BMS birthday scheme, then please contact Brenda.

FIRST RESPONDER - As Simon is currently having to curtail his movement and, following his operation, he still needs to rest, I will be acting as the first responder for the time being. Please contact me if you have any prayer requests or are in need of care. Derek

KEITH SCOTT – Keith has been moved to Claremont Lodge Care Home, Fontwell Avenue, Fontwell. Stuart Filby visited him on Thursday and said he was sitting up in bed but did appear to be a little confused. He remains quite weak and very much in need of your prayers. Please continue to pray for peace of mind and for appropriate treatment. He would appreciate a few phone calls (07873787368) or even a visit.

ANN & BRIAN CALVERT - Simon asks us to pray for both Ann and Brian Calvert as Ann has been ill on and off since Christmas - which is why neither of them has been to come to church in 2023. Ann is currently in St Richards. Please pray for a correct diagnosis, correct treatment and healing. Also, pray for Brian as he is finding this very hard to manage.

PRAYER POINTERS – Please continue to pray for Pam Ryan, Diane Downing, David Hanchard, Marion Bryant, Kay Tucker, Emily Brown, Sandra Field, Jon Crane, Mary Bullock, Mavis Eede, Katrina Gould. Please also pray for Keith Scott, Val Collett and Pam Brown. Pray too for others who are in need of prayer.

PRAYER PARTNERS – You have might have heard about this before. You might even already be a "Prayer Partner". Prayer partners are people who are committed to praying with each other and for each other on a regular basis. Would you like to know more? Then contact Joy Smith by email or phone.

SOMEONE IS PRAYING FOR YOU - Prayer is an opportunity to journey hand in hand with the one who went to the cross and prays day in, day out, on the right hand of the Father, for us.

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