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

ABC NEWS

Aldwick Baptist Church



Sunday 28th May 2023

A Thanksgiving Service

Psalm 107:1

'Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His love endures for ever.'

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Today Simon will be leading our Thanksgiving service. In this service, many of you have agreed to share your personal reasons for being thankful to our wonderful God whose love will last forever.

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.**

FOODBANK IN NEED – Foodbanks everywhere are seeing a huge increase in the number of people who need their support to survive. Our local Foodbank urgently need:

- Pasta sauce
- UHT Milk
- Squash/fruit juice
- Deodorant
- Toilet roll
- Shower gel

Just a reminder that we do have a donation point for Bognor Foodbank in the foyer and a team of helpers willing to transport your gifts to the centre.

BBC SONGS *of* PRAISE, led by Lucy Grimble is coming to Bognor Regis! – Why not come and join our modern hymn-singing at Saint Wilfrid Church, Ellasdale Road, Bognor, PO21 2SG from 6. 30 pm to 9. 30 pm on Wednesday 17th June? To book your place go to SOPCongregations@afantimedia.tv or ring 07734030888

A WELCOME TEA - We have arranged a welcome tea for any on our mailing list who are new (or relatively new) to ABC or know others who are thinking of attending. This will be a twice-yearly event with our first tea on Sunday, June 4th at 4pm. The aim of this short tea 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

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!

THIS WEEK'S POEM

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that God is the answer to all of our worries if we simply put our trust in Him.

The Answer

Are you longing to find the answer,
And to know the reason why?
Does it all seem so confusing -
No matter how hard you try?
If only when no one seems to care,
You had a friend who was always there.
If only when you regret your sin and shame,
Oh what joy, if you could be born again.
If only when you are lost and do not understand,
You had a friend to take your hand.
My friend the love of Jesus,
Is the greatest love of all.
The man who says there is no God -
Has to be a fool.
If you believe in Jesus,
How content you will be.
He is the way, the truth and the life,
And He died for you and me.

Arthur Magee

FOODBANK ARE RECRUITING – Bognor Foodbank are looking for a committed Christian to apply for an exciting opportunity to lead our amazing team as we seek to tackle food poverty in our town. We are offering 30 hours per week at £14.50 per hour. The Application deadline is Sunday 18th June.

The job pack and application form can be found here -

https://bognorregis.foodbank.org.uk/2023/05/25/we-are-hiring-project-manager-closing-date-18th-june-2023/

NEWS FROM THE BAPTIST UNION - Spurgeon's College has jointly announced with the Revd Dr Rick Warren his installation as its first honorary Chancellor. His new appointment as Chancellor reflects his own deep and personal connection to the College, for his great, great grandfather studied at Spurgeon's and was even commissioned to Christian service by Mr Spurgeon himself.

… and finally

DIANE DOWNING - Simon wants you all to know that his mother Diane remains very ill and has now been transferred to a hospice. This has meant Simon has had to visit Luton 4 times in the past 7 days and so he apologises if you haven't been able to get hold of him. Please pray for freedom from pain for Diane and for the Lord's will to be done. Please pray too for Simon and his family.

BRAD BRADSHAW - Brad remains unwell and had to return early form a planned week's break in Lincolnshire as he was clearly struggling. He is currently on the same chemo for this month and then will go on intravenous chemo. He will be seeing the haematologist again in two weeks' time. Please do pray for healing and peace of mind for both Brad and Glad.

STEVE BRYANT – Earlier this week Marion Bryant asked us to pray for our her son, Steve, who was admitted to St Richard's Hospital on Monday with a high temperature and some sort of internal infection/swelling around his knee. He has been on four different antibiotics, saline and another drip since then. He is currently (as of Thursday evening) waiting for more tests and so is still at St.Richard's. Please do continue to pray for a correct diagnosis, correct treatment and healing.

BIRTHDAY LISTS – This week we have lots of birthdays to celebrate. It's both David Hanchard's and David Lawrey's on Tuesday (30th). It's Mary Bullock's on Wednesday (31st), Lou Freezer's on Friday (2nd June) and Connie Applin's on Saturday (3rd). That's a lot of presents to buy and cards to send! 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, 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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