A WELCOME TEA - We are going to start arranging twice yearly Welcome Teas for any on our mailing list who are themselves new (or relatively new) to ABC or know others who are thinking of attending. The aim of this short tea, commencing at 4pm, is to introduce the church and all of the background information which helps people to understand and feel at home with us. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions you have in an informal atmosphere - even those who have been attending the church for a while may have questions that you have been itching to ask and have not had the opportunity to do so - you are also welcome.

If you are interested in attending please let me know by email or phone so that we can cater appropriately. Clive

BRAD BRADSHAW - Brad saw the Haematologist on Wednesday and sadly the transfusion hasn't helped his blood. So he's on the same chemo for this month and then will go on intravenous chemo. He had a bad fall on Monday and is sporting a black eye and several wounds which hasn't helped him. Please do pray for healing and peace of mind for both Brad and Glad.

BIRTHDAY LISTS – This week we have just one birthday to celebrate. It's Malcolm Farrington's birthday tomorrow (22nd). So do wish him 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 me. If you want details of the BMS birthday scheme, then please contact Brenda.

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

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Mission Focus

REBUILDING HOPE

Serving the Middle East with medical and humanitarian help

Samara Levy

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Today we welcome our guest speaker, Samara Levy. For anyone who hasn't heard of Samara's Aid, it began in 2014 when God called Samara three times over 8 months to "start collecting" aid to send to Syria. Samara was a stay-at-home mum with two young boys with no experience whatsoever. It started with a vision to fill one lorry of aid, but since then it has quickly grown into a larger project which provides medical and humanitarian aid, currently focused on Syria. Samara's team have sent 110 consignments (artic lorries to Iraq, and 40' containers and ambulances shipped to Syria) carrying clothes, shoes, bedding, toiletries/hygiene items, essential medical equipment, ambulances and school equipment. She has also provided four small emergency field hospitals in different locations, at different times during the conflict. Samara's team also support food farming projects and runs an outreach centre for orphans and widows in Syria which feeds and educates 40-70 orphans every day as well as providing livelihood training for widows. The centre has proved such a success that the team are building a second in a different location. They are also about to open their first permanent medical centre, which is the first stage towards designing and building a new hospital.

The aid provided serves vulnerable people, and our teams serve everyone in need regardless of their faith, political views, gender, ethnicity or other defining categories. Our aim is to demonstrate the unconditional love of God to people who are in great need.

Since starting this work, Samara has visited Syria many times, one of the most dangerous war zones of our generation, which has the highest number of kidnappings and killings of humanitarian workers in the world and in 2016, 2/3rds of the world's attacks on healthcare took place in Syria.

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.**

CHURCHSUITE – As you probably know we now keep our membership lists on Churchsuite. If you haven't already done so, please contact Clive so that your information can be added to our lists. If you can access Churchsuite, then do check and amend your details including adding a photo if possible. A photo really helps people to find you!

NEXT SUNDAY - A service of thanksgiving. A chance for you to share some of what God has been doing in your life recently. A chance for us all to celebrate God's goodness to us. Simon will be happy to read it out for you or you can come to the front and share your story. If you would like to record your message as a video, please send them to Derek. It does need to be short so that we can include as many people as possible. Speak to me if you need any guidance. **Simon**

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur's poem reminds that God is continually sending us a message about the beauty of His creation that is all around if we only open our eyes to see.

When the blackbird sings

Oh, what contentment it brings
Early in the morning.
When the blackbird sings.

I'm sure he has a message,
That he is trying to convey.
To count our blessings,
On this new day

He sits there high in the tree,
So content and free.
And sings his song in perfect harmony.

Yes, I'm sure he has a message,
That he is trying to convey.
To count our blessings,
On this brand new day.

Arthur Magee

PREACHING TEAM –Brian Goldsmith is preaching at Southbourne Free Church today. Do pray for this small group of faithful believers and also fore Brian as he delivers God's word to them. .

LUCIENNE AND BERNARD'S WEDDING SERVICE INVITE - Bernard and Lucienne are getting married **NEXT SATURDAY** (27th May). 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). 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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CHURCHES TOGETHER? - If anyone is interested in being involved with Bognor Churches Together, please let me know and I will explain all. Barbara

KEITH SCOTT - We would like you to know that our dear brother Keith Scott died last week. Please thank the Lord for his life and pray for peace for the family at the difficult time. We have no further details as yet.